



### Information sheet

**Project title: Support Economic Growth through Optimized Agricultural Value chains in the West Bank**

**(OSRO/GAZ/406/CAN)**

**Intervention: Enhance local food production through farming un/underutilized land**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and with funding from the Canadian government, is implementing the project "Support Economic Growth through Optimized Agricultural Value Chains in the West Bank". The project seeks to support the farmers and their cooperatives in restoring their livelihoods and building resilience against the ongoing food and agricultural input supply shocks and high, volatile prices and their lingering long-term impact, as well as other potential future shocks.

To achieve this, the project intends to support small-scale farming families to grow 6 000 dunums of un/underutilized land for local crop production to maximize (horizontally) the underutilized areas planted with essential crops including cereals, legumes, and vegetables to promote sustainable local production and availability of these products while promoting the livelihood and economic resilience of small-scale farmers.

The project will also support small-scale farming families to adopt and apply climate-smart and resource-efficient practices on un/underutilized land to promote a low-cost horizontal expansion in the production of essential food and fodder crops without the intensive usage of inputs, resources, and labor.

Implementation period	May 2023-April 2025
Activity elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide conditional in-cash grants for small-scale farming families to cultivate their un/underutilized agricultural land with local crops with a maximum support value of USD 200 per dunum and USD 1000 per farming family. This support will contribute to the cost of seeds, organic fertilizers, soil tillage, pest and weed control and others.</li> <li>• Introducing improved skills and practices for local crop production through technical extension, piloting good practices, transferring know-how, and exchanging knowledge and experience using the farmers' field schools' and 'farmers business school' approach.</li> </ul>

**Targeted beneficiaries**

Small scale male and female headed farming families willing and capable to grow agricultural crops in their un/underutilized for family consumption and income generation.

**Beneficiaries' eligibility criteria**

1. They must be active farmers with the capacity to cultivate a minimum of 0.5 dunum of unutilized vacant land or unutilized areas within olive and fruit tree orchards.
2. They should be able to provide evidence of land ownership, rental agreements, or usage rights through a relevant proofing letter issued by the Ministry of Agriculture or local community council.
3. They should demonstrate the ability and willingness to cultivate the land before receiving the grant.
4. Farmers must show a complete commitment to and compliance with the terms and conditions of the project.

5. Committed to actively participate in all capacity-building and knowledge transfer activities provided by the project.
6. Committed to adhere to all instructions and guidance provided by the project staff, which may include representatives from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Ministry of Agriculture, or any other project partners.
7. Committed to contribute with at least 15% of the total cost of land cultivation.

**The project will give special priority to the following groups:**

- Farming households with low income and small agricultural holdings.
- Farming households with high number of dependent members.
- Applications submitted by female farmers.
- Applications submitted by youth farmers (between the age of 19 and 29).
- Applications submitted by farming households with disabled members.
- Applications for utilizing lands in Area (C), lands behind the/adjacent to the separation wall, lands adjacent to settlements, Israeli military zones and lands threatened with confiscation.

**Contact information.**

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