

Regional Agricultural Program

The Regional Agricultural Program, in which Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and the Palestinian Authority participate, with Denmark as the initiator and main supporter, is well into its second five-year phase. The program is comprised of six main subjects of agricultural development and is governed by a semi-annual steering committee with representatives of all partners.

This unique program is being carried out under the sponsorship of the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), and encompasses a number of topics in the field of agriculture: small ruminants, dryland agriculture, saline and marginal water resources, post-harvest technology and marketing, and aquaculture. The program was established in 2000, and has been successfully carried out even during times of regional tensions. It includes on-site and regional training programs, meetings between experts, joint applied research, publication of guidelines and participation in international conferences.

During 2009 regional courses were conducted in Israel on Low Cost Fodder, Aquaculture and 11 meetings of partner experts were held, as were 2 meetings of the Program's Steering Committee. A third phase, for the years 2011-2015 is now planned.

Jordan

Awassi Dairy Sheep Farm

In cooperation with Jordanian partners, MASHAV helps operate a farm in the Karak region for intensive sheep's milk production and processing. The project involves introduction of advanced strains of the local "Awassi" sheep to the country, which provide approximately four times the milk yields of indigenous sheep. The project includes over 400 sheep, a milking parlor and a state-of-the-art mini-dairy for milk product manufacture donated by MASHAV and involves training activities and short-term consultancies.

Commercial Beekeeping Project

MASHAV runs, in cooperation with Jordanian partners, a beekeeping demonstration project near the city of Irbid. The project involves upgrade of local bee stock, research and development and training and demonstration activities geared at introducing improvements to the local beekeeping sector in the northern Jordan Valley. Further plans include extension and training activities for local beekeepers.



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Egypt

PARTICIPANTS IN ISRAEL **6**
 Agriculture 6

SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCIES **2**
 Agriculture 2



Jordan

PARTICIPANTS IN ISRAEL **28**
 Agriculture 7
 Medicine and Public Health 15
 Rural and Urban Development 1
 Gender Issues 2
 Science and Technology 2
 Management 1

SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCIES **11**
 Agriculture 10
 Community Development 1

Palestinian Authority

PARTICIPANTS IN ISRAEL **197**
 Agriculture 66
 Gender Issues 96
 Small and Medium Enterprises 35

