

The volume of loans and aid grants required for development of West Bank rainfed agriculture, as outlined in this study, are estimated at JD 13.0 mill, distributed over a period of three years. This is within the financial means allocated at present for agriculture by the Joint Committee (JD 6.0 mill. per year) and voluntary agencies (JD. 1.0 mill.).

These figures were released to the researcher during the course of his repeated contacts with senior officials in the Joint Committee and in voluntary agencies. Although the allocations reported above cover irrigated forms of agriculture in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, about 60 percent of it is earmarked for dryland farming.

In conclusion then, while this study is concerned with resources which are currently utilised in an almost unique political context, and while the proposals are inevitably a response to this context and are circumscribed by unusual constraints, they are unlikely to be subject to funding limitations. If a peaceful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is not forthcoming, it is hoped that the present study may make a small contribution to the well-being of the people of the West Bank while they are under occupation.

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