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### **EVAP: Extension for Value-Added Agriculture Project Collaborated Project between the Ministry of Agriculture and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**

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#### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Agribusiness Forum in Ramallah:**

The Ministry of Agriculture - General Directorate of Extension and Rural Development - in collaboration with the EVAP Project funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Agribusiness Forum in Ramallah. 16 agricultural cooperatives from the Jordan Valley area, 21 companies and traders, 35 agricultural extension workers, and the EVAP experts attended the forum. The forum was aimed to achieve several goals: exchanging experiences and information among participants, identifying techniques and modern agricultural methods, and researching the needs and requirements of the local markets through interacting and networking with representatives of agricultural cooperatives and service providers.



### The 5<sup>th</sup> JTF Meeting:

The 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Task Force Meeting took place in the meeting room at the Directorate of Extension and Rural Development in order to discuss the achievements in the EVAP project. The counterparts from the Ministry, agricultural extension workers from Nablus, Tubas, and Jericho, members of NARC Team, and Japanese experts attended. The meeting included a brief presentation of the plans and achievements of extension services during the previous period, containing all agricultural technologies that had been implemented in fields.



### The Artificial Insemination Campaign in the Jordan Valley Area:

The Artificial Insemination Campaign began in the Jordan Valley area. Qualified staff members in the Ministry of Agriculture conducted it. They have been trained in the EVAP project over the past year during which a specialized technical unit had also been established in Beit Qad Station by the EVAP project. This activity employs the artificial insemination techniques with the sperms that had been collected earlier in the Beit Qad Station and will cover 1,700 heads of sheep.



### Training Workshop on the “Preparation of Action Plan” for the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle Cooperatives:

Three cooperatives included in the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of the project attended the training. Representative farmers of each cooperative were trained on how to prepare an action plan based on the information that had been obtained through participating in the marketing training and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Agribusiness Forum.



### Study Tour to Explore Pilot Avocado Farms in Tulkarem:

A study tour was offered in Tulkarem in collaboration with the Tubas and Tulkarem directorates. Groups of farmers from Ein Al Beida Cooperative and the Kardalah Cooperative joined in order to explore the avocado cultivation techniques and the possibility of cultivating avocados in their area as a non-conventional and new crop. This study tour was also aimed at exchanging the information among farmers.



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



A.I. Meeting – Jenin



Field Visit - Tulkarem



Action Plan Training



Action Plan Training- Ramallah



Silage Equipment - Jericho



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