

# Food Security Thematic Programme in favour of the occupied Palestinian territory

## Background

Following the reform of the European Commission (EC) external assistance, the ‘**Food Security Thematic Programme**’ (FSTP) based on the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) has replaced, since of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007, the Council Regulation on food-aid policy and food-aid management and special operations in support of food security (i.e. the former food security budget line). The FSTP no longer includes the funding of food-aid that is covered by the Humanitarian Aid Instrument managed by the Commission’s Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO).

The **FSTP’s general objectives** are to improve food security in favour of the poorest and most vulnerable people and contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goal on poverty and hunger through a set of actions that ensure overall coherence, complementary and continuity of the Community interventions, including in the area of the transition from relief to development.

The strategic priorities of the FSTP are: [1], research, technology transfer and innovation to enhance food security; [2], strengthened governance approaches for food security; and [3], addressing food security for the poor and vulnerable in fragile situations.

## The FSTP in the occupied Palestinian territory

Under the FSTP the **occupied Palestinian territory** (oPt) received a total allocation of € 8.4 millions for the period 2007-2010, and € 40.4 millions are allocated for the period 2011-2013. You can find more details on the funded projects on the table below (this not include the support to UNRWA-Social Safety Net Programme).

## The concept of food security

Food insecurity, the most basic dimension of poverty, is a multi-layered concept covering food availability, economic access to food, as well as use of food and nutritional adequacy throughout the year.

### The dimensions of food security:

Availability concerns the aggregate supply of food, which at national level may be provided through a combination of domestic production, imports and food donations. At regional and household level the availability of food could also be influenced by the appropriateness of the market and the existence of adequate road infrastructure.

Access to food by households relates to the demand and purchasing power of both urban and rural consumers. Lack of economic access to food, which may be either transitory or chronic, is basically an outcome of income poverty.

Use of food relates to consumption and nutrition and is affected by nutritional practices, hygiene behaviours and health status.

Another aspect to be taken into consideration is the stability of the above issues throughout the year.

## LIST OF AWARDED GRANTS

Title	Contractor	Partner/s	Starting date/ End date	Total amount/EC contribution EUR	Summary
Increasing Marketing Competitive Abilities for Palestinian Olive Oil	ADA	-	10/12/2007 01/01/2011	1,967,070.00 1,712,070.00	Support to the production of extra-virgin olive oil, and certified organic and fair trade
Increasing Income of Impoverished Small Olive Oil Producers in 10 Villages of the Northern West Bank	GVC	-	01/01/2008 01/01/2011	834,137.00 667,309.00	200 small holders olive oil producers trained to produce extra-virgin olive oil; 4 presses rehabilitated. Market research performed
Rural People Produce their Food in North West Bank- Palestinian Territories	ADA	-	01/01/2008 01/07/2010	1,751,001.50 1,521,401.50	Eighty hectares of land reclaimed (133 farmers). Development of 150 home gardens (150 beneficiaries). 250 cisterns built or rehabilitated. 30 km of agriculture roads built. Agriculture courses and extension provided
Protecting vulnerable Palestinian Agriculture - Based livelihoods in Southern WB by sustaining and developing agricultural production capacity vital for food security within a commercial and ecological perspective	OXFAM Belgium	UAWC	01/01/2008 01/01/2011	2,285,260.63 1,742,939.19	Land reclamation (150 ha), land rehabilitation (54 ha), 140 cisterns built or rehabilitated, 30 km of agriculture roads built. Provision of agric training, component on production of pure local seeds

Rural Microfinance : Pilot Project for Agricultural Production in Palestine	REEF FINANCE COMPANY PRIVATE STOCKCOMPANY	-	28/12/2009 28/12/2011	1,000,000.00 1,000,000.00	Pilot Project from European Parliament to facilitate access to small-holder farmers to financial resources which should be used to stimulate agricultural production in developing countries
Promoting Olive Oil Production and Market Access for Small-Scale Olive Farmers	OXFAM UK	-	01/01/2008 01/01/2011	1,995,317.00 1,795,785.00	Fair trade and organic certification of olive oil provided to 30 cooperatives. Gains in productivity
Enhancement of Food Security in Taybeh and Ramoun through Rural Development and Agricultural Extension	PALESTINIAN WASTEWATER ENGINEERS GROUP ASSOCIATION	UAWC	19/12/2010 19/12/2013	2,925,307.17 2,775,307.17	To contribute to alleviate poverty and to have sustainable access to food in Taybeh and Ramoun towns
Making wastewater an asset: increasing agricultural production introducing irrigation from non-conventional water sources	GVC	UAWC PHG	01/03/2011 28/02/2014	3,000,000.00 2,640,000.00	To improve income and food security conditions of vulnerable rural population of the North West Bank
Beit Dajan and Anzah villages- North West Bank- produce more food through sustainable and safe use of reclaimed wastewater in agriculture	ADA	Birzeit University EcoSan Club	01/01/2011 01/01/2014	3,278,877.34 2,998,387.22	To contribute in improving food security conditions through promotion of reuse of the treated effluents for agricultural purposes in rural areas in West Bank

"Ensuring a better future for small scale farmers and rural women in the olive sector"	ADA	-	01/01/2012 01/01/2015	1,062,662.00 824,090.93	To improve income and standard of living for 100 farmers and 50 rural women in the olive and olive oil sector
"From grove to market - developing the value chain for subsistence and small farmers in the oPt"	OXFAM GB	Bethlehem University  Economic and Social development Centre  Business Women Forum  ARIGE	01/01/2012 01/01/2015	1,792,618.00 1,100,000.00	Subsistence and small-scale farmers from vulnerable and poor households in the West Bank have a fair and equitable access to commercial markets with a conducive institutional and policy environment.