



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## Project Highlights

# WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP

**“Enhancing livelihoods and entrepreneurship skills of vulnerable Youth through Junior Farmer Field and Life Schools in the West Bank”**

**Project code:** OSRO/GAZ/910/NOR

**Donor:** Norway

**Contribution:** USD 315 000

**Implementation:** 01/12/09 – 31/11/10

**Target areas:** Nablus, Tulkarm, Hebron and Bethlehem.

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**Objective:**

To improve the food security and livelihoods of the project’s participants and their households, and to provide them with increased opportunities to generate income and future employment in the agro-business sector.

**Key partners:**

Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Youth Development Association, Ministry of Women’s Affairs, women’s associations, village councils and local schools.

**Beneficiaries reached:**

300 students, 20 facilitators and ten local women’s associations.

**Activities implemented:**

- Provided training to 20 facilitators in agricultural and life skills for use with students in the Junior Farmer Field and Life Schools (JFFLSs).
- Provided each of the ten schools with agricultural tools, drip irrigation system, water tank, shed, vegetable seeds (potato, onion, spinach and lettuce), a computer, computer desk, printer and camera.
- Conducted two lessons per week for ten weeks following the JFFLS curriculum, including garden crop cultivation and life skills.
- Provided 40 sheep to 90 students who had joined three youth clubs.
- Conducted ten workshops to agricultural projects and colleges for all 300 students.

**Impact:**

- The JFFLSs led to increases in the students’ overall school attendance and academic performance.
- The project improved students’ knowledge in agricultural skills, nutrition, the environment, and agricultural pests and animal diseases.
- The sheep distributed under the project have, thus far, produced 30 lambs, which will be sold for profits to be used to sustain the livestock activities.