



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Project Highlights

WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP

“Emergency support and employment generation for female-headed households through backyard farming and cottage industry in targeted areas the West Bank and Gaza Strip”

Project code: OSRO/GAZ/909/SPA

Donor: Spain

Contribution: USD 592 748 (EUR 425 000)

Implementation: 16/09/09 – 15/09/10

Target areas: districts throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip

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Objective: To improve the food security situation in vulnerable communities of the West Bank and Gaza Strip through capitalization of the role of women and youth and livelihoods diversification.

Key partners: Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Women's Affairs, women's associations, village councils and community-based organizations.

Beneficiaries reached: 568 households (approximately 3 635 individuals)

Activities implemented:

- Provided a variety of inputs (and associated training) to mostly women-headed households including the following:
 - cistern, grey waste water treatment units and/or drip irrigation equipment to 56 households;
 - sheep to 97 households;
 - rabbits to 27 households;
 - beehives to 38 households, including youth club members;
 - aquaculture packages to 10 households; and
 - cottage industry equipment and tools to 340 households.

Impact:

- Farming households had increased access to water, even during the summer when water resources are scarce and expensive.
- Beneficiaries of the sheep, rabbit, beehive and aquaculture components had increased access to food for consumption and for income generation.
- By enhancing food processing, preservation and marketing skills, the project has empowered women to improve household food security and generate more income from their cottage industry activities.