

# Rehabilitation of Degraded Rangeland in West Asian Countries and sustainable use of Natural Resources



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# Sub Regional Action Programme(SRAP)

- The SRAP in West Asia is based on the lessons learned and in alignment with UNCCD 10-years strategic plan objectives :
- Improvement of the living conditions of affected populations
- Improvement of the conditions of affected ecosystems
- Generating global benefits through effective implementation of the convention
- Mobilizing resources to support implementation of the convention through building affective partnerships between national and international actors



# Rational And Objectives

- **Rehabilitation of degraded rangeland area** to serve as pilot demonstration site in each one of the participated countries
- **Introduction of appropriate rangeland improvement measures** which will be accompanied by encouragements to local populations towards their full participation



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- Introduction of appropriate water harvesting techniques, stabilization of waterways, inter seeding and plantation of drought resistant evergreen species.



# Activities

- **Identification in collaboration with national focal points and local authorities** of the participating communities, institutes, NGOs and other parties.
- **Inception workshops** will be held in each pilot site with all partners and stockholders,
- **Agro-ecological and socio-economic characterization of pilot sites** to enhance replicability and compatibility of technologies
- **Training courses** to enhance the capacity of participating partners for implementing the recommended interventions.
- **“on-the-job”** training during implementation.
- **Awareness raising campaign** on the importance and means of combating land degradation, including field days, media programs, and publications.



# Activities

- **Policy formulation** for enhancing the adoption and adaptation by local communities of intervention options for combating desertification and support the creation of enabling environments for promoting solutions to rehabilitate degraded lands.
- **Training courses to support** the participating countries to carry out the national self assessment and capacity needs for the tackling desertification and land degradation impacts.
- **Assessment of skills** for elements of local community to identify the need for vocational training.
- **Monitoring and evaluation system** (indicators, mechanism and procedures) for assessing technology transfer, adoption and impact.
- **Workshops** for sharing and exchanging experiences gained during the implementation of the project.
- **Study tours** for stakeholders from participating countries .



# Outcomes

- **Improvement of livelihoods** of local communities in the target areas, and assessment of the viability and impact of the technological policy and institutional options.
- **Successful measures, technologies** and best practices to be demonstrated and disseminated for prevention of land degradation and rehabilitation of degraded lands based on local knowledge and modern technologies.
- **Guidelines recommendations and approaches** developed for optimal management of natural resources for reducing land degradation.
- **Enhancement of networking and** linkages between NAPs and SRAP activities in West Asia.
- **Enhancement of knowledge** among local communities and policy makers for the sustainable development, also improvement of knowledge on biophysical and socio-economic factors and on their interactions which enable better decision – making.



# Outcomes

- **Selection of appropriate technologies** and modern techniques suitable for degraded rangeland rehabilitation.
- **Development of short and long term strategies** to combat desertification and improvement of people living in areas affected by desertification or land degradation.
- **Improvement of the national knowledge** about sustainable land management and sustainable use of biodiversity to mitigate the impact of desertification and climate change.
- **Strengthening the capacity** of concerned countries to develop and implement programs in the field of collection, analysis and exchanging information related to desertification control and degraded lands rehabilitation





# Outcomes

- **Supporting public awareness** to promote understanding of causes and effects of desertification .
- **Enhancement of sub-regional cooperation** on desertification and land degradation issues through exchange of experiences and best practices.



# Projects

- Rehabilitation of Degraded Rangeland in Syria in cooperation with local community.
- Improvement of livelihood based on rehabilitation of degrade rangeland in mountainous areas in Yemen.
- Sustainable Development of Iraqi Hammad Basin to Enhance NAP Implementation.



# Projects

- Capacity building for improving UNCCD implementation in Palestine.
- Sand Dunes Stabilization for Combating Desertification in Sultanate of Oman.
- Integrated Natural Resources Management for Combating Land Degradation in Hammad Basin (IRAQ – SYRIA – JORDAN – SAUDI ARABIA).

Thanks