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Baseline Survey on the Cooperatives in the 4th Cycle:

A baseline survey was administered with the farmers in the selected cooperatives in the 4th cycle in Jericho, Nablus, and Tubas districts. It was conducted by the extension workers in the MoA in the JRRV area with the help of other extension workers in the West Bank. An interview with farmers and several focus groups were also conducted in order to explore the agricultural conditions of and resources available for the farmers and measure the profitability of some crops.



Training on Compost-Making and Quality-Measurement of Composts in Bardallah:

Training on compost making was offered at the Bardallah nursery. The farmers in the selected cooperatives in Bardallah, Kardallah, and Ein Al-Bida and extension workers in Tubas and Nablus attended the training. The training addressed: the steps and methods of making composts, the criteria for evaluating the quality of compost, available means to test the quality, the results of the analysis of sample composts that had been obtained in the West Bank and Israel.



A field day of Grafted Cucumbers in Froosh Biet Dajan:

A field day was conducted on grafted cucumbers in Froosh Biet Dajan. Members of the EVAP team and a number of interested farmers attended. The aim of the field day included a comparison of the ability of grafted and non-grafted cucumber seedlings to respond to external factors. Regarding the seedlings that had been exposed to low temperature (frost), it was found that the grafted seedlings had had high ability to survive in the low temperature and frost.



Practical Training on Vegetable Techniques at the Bardallah Nursery:

A practical training on vegetable grafting techniques was offered at the Bardallah nursery over ten days. The extension workers in the public and private sectors and members at the Bardallah Nursery were trained on general grafting techniques and how to control the temperature and take care of seedlings inside an incubator.



Practical Training on Vegetable Techniques at the Al-Fetyani Nursery:

Practical training on vegetable grafting was offered at the Al-fetyani Nursery in Jericho. In a collaboration of Mr. Mohammad Ta'amreh, a farmer in Bethlehem, the extension workers and members at the nursery were trained with respect to grafting techniques and how to control the temperature and look after grafted seedlings at different growth stages.



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



Individual interviews at the baseline survey - Al-Nawaji



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Field visit - Al-Nasaryeh, Nablus



Focus group at the baseline survey - Al-Nawaji



Brief presentation about the EVAP - Al-



After baseline survey - Al-Jeftlik

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