

A bird's-eye-view on KVIRS: major socio-economic and ecological facts and trends

No surface irrigation scheme

Ban on cotton cultivation

Market and economic forces

- prices for farm outputs
- markets for farm outputs
- foreign labor demand *
- investing in:
 - new cash crops (e.g. cumin)
 - sheep fattening

Hweier el Hass

Rained agriculture and wages.

Improved: health, education

Issues: infrastructure, marketing, credit, employment, irrigation, fattening business

Atshaneh

Agriculture is central.

Improved: nutrition, health, education

Issues: financial, employment, credit

Jeb Jasem

Reliance on off-farm wages.

Issues: employment, financial, water, transport, infrastructure, transport, marketing, soils suitability

Serdah

Diversified livelihood strategies.

Improved: infrastructure, services

Issues: financial, employment, irrigation, credit

Um Mial

Reliance on sharecropping.

Issues: financial, infrastructure, services, employment, migration, credit, water

Hamмам

Seasonal depopulation for migration.

Improved: nutrition, transport, health

Issues: drought, financial, credit conservation policies, water

Policies:

- Ban on rangeland cultivation
- Range conservation projects

Perceived types and extent of natural resources degradation:

- Decrease of water table level
- Salinization of water and soils
- Soil fertility decline
- Degradation of rangelands, decrease of feeds and vegetation

Zone 4

Zone 5