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Water Supply through Household Water Harvesting Practices for Sustainable Management of Territorial Resources

WASH Matrouh

Under the framework of EU-JRDP



A project implemented by ACSAD



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The main objective of Water Supply through Household Water Harvesting Practices for Sustainable Management of Territorial Resources "WASH Matrouh" is to benefit the Bedouin community livelihoods, namely access to water, through the construction and rehabilitation of 390 rainwater harvesting facilities (rain water) at the household level for domestic use, animal consumption and family agricultural productions.

Overall Objective: Improve the quality of life of the people living in the rural areas of Matrouh with special focus on the sustainable management of territorial resources.

Specific Objective: Increase rainwater harvesting to reduce the severe shortage of water supply for domestic use and animal consumption, as well as raise available land for agricultural production.

Target Groups:

- ✓ 6.486 people will directly benefit from the construction/rehabilitation of rainwater harvesting facilities and the hygiene practices.
- ✓ 20.000 people will benefit from the awareness and communication campaign on water, sanitation and hygiene.
- ✓ Governmental authorities: Desert Research Centre (DRC) belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR), the Ministry of Water and the Ministry of Health will benefit from the improvement of information management tools and the impact of the awareness campaign.



PARTNERSHIPS

ACSAD (Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands), as part of the League of Arab States, has as main institutional partner Action against Hunger.

Both Action against Hunger and ACSAD have as associate partner the Desert Research Center (DRC) belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR).

EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Access to water is improved by 70% through the construction/rehabilitation of 390 water harvesting facilities at the household level for domestic use, animal consumption and family agricultural productions.
- ✓ Water treatment practices are increased by 70% at the household level to improve drinking water quality and reduce water-related diseases.

Main Activities:

- ✓ Implementation and supervision of the construction/rehabilitation of water harvesting facilities through cash for work community based methodology.
- ✓ Design of technical notes on construction and rehabilitation of rainwater harvesting facilities.
- ✓ Conduction of baseline and end line KAP survey focused on water treatment practices.
- ✓ Implementation of hygiene promotion campaign focused on water treatment at the household level.

APPROACH DURING IMPLEMENTATION

The WASH Matrouh project seeks the full involvement of stakeholders by adopting a participatory development approach based on improved monitoring, coordination, joint dialogue and decision-making, ownership and impact of the project's benefits on the population beyond its lifetime.