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Training for Farmers on How to Make An Action Plan for Income-Generating Projects:

A training workshop for farmers was conducted on “Preparation of an action plan for cooperatives under the EVAP project” on Monday, July 1st, 2013. It lasted for three days at the City Inn Hotel in Ramallah. In addition to the MoA counterparts and extension workers, all cooperatives in the 1st and 2nd cycles that had managed income-generating projects were selected as a participant in the training.



Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Compost Compared with Those of Other Fertilizers:

The optimal quantities of the compost per unit area were identified, and the effectiveness and efficiency of the compost were compared with those of other fertilizers. Series of technical meetings with farmers, extension workers, and a representative of the Jericho Agricultural Station were conducted in order to plan two demonstrations that would examine the optimal quantities of the compost and compare the impacts of the compost with those of fertilizers. This idea of the demonstration is fully consistent with the needs and priorities of the farmers in the JRRV.



Start-up the Establishment of a Compost Unit in Al-Nassariya/Nablus:

The establishment of a compost unit in Al-Nassariya has already started. This unit was provided with electricity, the floor, and the shade of the building. The compost machines were delivered there. It is expected to complete all the preparation for the unit within this month.



Preparing and Delivering Detailed Action Plans for Agricultural Cooperatives:

Detailed action plans for the 3rd Cycle cooperatives were prepared. What to be included in each action plan was discussed with the representatives of the cooperatives. The roles, tasks, and responsibilities of each member of a cooperative were determined. The prepared action plans were printed out and delivered to each cooperative as an evidence and reference.



First Production of the Compost:

The Agricultural Land Cooperative in Jiftlik produced first composts after large efforts had been made over the past year. Out of 700 bags (25 liters) that had been produced, 400 were sold to the Kardala Cooperative, and the remaining quantities were sold to the farmers in the Al Jiftlik Cooperative. It is expected that the compost will be produced around 750 cups (0.24 liter/cup) during this season.



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



Field visit about the compost machines



Grafted cucumber seedlings in Tamon



Reviewing the AI activities



Invoices - AIU



Improved semen samples - Biet Qad



Field visit to the AIU