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Inception Workshop of the Project Funded by the Government of Japan **which is organized by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**

In February 2018, the Government of Japan decided to extend to FAO a grant in total of 1 million US dollars in order to finance a project titled “Social Stability and Resilient Livelihoods for Syrian Refugees and Vulnerable Jordanian Farm Families from Hosting Communities.”

This project aims at enhancing the agricultural livelihoods and resilience of Syrian refugee families as well as vulnerable Jordanian households in the governorates of Irbid, Mafrq and Zarqa through the introduction of agriculture processing technique and supporting Small and Medium size Enterprises (SMEs) in the agriculture sector.

The inception workshop of the project took place in Amman at the Landmark Hotel on Monday April 16th 2018, with the presence of H.E. Mr Hidenao Yanagi; Ambassador of Japan, Dr. Nizar Haddad; National Center for Agricultural Research and Extension (NCARE), and Mr. Nasredin Hag Elamin, FAO Representative to Jordan.

In a speech delivered during the launching ceremony H.E. the Ambassador stated:

“Japan advocates the concept of “Humanitarian-Development Nexus”, which aims to promote self-reliance among the refugees and to enable economic development of the host countries. Under the situation where Syria’s protracted conflict shows no sign of abating, we believe that more effort is needed to transform the Syrian refugee crisis into opportunities for the development of Jordan. I sincerely hope that the new project of FAO, which totally coincides with

the concept of “Humanitarian-Development Nexus”, will be one of the best examples materializing the concept.”

This year, the Government of Japan decided in February to extend a new assistance package for the projects of international organizations in Jordan, which amounts to approximately 17.5 million US dollars, from its supplementary budget of 2017 of which 1 million US dollars was dedicated for FAO to implement this project.

Participants gathered for the ceremony



Speech by the Ambassador



Presentation by FAO



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