

oPt Agriculture Sector Fact Sheet

Structure of the sector

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization leads coordination efforts for the Agriculture Sector in WBGS and provides technical assistance to sector actors. FAO provides coordination support vis-à-vis several mechanisms, including

- Agriculture Sector Working Group (ASWG): A forum for information-sharing and coordination between donors and the PA on issues related to agriculture development, as well as the priorities and strategies of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)
 - Meetings are fortnightly at 9.00am on Thursday mornings (12th March, 26th March, etc.) in the PARC office, Ramallah, and PNGO office in Gaza (with video link) unless otherwise stated.
- CAP09 panel: An elected body consisting of MoA, FAO, PNGO, AiDA plus ARIJ and ESDC, has been formed to review and categorise project proposals for the “Special Appeal for Gaza”. They will assess the projects for relevance against the immediate needs of farmers and their families, in terms of agricultural intervention.
- Data Collection Cell (DCC): A committee, led by MoA, established to streamline data collection and consolidate the information and data of different actors regarding the damage to and needs assessment of the agricultural sector.

The role of the sector lead

Lead the identification of sector-wide emergency and early recovery needs in the agriculture sector. Gather information and updates on the ground of the present situation within the agriculture sector, disseminating data to the relevant stakeholders.

- Prepare the early recovery plan and sector response plan jointly with sector actors to facilitate donor funding and enable immediate implementation.
- Coordinate the response of donors and other stakeholders for interventions in support of small-farmers, herders, and fisherfolk, to avoid duplications, identify gaps and optimize the use of financial resources and in-kind assistance in the aftermath of the crisis, also using the ongoing Agriculture Project Information System (APIS).
- Oversee and coordinate advocacy efforts and publications, to stimulate awareness and support for the agricultural recovery operation.

Scope of work/ types of activities covered by the sector

This section outlines which activities the cluster/sector aims to coordinate, and how it links with clusters/sectors covering related activities

- Provision of agriculture inputs (seeds, tools, animal feed and other essentials) to re-

- activate the production of farmers, fishers, herders and backyard producers.
- Provision of technical expertise and comprehensive skills to rehabilitate irrigation and water networks, animal shelters and other on-farm infrastructure and productive assets.
- Implement protection of farmer's livelihoods through tailored support to resume their agricultural production activities, avail fresh foods of high nutrition value and reduce dependency on food aid.
- In close coordination with the Food Security cluster, a multi-pronged dedicated approach, including identification of beneficiaries and developing subsistence agriculture, will be utilized to tackle the challenge of food scarcity for the affected population.

Current members

AAA	ACF Spain	ACPP
ACS	ACTED	ARIJ
Care International	CHF International	DFID
ESDC	FAO	Islamic Relief
MAAN	MoA	MoP
Netherlands Rep. Office	OCHA	OXFAM GB
Oxfam International	Oxfam Novib/Int	PARC
PFU	PHG	Premiere Urgence
Save the Children	Spanish Cooperation	Swedish Coop Centre
UAWC	UCODEP	UNDP
Welfare Association		

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