The agricultural sector in Jordan provides employment opportunities for the rural Jordanians, in particular women, and Syrian refugees. Despite its high potential for growth, the sector faces many challenges, including use of outdated technology, unsustainable farming practices, limited investments, scarcity of water resources, and insufficient financial and technical capacity of farmers.

Under this project, ACTED will support vulnerable farmers and landless labourers to strengthen their economic resilience through market-based and sustainable ecosystem management approaches. To achieve this, ACTED will leverage polyculture and permaculture techniques for efficient land management and water usage, while also facilitating livelihood diversification through food processing and artisan activities to promote year-round income streams, self-employment and local job creation.

**Project Goal:**
To promote sustainable livelihoods of vulnerable Jordanian and Syrian households through integrated farming as an economic recovery mechanism in central and northern Jordan.

**Locations**
Rural areas of Mafraq, Irbid and Balqa governorates

**Target Beneficiaries**
6,250 direct beneficiaries (50% refugees - 50% Jordanians)

**Project Duration**
09/01/2021 - 09/30/2023
MAIN ACTIVITIES

Enhance the technical capacities of farmers and landless labourers on:
- permagardening models
- sustainable agriculture practices
- food processing practices
- artisanal techniques
- business plan development

Provide grants to establish permagarden, implement livelihood diversification business plans or start complementary household income activities

Market linkages, including e-commerce platforms, wholesale markets, trade fairs, seasonal bazaars and networking events for agro-businesses

Job counselling on decent employment opportunities in the agriculture and artisanal sectors

Support the entrepreneurial capacity of agro-CSOs, followed by grants to pilot livelihood services

Establish climate-smart agriculture resource personnel within agro-CSOs to cascade trainings to their members

Train government and civic stakeholders on ACTED’s THRIVE flagship: Towards Holistic Resilience in Vulnerable Environments

Produce an assessment on the impact of COVID-19 on microbusinesses and livelihood actors in target sectors to strengthen humanitarian and development actors response

Examples of handicraft products created by beneficiaries, supported by ACTED-BPRM project