## F4J Project Investment Co-Finance Facility

## Initial Screening Form - Eligibility Criteria

Date: 210527

Assessor: Omar H. Alsaleh

Project: Establishing an agricultural plastic products factory

# Project Description:

New project proposal to stablish an agricultural plastic products factory for greenhouses and open fields in Der Sharaf industrial zone (Nablus), under the implementation of Al-Bawader for Agricultural Development Co. (registered since 2014).

**Project insight**: Al-Bawader Co. is establishing new factory for thermal shader nets and plastic covers (nylon) used to cover greenhouse units and land covering during disinfection and early-plantation phases for open field crops. Al-Bawader is considering the following points as their competitive advantages:

- This will be the first agricultural plastic products factory in the west bank.
- Low sale prices compared to the imported substitutes from "Israel" with the same quality.

Project remaining value is USD 5.2m. Currently, sponsor managed to prepare the factory land and implemented required land leveling works for an area of 5 donums. They are in assessment phase for alternative production lines' quotations from Italian and German providers.

Duration of implementation will require 6-12 months to complete (with high probability of exceeding the one-year period. This includes construction works, production lines, storage areas, and logistic networks. Upon taking off operations, the factory will provide more than 40 working opportunities.

Feasibility study: Available Business plan: Available

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Criteria	Yes/No
The investment project sector falls under one of the following categories: agribusiness, tourism, information technology, light manufacturing and renewable energy within jobs generating investment (not stand-alone solar project).	Yes
The investment project will be in West Bank and Gaza.	Yes
Applicants should hold an appropriate company license, registration, and be tax compliant.	Yes
Investment projects are abiding to the International Labor Organization (ILO) declaration on fundamentals principles and rights at work.	Yes
The total project investment is at least one million dollars.	Yes

### **Assessor's Comment:**

The Assessor believes that this application is **Eligible** and should **Proceed** to the evaluation against ICF Selection Criteria because of:

• Project meets all eligibility criteria points mentioned above.

#### What is next:

- 1. To check this industry (Nylon) is it accepted environmentally? If yes then,
- 2. Request feasibility study, financial model to determine what TA is needed.
- 3. Investigate sponsors' ability to secure the required funding
- 4. Request to fill in the environmental social screening questionnaire.
- 5. Request company registration and full name (of 4 parts) of the sponsors.

Name: Omar H. Alsaleh

Signature:

# **EVALUATION COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONCLUSION AND DECISION**

Date: June 24,2021

Evaluators: Mazen Asad and Said Abu Hijleh

The Evaluation Committee agrees that this application is eligible. Further assessment should be conducted to confirm the project's readiness to proceed.

Signatures: