

Bolstering Agriculture Systems' Ability to Invest, Nourish, and Employ

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- **Duration:** A 4-year CARE-led Consortium with €17,7Million support from AFD.
- **Consortium Members:** Mercy Corps, Berytech Foundation, Georges N.Frem Foundation (GNFF), Lebanese Organization for Studies Training (LOST) and Al-Majmoua
- **Target Areas:** Akkar and Bekaar (West Bekaa, Central and North Bekaa)
- **Approach:** Employing *a territorial approach* and promoting **linkages with other value chains.**
- **Focus:** Cereal, legume and vegetable value chain

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Purpose:

- Interventions designed in alignment with the humanitarian-development-peace nexus,
- **To improve the capacity of local food systems** to maintain employment and growth in the longer term via **stronger domestic production** and system linkages.
- Contributing to greater **economic stability** – particularly for women, improved rural development, and more **positive social cohesion between host/refugee communities**
- ***Immediately address food insecurity*** and provide needed inputs and technical support to farmers

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About 7,000 farmers have an increased volume of farms' sales by the end of the project

40% Of Lebanon will be covered

Over 2,000 Agri-sector female actors have improved access, control and ownership of productive resources, assets and services

400 Agriculture training services officers and students supported

About 500 Farmers Groups supported on Post harvest and processing

160 SMEs Supported to increase local production of inputs and processed food



BASATINE will help sustain the capacity of Lebanese agriculture to produce food for the local market and create and maintain jobs, in an effort to contribute to the prevention of tensions between host communities and Syrian refugees.

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

SO1: Value chain actors recover their livelihoods affected by the recent socioeconomic and financial Crisis.

SO2: Farmers improve their access to livelihoods, through Sustainable, Productive, Equitable and Resilient (SuPER) Food Systems

SO3: Agriculture sector actors engage in improved market activities, resources, and trade relationships

SO4: Agriculture and related sector actors increase investments through tailored and inclusive financial services and products

SO5: Agriculture sector stakeholders utilise high quality, reliable evidence to promote evidence-based sector development.

Gender, MEAL, PSEA and conflict Sensitivity Mainstreaming

PARTNER ROLES / COMPETENCES - CARE

- Consortium management and oversight of the project.
- Reporting to AFD, Donor compliance, Audits.
- Safeguarding lead - protection, PSEA, Safety, capacity building based on Local partners capacity assessment.
- Maintaining regular communications and visibility.
- Overseeing accountability and feedback mechanism.
- Technical support to emergency interventions under SO1 and longer-term technical support under SO2, in coordination with GNFF and LOST.
- Technical lead on gender, protection mainstreaming and decent work.

PARTNERS ROLES – GNFF and LOST - S01 and S02

Responsible for providing agriculture technical assistance and capacity building to actors of the project's selected value chains under S01/S02 in Akker/West Bekaa, Central and North Bekaa, in coordination with CARE.



PARTNERS ROLES – GNFF and LOST - S01 and S02

- Provide technical support to immediately improve the sustainability of the farming system
- Implement emergency voucher scheme to access agricultural inputs
- Establish on-farm local seed production units and organic inputs
- Farmers' Field and Business Schools (FFBS)
- Irrigation and water management AND Land rental issues
- post-harvest management and processing and diversification IGA



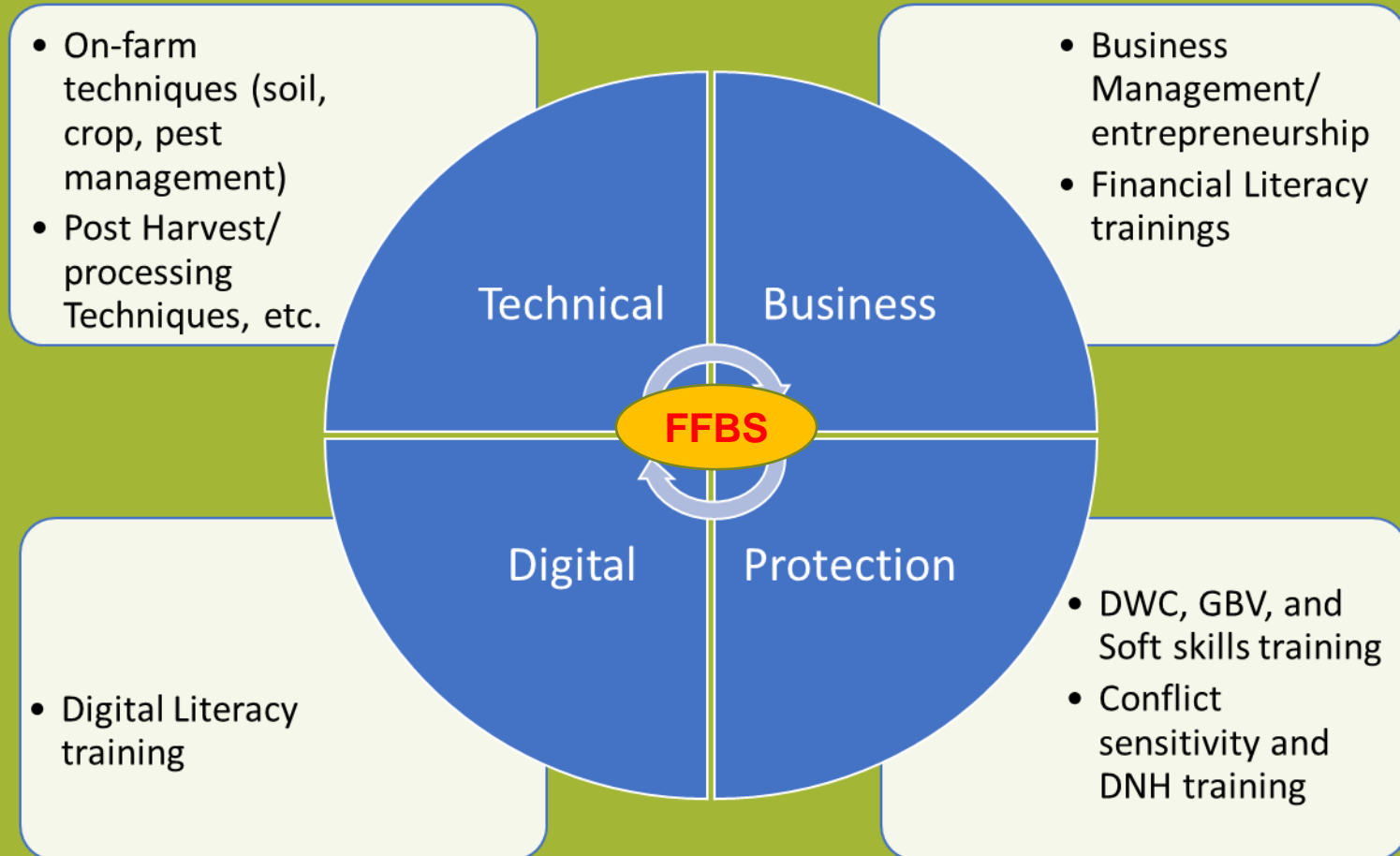
PARTNERS ENGAGEMENT - Mercy Corps and Berytech

- Technical co-leads on market systems development approach under SO3; VC study
- Access farmers to locally produced inputs & Support the scaling up and commercialisation of local inputs (7 SMEs)
- incentivize 160 SMEs businesses linkages with small farmers on market opportunities.
- MC will manage overall MEAL systems that allow for rapid adaptive management, INCL. conflict-sensitive and gender-sensitive MEL systems inform adaptive design and decision-making
- Berytech will improve access to market information, digital literacy & pilot digital platforms that address farmers challenges to access markets

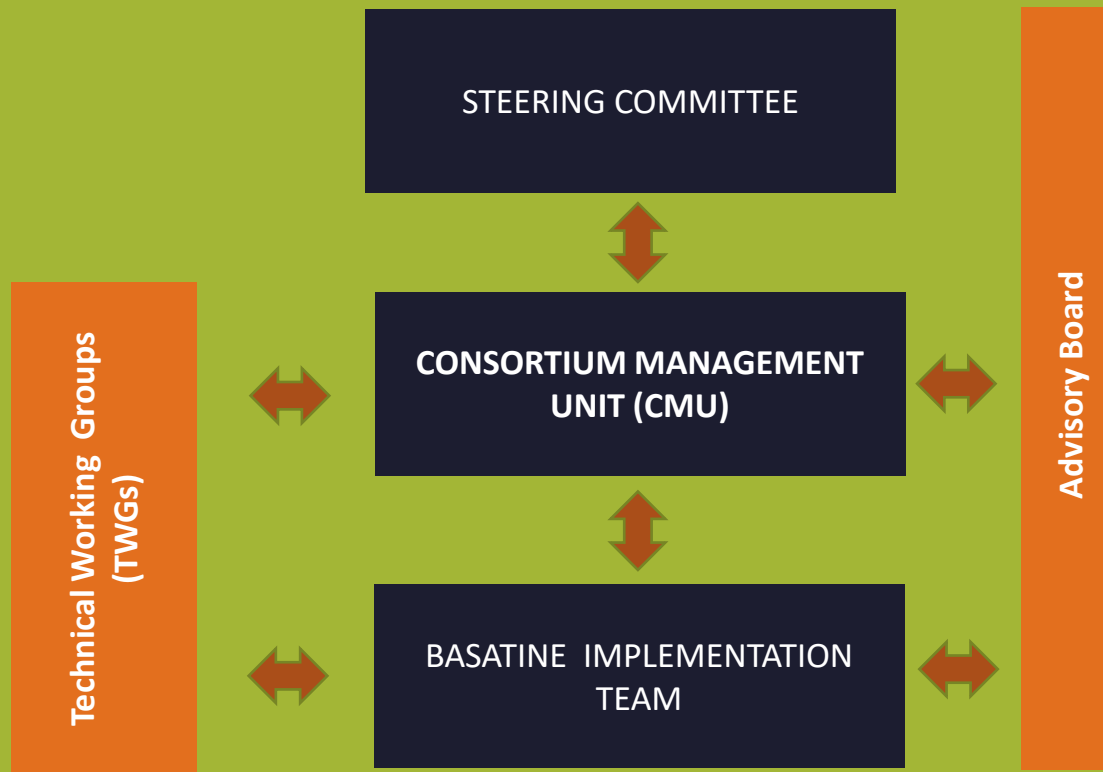
PARTNERS ENGAGEMENT - Al Majmoua

- Technical lead for SO4 (Financial Inclusion).
- Financial literacy trainings to farmers.
- Develop an adapted financial products tailored to agricultural investment.
- Develop and offer financial incentives (such as interest subsidies) to make access to finance.

Entry Point: The Farmer Field and Business School



BASATINE Consortium Governance



Implementation Updates

- National Outreach (Ministries – MoA, MoIndustry, LARI, Chambers of Agriculture, Local and International NGOs, Leading Universities/ research centers)
- Local Outreach and Farm unit selection ongoing (GNFF & LOST); MC and Berytech outreaching MSMEs according to our Outreach plan.
- E-voucher Activities to start after BNF selection - FSP for Evoucher – OMT
- Management – Steering Committee, Advisory Board, CMU
- Technical working groups (AGRIL, MEAL, gender/Protection, Comms,...
- Participation in Agri-food Innovation Days (AFID – 2022) – event utilized for networking, registration of farmers, SMEs

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