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### **Distribution of Grafted and Non-grafted Vegetable Seedlings to Farmers in the JRRV Area:**

Grafted and non-grafted vegetable seedlings (tomatoes and cucumbers) have been distributed to selected farmers in the JRRV area in order to implement several demonstrations in the field to evaluate the effectiveness of the grafted seedlings on the resistance to soil diseases. The information on conducting a field observation was also provided.



### **Technical Meeting with Extension Workers and Counterparts:**

A technical consultation meeting was conducted at the meeting room in the MoA for the extension workers in the target governorates in order to discuss: (1) follow-up of grafting activities that can be summarized in terms of distribution and delivery of grafted vegetable seedlings to the beneficiaries and the need to speed up the reservation of cucumber seedlings for the winter season, (2) the need to distribute farm records and train farmers on how to use them, (3) delivery of business plans of commercial facilities of the cooperatives and distribution of the plans to interested cooperatives to discuss them. Technical information may be offered if needed, (4) the achievement of compost making activities.



### **"Pregnancy Test" by Artificial Insemination Teams in the target areas:**

Artificial insemination teams in the three governorates (Tubas, Nablus, and Jericho) started the process of "pregnancy test" for all treated sheep. It is expected that the process will be continued until the second half of October 2013. The results obtained, to date, are satisfactory. The final results will be presented in the near future after carrying out the necessary analysis.



### **Enhanced Relations between Farmer Cooperatives in the Jordan Valley:**

20,000 seedlings of eggplant have been produced at the nursery in Bardala, Karalla, and Ein Al-Bida and delivered to the Agricultural Land Cooperative in Jeftlik by which additional quantities of seedlings would expectedly be produced in the near future. Cooperatives in Karalla and Ein al-Bida bought more than 1000 bags of composts that had been produced at a compost center of the Agricultural Land Cooperative in Jeftlik.



### **Completion of Evaluating Irrigation Networks in Al-Jeftlik:**

The evaluations of irrigation networks in the Jeftlik area was completed with the help of Al- Jeftlik Agricultural Cooperative and extension workers in the ministry. Based on the results of the evaluations, a plan was propose in order to help the farmers with re-designing irrigation networks.





Several Field Visits to Follow up the Activities in the Target Areas:



Receiving and distributing vegetable seedlings-Froosh Biet Dajan



Signage of an incubator for the grafted seedlings-Bardallah



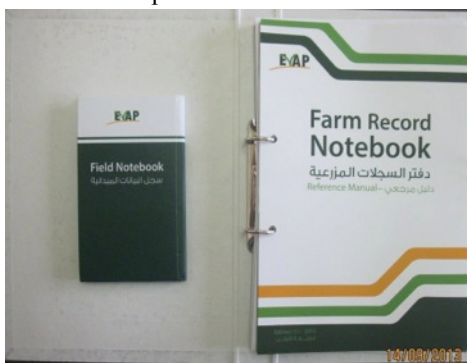
Grafted seedlings in the nurseries



Submitting the translated action plan for a compost maker –Jeftlik



Demonstration of using composts- Jericho Agriculture Station.



Farm records that were distributed for farmers