

SOCIAL PROTECTION IN LEBANON

REDUCING RURAL POVERTY AND STRENGTHENING RURAL RESILIENCE

Vulnerability in Rural Areas

LIMITED ASSETS AND/OR LACK OF SOCIAL PROTECTION

70% OF FARMING HOUSEHOLDS ARE SMALL-SCALE FARMERS

AROUND 40% OF LABOUR FORCE IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IS POOR

75% OF FARMERS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY FUND

Impacts of the Syrian crisis

REDUCTION OF JOBS AND WAGES IN AGRICULTURE AND INCREASED COMPETITION OVER RESOURCES

REDUCTION IN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM AGRICULTURE

REDUCTION OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTIVITY AND PROFITABILITY

FURTHER UNDERMINING THE LIVELIHOODS AND RESILIENCE OF SMALL-SCALE FARMERS

IN LEBANON, THE INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL PROTECTION IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR IS KEY TO ENHANCING THE RESILIENCE AND PRODUCTIVITY OF RURAL HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH:

- > Improving food security and reducing negative coping strategies;
- > Increasing productive investments;
- > Establishing a base for the development of long term rural livelihood strategies;
- > Empowering rural host communities.

FAO, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UN AGENCIES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON, IS WORKING TO ENHANCE SOCIAL PROTECTION IN RURAL AREAS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT NEXUS BY:

- > Contributing to the overall social protection policy framework;
- > Promoting the establishment of coordination mechanisms between social and agriculture service providers;
- > Expanding social protection to farmers and fishers through a farmers' registry and an adequate national legal framework, with the support of ILO;
- > Promoting rural livelihoods of host communities and refugees through social protection and agricultural interventions, with the support of the World Bank, WFP and IFAD.

FOCUS ON THE FARMERS' REGISTRY

Why a Farmers' Registry?

- > To enable access to existing productive and social services
- > To ensure transparent and fair distribution of subsidies
- > To establish a reliable source of information for agriculture policy and statistics

Farmers' Registry in Lebanon piloted in November 2017 will be used to:

- > Extend social protection to farmers and fishers
- > Pave the way for scaling up the farmers' registry across the Lebanese territory
- > Facilitate the development of a legislative and institutional framework for the establishment of the registry

