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- Location:** Egypt, rural areas of the northern part of the Matrouh Governorate from Fuka in the east to Elsaloum in the west. Specifically, target area of the action includes two districts of west Matrouh and Elnegilah covering an area of 120 km west of Matrouh center and 40 Km inland.
- Description:** Improving the production potential of Matrouh's rain-fed agriculture through the adoption of suitable water harvesting techniques that employ scientific soil and water conservation methods and through scaling up some crop related good agriculture practices (GAPs).
- Duration:** 30 months (Starting from March 2017).
- Budget:** Euro 1 Million (EU Contribution 90%).
- Implementing Entity:** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
- Partner Ministries:** Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation and Desert Research Center.
- Overall Objective:** To increase the sustainability and production of agriculture in the rural areas of northern Matrouh and to improve the livelihood of the rural poor in the area.
- Specific Objective:** To scale up water harvesting and crop-related GAPs in rain-fed areas in northern Matrouh.
- Target Groups:** Farmers and producer organizations and associations; agricultural technicians and extension workers and researchers.
- Expected Results:**
- Water harvesting structures implemented and 99 cisterns of 150 m<sup>3</sup> of each constructed
  - GAP demonstrations established for olive, fig, almond (total of 99); and barley and wheat (total of 66) as per 3 demonstrations in each of the targeted communities
  - Livestock production and household nutrition status improved in the local communities
  - Homestead gardens in selected households established to support women and improve household nutrition status.

