

National Development Committee (NDC) – Lebanon

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Summary

Implementation of the projects listed above in 2022, relies on the experience gained during August 2020 through December 2021 from:

- Research done by NDC professionals, to study similar experiences in Lebanon and worldwide
- Discussions with noted experts in the field
- Actual field studies, to collect data, analyze, and utilize it in planning and projections
- Actual pilot projects carried by NDC,
- Assessment of existing operations by partner organizations and facilities and devising a plan for expansion and operational optimization.

The goal in 2022 is to set a new production base level that positions the "Agricultural Revival Program" into its next accelerated production expansion cycle in 2023 and beyond, based on each product's specific production and performance parameters linked to:

- 1. Level of product consumption
- 2. Level of domestic production
- 3. Shortfall gap in food security based on 1 & 2
- 4. Narrowing of the overwhelming importation volume

In all projects, these are the key guiding principles

- 1. Establish each village as a production unit and primary market as well
- 2. Distribute projects in an equitable fashion throughout Lebanon
- 3. Enrich knowledge and expertise for farmers, partner organizations and co-ops, and NDC activists through field-based training workshops
- 4. Ensure that the project adds to the livelihood and income of participating farmers
- 5. Establish infrastructure necessary to support a sustainable operation positioned for next expansion cycle
- 6. Project to be self-sustaining in 3-5 years
- 7. The ten-year plan of the Revival Agricultural Program conforms with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals 2030, and endeavors to align its project targets and performance measures with those outlined by the SDG 2030.

The NDC is a civil organization, non-political, non-sectarian, non-discriminatory; operates at the human level, respectful of all religious, social, or cultural affiliations, but does not accept such interferences in its operations. The NDC endeavors to enhance the productive and equal role of women in the society and its ranks are free of any gender limitations.

A brief project summary can be shared upon request

Detailed proposal of each project in the list above is ready to submit for funding consideration

Partnership for Agriculture Revival in Lebanon

In order to achieve meaningful change at the grassroots level, a broad network of partner farmers, across many areas of Lebanon, should integrate their efforts into a common long-term plan. To that effect, the NDC acts with the belief that for agricultural development to be sustainable, it has to involve a large coalition of organizations and co-ops operating at the locality level, who have active field operations, involving a broad base of local farmers.

A first step was to coordinate the formation of "Partnership for Agricultural Revival in Lebanon", which include 14 partner organizations and agricultural co-ops, and is open to be inclusive of all entities with serious field-based involvement in agricultural production. The NDC is currently in discussions with 3 additional entities for inclusion in the partnership.

PARTNERSHIP GOAL

Implement coordinated sustainable agricultural development projects across all areas of Lebanon; based on principles of science, activism, and compassion; with no consideration for religious, political, or geographic barriers.

THE INITIATIVE

The NDC initiated an effort to establish partnerships in several areas of Lebanon. To that end, a meeting was held in Khiyam – South Lebanon on October 2nd, 2021, involving the following organizations and co-ops:

- National Development Committee
- Khiyam agricultural co-op
- Sarada agricultural co-op / Wazzani
- AWFA organization Ein Ebel / Bent Jbeil
- Rural Produce Cooperative Kfar Sir, Nabativeh
- Islamic orphanage home Souk Elkhan / Hasbaya
- Dardara spring irrigation agricultural co-op
- Peace generations organization Rachaya area
- Houla agricultural co-op
- Rashaya Environmental committee organization
- Culture and development coalition Hasbaya
- "The impossible" organization Akkar
- Two-springs development organization Dhaniyeh
- Lebanese Assoc. for Urban Agriculture Baalbek

Six of these organizations are active participants in the grains project implemented this 2021-22 season in seven areas of Lebanon, and all will be involved in the project next season 2022-23.

All 2022 planned projects are being coordinated with one or more of our partners, who will be involved in their implementation at the local level. The NDC will seek to have partner organizations and / or Co-ops in most if not all areas of Lebanon by the year 2024.

The NDC will endeavor to reinforce and expand this partnership in the coming years, as a necessary path to a viable system that oversees the program expansion in size, participation, and services.