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EVAP: Extension for Value-added Agriculture Project
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JICA, the MoA, and the MoL conducted a promotional workshop for farmer groups in the JRRV area. General Directorate for Extension and Rural Development of the MoA, in collaboration with the MoL, held two promotional workshops for farmer groups in Al-Jeftlik (Tal-Smadi, Abu Al-Ajjaj, Kherbet Al-Shona), Marj Gazal, Al-Zbidat, Marj Najah, Ein Shibli, Al-Aqrabaneya, Al-Nawaji, Al-Bathan, Biet Hasan, and Wadi Al-Maleh. These workshops were aimed at promoting an establishment of an agricultural cooperative by increasing the farmers' awareness of the importance of cooperative work principles and encouraging the small sized farmers to be involved in the cooperative.



Pre-survey for the Selection of Beneficiary Cooperatives in the 3rd Cycle:

A pre-survey was carried out with candidate cooperatives that were potentially selected in each directorate. In total, 14 associations were surveyed as a potential beneficiary in the 3rd & 4th cycles of the EVAP activities. Based on the results of the survey, a workshop was conducted for extension workers and staff of the MoA. Three associations that suited appropriate criteria were chosen as a target beneficiary. They include an animal production group in Nablus and two plant production groups in Tubas and Jericho.



The Completion of a Baseline Survey for 3rd Cycle Associations:

A baseline survey was completed with farmers in the cooperative associations that had been selected in the 3rd cycle of the EVAP activities, in which 60 farmers were included. Agricultural extension workers conducted the survey in the corresponding governorate with supervisors in the General Directorate of Extension and Rural Development.



Distribution of Grafted Watermelon Seedlings for Farmers:

Approximately 1,500 grafted watermelon seedlings were distributed in three areas in the 2nd cycle - Nablus, Tamoun, and Ein Al-Bida in which five locations were involved. Each location covered an area of five donums. Another 1,500 seedlings were distributed in other five-donum farms in Jenin, Tulkarem, and Qalqilya.



Field Day on Grafted Tomato Seedlings in Jericho

A field day on the technique of grafted tomato seedlings was conducted in Jericho for participants from a farmer group in the Al-Ouja Association, the Commission on Livestock Breeders, and a farmer group targeted in the governorate. The growth outcomes of the grafted seedlings were observed and reviewed by the participants.



Field Visits to Follow up the Field Activities in All the Targeted Areas:



Baseline survey - 3rd cycle - Al-Jeftlik



Pre-survey for the 3rd cycle - Ein Shebli



Field Visit to the vegetable nursery in Bethlehem



Ms.Yoshinami-Interview with Palestine T.V- Al-Jeftlik



Practical test for the harvester - Agriculture Land Association



Pre-survey activity for 3rd cycle - Kherbet Al-Shona