Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable smallholder farm families affected by the economic crisis and COVID-19 pandemic

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Impact

Reduce poverty
Increase resilience
Sustain production capacity
Focus on women
Address climate change and environmental degradation

Outcome

Enhanced and more equitable livelihoods and food security of 4,600 smallholder farming families most affected by the economic crisis and COVID-19 pandemic across rural areas of Lebanon
Livelihood and productive capacity restored though provision of **vouchers** to 1800 vulnerable farmers (at least 800 women)

Access to and control over livelihood and food security enhanced through provision of **productive assets** for homestead farming and agri-food processing enterprises to 1800 vulnerable smallholder farmers (1250 women)

Supply chains of **compost and fodder crops** strengthened to improve access by small holder men and women farmers
Output 1: Provision of vouchers to 1800 vulnerable farmers (at least 800 women)

1- Rapid socio-economic baseline survey and household needs assessment
2- Selection of input suppliers
3- Voucher distribution and coaching of beneficiaries
   - 1800 vulnerable farmers: Agricultural inputs
   - 1000 vulnerable farmers: Feed
   - Voucher value: USD 300
4- Gender equality awareness campaign
5- M&E and grievance mechanisms
Output 2: Provision of productive assets to 1800 vulnerable smallholder farmers (1520 women)

**Poultry**

1- Rapid assessment of backyard egg production project beneficiaries
2- Procure and distribute semi-intensive poultry production packages to 400 women

**Homestead production kits**

3- Needs assessment
4- Workshop to review and design productive asset packages and training
5- Identify and coach beneficiaries for micro-entreprise development
6- Procure and distribute packages/kits and coach beneficiaries (1120 w/380m)
7- Gender equality awareness campaign
Output 3: Supply chains of compost and fodder crops strengthened to increase access by small holders men and women

**Compost**

1. Rapid assessment of current production and utilization
2. Environment assessment of current composting practices
3. National stakeholder workshop: findings and recommendations/platform/action plan
4. Implement priority pilot activities

**Fodder crops**

1. Desk review of the current fodder cultivation situation
2. Workshop: National platform, action plan for domestic production
3. Identify most promising fodder crops and varieties and support seed multiplication (LARI) for sale to farmers
1. Increased productivity by women in agriculture, homestead and poultry raising
2. Increased ownership of productive resources, inputs and assets by women
3. Improved access to services and business skills by both women and men at individual and at cooperatives levels
4. Increased knowledge and technical skills on locally produced inputs by both women and men
5. Improved delivery of gender sensitive training by national experts
6. Increased awareness towards gender equality principles and practices of public sector staff
7. Straightened participation of NGOs and service providers in gender sensitive agriculture activities
Project Gender Strategy

Theory of Change

1. Increased opportunity for women’s economic empowerment through the provision of productive assets and tools to women farmers

2. Capacity building and business skills enhancement, at the individual and collective levels

3. Action-oriented knowledge generation and awareness-raising on gender equality and GBV at household and community levels

4. Disrupting the prevalent gender power dynamics and relations at the private and public spheres through building women’s agency to voice out their concerns and opinions, enhancing their knowledge, capacities, and self-confidence; and promoting leadership to actively participate in the decision-making at the local community and household levels

5. Supporting institutions and service providers to operate in a more gender-responsive manner.
Key interventions

1- Gender disaggregated baseline and end line socioeconomic data collection
2- Gender sensitive technical needs assessments
3- GE awareness campaign to Project beneficiaries
4- Capacity Development on GE and empowerment of women and girls
5- Participation and Stakeholders’ Involvement
Thank you

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