



## Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People

### Project Fact Sheet

#### Participatory Natural Resource Management Programme (PNRMP)

##### PROJECT AIM (OVERALL OBJECTIVE)

The overall objective of the Programme is to increase the incomes and living standards of small farmers in areas where there are few alternative income-generating possibilities by developing and managing the land and water resources to conserve and enhance productivity.

##### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Participatory Natural Resource Management Programme (PNRMP) obtained approval in April 1998 with a loan of USD 7.8 million from IFAD to the Palestinian Liberation Organization and was declared operational in February 2000. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed in October 1999 between the MOA and UNDP/PAPP, whereby UNDP/PAPP assumed responsibility for the implementation of activities funded under the loan categories. The categories include, procurement of vehicles and equipment; provision of materials and supplies; subcontracting specialized NGOs; training, surveys and studies; incremental operating costs; among others.

PNRMP activities comprise an integrated approach to natural resources management by rural people who are the owners and custodians of the resources through focusing on four components encompassing land reclamation and improvement; improved crop productivity; re-establishing the Programme Management Unit (PMU) in the MOA to assist with implementation while incorporating the technical expertise of local NGOs; and, the inclusion of a credit component.

##### OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the programme are:

- Rehabilitation of deteriorated agricultural lands and increase soil and water conservation.
- Improve the opportunity of the targeted groups to reach the basic agricultural services and infrastructure.
- Increase the awareness of the farmers in the field of advanced agricultural techniques which lead to increase in the productivity.
- Enhance the marketing opportunity for fruit trees with high potential add value.
- Empower women in targeted communities and increase their participation in the decision making process.
- Improve the qualification of MoA. Through establishing and empowering the Programme Management Unit (PMU)

##### THEMATIC AREA

Poverty Reduction and Environment

##### SECTOR / SUB SECTOR

Agricultural Development

##### PROJECT DETAILS

Project Number	00014183
Award Number	00014183
Duration	2000-2008
Donor	IFAD
Partner	MoA
Implementing NGOs	ACAD, ESDC, LRC, MAAN, PARC, PU & UAWC,

##### BUDGET

Total Budget	US\$3,500,000
Disbursement up to date	US\$2,800,000

##### Geographic Location

Northern Districts of West Bank

##### OUTPUTS

- 5000 dunums of deteriorated agricultural land are reclaimed and rehabilitated, equipped with cisterns and planted with fruit trees crops.
- Jobs for at least 2000 unemployed workers are created.
- The capacity of MoA to handle and manage such programmes is improved.
- 1500 dunums of over aged olive



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#### IMPACT STATEMENT

Income and employment opportunities of more than 3,000 families in rural areas are improved.

#### PROGRESS UP TO DATE

- 16 sites, belonging to 360 beneficiary households with a total area of 2,500 dunums, were reclaimed, equipped with cisterns and planted with fruit trees seedlings.
- An additional six sites belong to 220 households with a total area of 1600 dunums are under implementation.
- A pilot for developing olive oil sector was implemented in 9 villages in Assera Cluster/ North Nablus.

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trees are rejuvenated.

- Relevant Agricultural practices and processes regarding the production of extra virgin olive oil are improved:
- Awareness and the marketing strategy for Palestinian olive oil are improved.
- Coordination and information exchange between various olive oil stakeholders is enhanced.

#### CONSTRAINTS (if any)

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