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**EVAP: Extension for Value-Added Agriculture Project**  
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### The 4<sup>th</sup> JCC Meeting:

The 4<sup>th</sup> JCC meeting was conducted with the participation of the Minister of Agriculture, H. E. Eng. Waleed Assaf, and the members of the Ministry of Planning, JICA, and the EVAP project team. The activities and achievements observed in the project during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year were displayed, and the planned activities in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year were discussed.



## **Implementation of Demonstration of Grafted Vegetable Seedlings in the Targeted Areas:**

The distribution of grafted vegetable seedlings to the farmers in the targeted areas have started. It was aimed at comparing the growth of the grafted seedlings with that of the non-grafted seedlings. The seedling were transplanted in 7 donums in greenhouses till the end of August 2013.



## **Installation of Compost Machines in Al-Nassariya:**

The installation of compost machines in Al-Nassariya was completed in order to allow the Al-Nassariya cooperative to start the production process of composts.



### The 6<sup>th</sup> JTF Meeting:

The 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Task Force Meeting took place in the MoA meeting room in order to present the achievements of the activities observed in the EVAP project. It was attended by the members of the EVAP project team, extension workers in the relevant governorates, the Minister of Agriculture H. E. Eng. Waleed Assaf, Director General of the Administrative and Financial Affairs, and General Director of the Extension and Rural Development. The meeting included brief presentations of the extension plans and achievements during the previous period through a documentary film and PowerPoint presentations.



### The continuous production of composts - in the Compost-Making Unit - Jeftlik:

2000 bags (25 kg/bag) of composts were produced in Al-Jeftlik. The main markets were in Al-Jeftlik, Kardala, and Ein Al-Bida in the northern Jordan Valley area. It is expected that the production of composts will be continued in the coming period.



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



Compost sample – Al Nassariya



Compost making unit – Al Nassariya



Grafted cucumber seedlings – Jericho Agriculture Station



Compost demonstration – Jericho Agriculture Station



Tractor procured by the EVAP Project



Trolley procured by the EVAP Project