

# MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

## Regional Agricultural Program

The Foreign Ministers of Israel and Denmark signed the second stage of the Regional Agricultural Program on November 2005. Partners include Israel, Jordan, Egypt, and the Palestinian Authority. The agreement is supported by DANIDA, the Danish International Development Agency. The special agricultural project is the offshoot of a successful project undertaken from 1994-1999, in which hundreds of Egyptian farmers, instructors, and experts came to Israel each year for advanced study. At the initiative of the Danish government, the project was expanded to include Jordan and the Palestinian Authority under the framework of a new regional agreement.

The Regional Agricultural Program covers six main subjects: Small Ruminants, Low Cost Fodder, Drylands Agriculture, Saline Water, Post Harvest Technology and Marketing and Aquaculture. Special attention to the role of women in agriculture development and production is on the agenda.

Expert meetings and courses were held throughout the region on the different subjects during 2005. Courses were conducted in Israel on the following subjects: Pistachio, Feed Formulation Software, Irrigation under Saline Conditions, GIS – Pilot Project Presentation, Quality Standards for Fresh Produce.



### Egypt

PARTICIPANTS IN ISRAEL 52  
Agriculture 52

SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCIES 8  
Agriculture 8



### Jordan

PARTICIPANTS IN ISRAEL 54  
Agriculture 25  
Medicine and Public Health 1  
Education 2  
Rural and Urban Development 26

SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCIES 15  
Agriculture 15



### Mauritania

PARTICIPANTS IN ISRAEL 2  
Agriculture 2

### Mauritania

#### Cancer Treatment Center

MASHAV continued construction on a cancer treatment facility in Nouakchott, Mauritania. The project, when completed, will include donation of the facility and relevant medical equipment as well as training of staff members.

## 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.

## Palestinian Authority

PARTICIPANTS IN ISRAEL 76  
Agriculture 24  
Medicine and Public Health 1  
Education 36  
Small and Medium Enterprises 15