

Stories of Success and Resilience –

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The Women Agripreneur Narjis Succeeds in Breeding Chicken Layer

The agripreneur Narjis Qablan, from Abasan Al Kabeera area in the southern of Gaza Strip, succeeded in breeding chickens for egg production with her strong determination.

Narjis said “The idea of my project started in 2020, when my husband and I thought about making the best of our farm, so we came up with the idea of “breeding chickens for egg production. With hard work and simple possibilities, we were able to get 500 chickens. We started to sell eggs to gain some money to provide our basic needs.’

She added, “after the intervention GUPAP and DROSOS Foundation provided me with, I was able to improve my project, and to increase the production rate to have 1300 chicken. I started selling my products to local community, merchants, neighbors, and some retail stores.’

She added that her husband is the main proponent of her project, “where at first there was a consensus between house chores, children, and the project, in the morning, the children go to school and then my husband and I start working.’

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As any micro- or small agri-enterprises in Gaza, we faced many obstacles and challenges. Some of those challenges, that the project is located in a very cold agricultural area, as well as the diseases that affect chickens due to climate change. Also, COVID-19 pandemic and the last aggression on Gaza Strip in May,2021 were great obstacles for and they have negatively impacted the project.

GUPAP and DROSOS Foundation were the first to support us after the last aggression, their intervention helped us to improve our project and overcome the obstacles we had. Moreover, the agripreneuer expressed her pride and happiness to be a member in Urban Women Agripreneuers Forum "UWAF", where she met many women agripreneuers who own livestock, crops, and food processing projects. Meeting those agripreneuers encouraged her to continue her project despite all the difficulties she faces.

Narjis aspires to increase the number of chickens to 2500, hoping to increase the proportion of eggs and expand the area of sale, thus contributing to strengthening the project and its stability by achieving an appropriate profit rate sufficient to achieve a decent life for her family in the light of a poor economic situation.



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