



“Relieving the suffering of Lebanese returnees and host communities through the recovery of smallholder agricultural production”

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Objective: To improve food and nutrition security and enhance income generation through the restoration of the agricultural livelihoods of poor and vulnerable returnee smallholder Lebanese farming families and their host communities residing in the border areas with Syria.

Key partners: International Organization for Migration and Ministry of Agriculture.

Beneficiaries reached: 550 households (approximately 2 750 people).

- Activities implemented:**
- Provided 50 households – as members of poultry farmer field schools (FFS) established under another FAO project – with materials for the construction of chicken coops, 50 laying hens and 325 kg of laying hen feed (for a total of 2 500 hens and 16.25 tonnes of feed), as well as drinkers, feeders and laying boxes.
 - Provided 100 households, as “helpers” to the above-mentioned poultry FFS members in the construction of chicken coops, with 15 hens and 100 kg of feed (for a total of 1 500 hens and 10 tonnes of feed) to kick-start their own poultry production.
 - Provided 200 households with seeds and basic farming tools for the production of vegetables.
 - Provided 100 households with local bread-making kits including a portable stove, gas equipment and bread flour.
 - Provided 100 households with food preservation/transformation kits for the production of jam and pickled vegetables.
 - Trained FFS members on chicken coop management practices, feeding, disease management, biosecurity and record keeping.

- Results:**
- Improved income-generating opportunities for beneficiaries of all components, contributing greatly to their ability to cover high rental costs.
 - Enabled both primary and secondary poultry beneficiaries to practice production techniques, and produce eggs – a key source of essential protein – for consumption or sale in local markets.
 - Enabled food transformation/preservation beneficiaries to make jam, using different kinds of locally produced fruit, and prepare local pickled products for sale in surrounding vulnerable areas or eventual consumption following preservation in the distributed stainless steel pots.
 - Enabled bread-making kit beneficiaries to produce local bread and pizza either for their own consumption or sale in or around Syrian refugee camps and areas where Lebanese returnees are living.
 - Enabled households to plant approximately 820 m² of land with vegetables, following the distribution of seeds and basic tools.