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4th Agri business forum in Nablus governorate:

The MoA - the General Directorate for Rural Development Department, with the cooperation with the EVAP project funded by JICA, hosted the 4th Agri-business Forum in Nablus. 21 agricultural cooperatives from the JRRV area, 23 companies and traders who are working in the agricultural industry, and a large number of agricultural extension workers in different governorates, in addition to the EVAP project team members, attended the forum. The aim of this forum was to exchange the experience and information among the attendees and learn new agricultural techniques through a matching method between the representatives of the cooperatives and companies and traders.



A preparation workshop for extensionists on "how to make an action plan":

A preparatory workshop was offered to the extension workers who have been involved in the EVAP project in order for them to instruct how to make an action plan. The aim of this workshop was to help enable the extension workers to conduct such training at the farmer cooperatives that have been selected for the 4th cycle, which would help the farmers prepare plans of actions for the activities as the agricultural cooperatives. 20 agricultural extension workers from Jericho, Nablus, and Tubas participated in the workshop.



A training workshop for farmers on "how to make action plan" in Nablus, Jericho, and Tubas:

A training workshop on how to make an action plan was offered to the farmers of Al-Nawaji Association in Nablus, Kherbet Abu Allan in Al-Jeftlik, and Wadi Al-Maleh in the northern valleys in Tubas. Agricultural extension workers who had been trained in advance conducted the training. The training included discussions on the preparation of business plans, dividing the farmers into groups for an exercise. At the end of the training, a specific date was agreed on by the farmers to submit their plans, which would be during the first week of April 2014.



Implementing the action plan for Artificial Insemination for the 2nd year:

The process of artificial insemination began at the farmer cooperatives that were beneficiaries of the EVAP project activities in each directorate - Jericho, Tubas, and Nablus. The most important activities that have been implemented at the Biet Qad Station during the preparatory stage was the feed flushing process at the station and train rams on collecting semen's and dissolution it, and semen test in the laboratory. The most important activities in fields that have been carried out by the extension agents were to open and mobilize the records for farmers, insert sponges into sheep's in order to control their reproduction, and offer necessary instructions on the implementation of all phases of artificial insemination and the assurance of their success.



A field visit by the Minister of Agriculture and the Japanese Ambassador:

The Minister of Agriculture and the Ambassador of Japan visited the targeted sites of the EVAP project in order to observe the outcomes of the activities and demonstrations carried out in the past. The farmers and representatives of farmer cooperatives at all locations warmly welcomed them. The minister and the ambassador acknowledged and praised the efforts made in in the past, close cooperation built among farmers, and results achieved.



Several field visits to follow up the field activities in all the targeted areas:



Japanese Ambassador - Biet Hassan



4th Agribusiness Forum - Nablus



Farmer at the action plan training - Al-Nawaji in Nablus



Japanese Ambassador at the EVAP locations



Workshop on how to prepare an action plan
Al-Jeftlik in Jericho



Preparatory workshop on how to make an
action plan