



## Project Fact Sheet

### Integrated Agricultural Development in Tulkarem District

#### PROJECT AIM (OVERALL OBJECTIVE)

This project is designed to address concurrently two problems that represent severe obstacles to human and economic development and the alleviation of poverty in the Tulkarem District. These are:

- The high level of unemployment, which is occasionally raised to unprecedented levels during Israeli closures of the West Bank; and
- The need to promote agricultural development for farmers as a mean of raising household incomes from farming and to ensure future food security in the face of the steady rising population.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is one of the most vital projects that respond to the needs of Palestinians communities affected by the latest deteriorated political situation. This project will aim at improving the livelihoods of communities of Tulkarem District in the West Bank. It will directly target 2000 households in 13 communities.

More specifically the project aims to achieve the following outputs:

1. Rehabilitation of 28 Km of Agricultural Roads
2. The Development and rehabilitation of 800 dunums of agricultural Land.
3. Maintenance and rehabilitation of 11 Artesian Agricultural Water Wells

#### Target Beneficiaries:

The Project targets poor farmers with limited income and limited land property. For this purpose specific criteria were developed to be followed when selecting the beneficiaries.

#### OBJECTIVES

- Ease the access of the farmers to their land through improving the infrastructure such as agricultural roads.
- Increase the cultivable land area in Tulkarem district through reclamation of additional agricultural areas.
- Enhance the steadfastness of the farmers in the sector through participating in covering part of the running cost of current agricultural season.
- Decrease the cost of irrigation water on the farmers which represent 60-80 of the annual running cost of the farm through rehabilitation of the artesian wells and change the power source from diesel to electricity.

#### THEMATIC AREA

Poverty Reduction

#### SECTOR / SUB SECTOR

Agriculture Development

#### PROJECT DETAILS

Project Number	00050062
Award Number	00050062
Duration	November 2005 – March 2008
Donor	Islamic Development Bank
Partners	MoA
Implementing Organizations	ACAD, LRC, PARC, UAWC and Al- Sharawieh JSC

#### BUDGET

Total Budget	US\$2,00,000
Disbursement up to date	US\$1,300,000

#### Geographic Location

West Bank and Gaza

#### OUTPUTS

- The access of farmers to their farms is eased and agricultural roads are constructed.
- The cultivable land area in Tulkarem district increased by 800 dunums.
- The steadfastness of at least 800 agricultural household in the district is enhanced and encourage them to keep work in



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#### IMPACT STATEMENT

Livelihoods outcomes of 4,000 Palestinian poor households are improved and the cost of irrigation water is decreased by 40%.

#### PROGRESS UP TO DATE

- 25 agricultural roads serve the farmers of 10 villages in the district with total length of 36.46 km are opened and 33 km of it spread and compacted with 19850 m<sup>3</sup> of base course layer.
- 689.3 dunums of agricultural land belong to 92 farmer households maintain 752 family members in 9 villages in the district are reclaimed and equipped with 63 cistern and planted with 23294 fruit tree seedlings.
- 228 households of livestock keepers in 13 villages in the district keeping 4451 head of sheep and goats are benefited from this component. 309.11 ton of animal feed distributed to these households.
- 250 households of green houses farmers in 15 villages in the district farming 250 dunums are benefited from this component.
- 264 households of vegetables farmers in 17 villages in the district farming 1160 dunums are benefited from this component.
- 54 households out of 99 households of Fruit trees farmers in 15 villages out of 17 villages in the district are implemented the work in 107.5 dunums out of 219 dunums of irrigated fruit trees. All the new planted orchards are planted with kinds and varieties of high cash crops which have potential markets.
- Bids for rehabilitation of 11 agricultural artesian wells were opened and now in the evaluation process.

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the sector.

- Cost of farming around 5000 dunums of land under full irrigation is gone down by at least 40%.

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