



**Strengthening resilience of vulnerable crisis-affected households through women empowerment and livelihood improvement**

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**Target areas:** Hama, Homs and Rural Damascus governorates



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**Objective:** To achieve sustainable livelihood opportunities for vulnerable households and communities through empowerment of rural women by providing them with agricultural production inputs and capacity building.

**Key partners:** Rural Women Empowerment Directorate within the Ministry of Agriculture, Agrarian Reform.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 600 women-headed households (3 600 people) and 60 women trainers.

**Activities implemented:**

- Distributed 600 vegetable production kits comprising of irrigation equipment and winter vegetable seeds (bean, pea, onion, spinach and lettuce).
- Provided processing, preparation, packing, and packaging units.
- Established 600 vegetable production units.
- Set up four income-generating units.
- Trained 60 women on good agricultural practices and homestead vegetable production, who will then share their knowledge and techniques with vulnerable women-headed households who rely on food processing as their only source of income.

**Results:**

- Enhanced the skills and technical capacity of women food producers.
- Increased the access of women and households headed by women to decent and equitable employment, income-generating opportunities and nutritious food increased.
- On average, households used approximately 10 percent of the total yield for their own consumption and as reserves for the next planting season (December 2019 –January 2020).
- Households mostly used income earned on household expenditures (food, medicine and healthcare).
- Households and communities benefited from sustainable livelihood opportunities, including economic recovery and social inclusion.