

Proposed Project for Livestock Production

<i>Project Title</i>	Improve the household self production of farm livestock through improving production conditions for small ruminants
<i>Project Duration</i>	24 months
<i>Estimated Budget</i>	The total estimated budget is US \$2,250,000 community contribution is US \$360,000.
<i>Stakeholders</i>	Ministry of Agriculture, local Agricultural Association and NGOs.
<i>Targeted Areas</i>	Bani Na'im, Sa'ir, Beit Amra-Yatta, Adh Dhahiriya, Dura, Halhul, Idhna, Tarqumiya, As Samu', Beit Ommar, Hitta, Beit Ula, Beit 'Awa and Surif.
<i>Beneficiaries</i>	1,000 poor livestock farmers who own 15-30 heads.
<i>Project Description</i>	<p>The small ruminant farms are distributed in most localities in Hebron governorate, where the ambient temperature is high especially during summer and rearing conditions are bad. Additionally, due to limited infrastructure on the household, the poor farmers find themselves insisting to take part of their small household to host their animal from the heat and cold resulting in reducing the quality of their life and increase the environmental problems inside the households.</p> <p>Additionally, such growing conditions usually reduce the amount of produced milk, growth rate, and fertility of the owned small ruminants. On the other hand, diseases and death rates increase which affect the income of these severely poor people.</p> <p>Therefore, assisting those poor households who own 15-30 heads to improve the growing conditions of their small flocks through rehabilitating the existing farms, sheds, watering and feeding systems would be extremely beneficial. This will also assist them to provide them with some additional feed to give to their animals to produce more milk and meat, which would improve their food security and increase their income through selling the excess products.</p>
<i>Project Objectives</i>	1. Alleviating the poor living conditions of impoverished and vulnerable agricultural households in the marginalized areas of Hebron

	<p>Governorate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Improving vulnerable households' capacity to produce food for both household consumption and market. 3. Increasing capacities and skills of targeted households in agricultural practices, agricultural planning and decision-making, especially among the women farmers. 4. Increasing productivity of small farms (meat and milk) 5. Increasing the nutritional status for targeted household members.
<p><i>Project Activities</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project announcement, establishing community committees and beneficiaries selection 2. Conduct project kickoff meetings with the Agricultural sector stakeholders including active NGO's in the Bethlehem and Hebron Governorates. 3. Selection of targeted households and agreement signing. 4. Preparing an implementation plan. 5. Project implementation (activities) 6. Reporting and dissemination of information. 7. Monitoring and Evaluation
<p><i>Expected Results</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Up to 1000 livestock sheds, with an average area of 30 m² each will be rehabilitated. 2. Up to 30,000 m² of livestock sheds will be rehabilitated with a total capacity of 30,000 heads. The sheds play an important role in protection of the livestock from sun, rain and cold which will result in increasing the productivity of the small ruminants. 3. 250 tons of animal feeds distributed to the rehabilitated farms. 4. Increasing the productivity of the livestock (meat and milk)