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Scaling up Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for Sustainable Improvement of Horticultural Production of Small Farmers

Location: Egypt, Fayoum Governorate, the area of the villages of Fanoos, Dar Al Salam, and Minshat Al Gamal in Tamia District and villages of Kasr Al Gebaly and QaroonWaly in Yousef El-Sedik District,

Description: To increase production and improve quality of horticulture production of small farmers in the rural areas of Fayoum through the adoption of horticulture good agricultural practices guidelines as follows:

(a) Improvement of on-farm water management and water use efficiency technologies; (b) sustainable management of soil fertility; (c) Introduction of greenhouse crop technology (integrated production and protection practices); (d) Diversification of crop options and (e) Networking among small holder farmers' associations.

Duration: 30 months (Starting March 2017).

Budget: Euro 0.63 Million (EU Contribution 90%).

Implementing Entity: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Co-applicants:
The Union of Producers and Exporters of Horticultural Crops (UPEHC)
Fayoum Agro-organic Development Association
Faculty of Agriculture, Fayoum University.

Partner Ministries: Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (Lead Ministry); Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation; and Ministry of Local Development.

Overall Objective: To improve the living conditions of small horticulture farmers in the rural areas of Fayoum Governorate through increasing the competitiveness of their production.

Specific Objective: To increase the production of horticultural production in rural Fayoum through the development and adoption of good agricultural practices (GAPs) with emphasis on reduction of pesticide use while maintaining high crop productivity levels.

Target Groups:

- The small holder horticulture farmers (males and females);
- The rural communities in the villages of: Fanoos, Dar Al Salam, Minshat Al Gamal of the Tamia District and the villages of Kasr Al Gebaly and Qaroon Waly of Yousef El Sedik District, whose livelihood largely depend on horticulture.

Expected Results:

- GAPs adopted to improve the quality and quantity of horticultural crops;
- Competitiveness of small-scale horticulture farming in rural Fayoum increased as an important source of income and employment.

