



**“Supporting the livelihoods of farmers and women groups in northern Syrian Arab Republic”**

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**Objective:** To strengthen crop production and water resource management capacities and access to alternative income sources.

**Key partners:** Bahar and Shafak Organizations.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 1 504 households.

- Activities implemented:**
- Distributed 690 homestead summer kits and 578 homestead winter kits to 1 268 households.
  - Trained 1 268 households on good agriculture practices (GAPs) and climate-smart agriculture (CSA) tools, including land management, farming techniques and elements of hydrology and water conservation.
  - Supported 70 women from the Rural Women Association in Afrin and Jandairis districts through the inclusion in income generation initiatives and trainings on food processed commodities, including elements of food handling and processing techniques, operations, maintenance and marketing.
  - Provided ten food processing units to ten groups of seven people and trainings on equipment operationalization and maintenance.
  - Distributed and operationalized 20 mobile solar-powered irrigation units in Jisr Ash Shugur and Harim districts in Idleb Governorate.
  - Trained 166 farmers on the operation and maintenance of solar-powered irrigation equipment, elements of hydrology and water conservation, new approaches in agricultural water management and elements of association/small-producers cooperation.

- Impact:**
- Improved the capacity of 1 268 households in sustainable vegetable production, GAPs and CSA.
  - Improved the capacity of 70 women in food processing and earning extra income for themselves and their families through the management of ten food processing units.
  - Empowered Rural Women Association members to access markets and opportunities to sell food processing products, including exploring partnership with producers, traders and buyers.
  - Increased and restored the access of 166 farmers to water for irrigation, improved skills on water management and increased vegetable production under irrigated land.
  - Established a Water User Association to maintain 20 mobile solar-powered irrigation systems and set up a revolving fund component for sustainability.