



# “Facyla” Farm

Morocco, Rabat-Salé-Kénitra, El Khemis des Aït Ouahi | 1 Ha | Arboriculture, Market gardening, Seeds

Data: 2021

## Timeline

- 2010** Purchase of land by the parents of Jihad (co-manager of Facyla), cultivation of cereals
- 2015-2016** Digging of borehole, planting of an olive orchard and a dozen fruit tree species. Jihad leaves his IT job to settle on the farm, starting market gardening for self-consumption
- 2018** Start of sales of market garden produce (10 weekly baskets). Construction of a nursery for seed reproduction
- 2019** Abir (Jihad's wife) joins the farm. New outlet: product sales in Rabat via intermediary. PGS labeling (Participatory Guarantee System)
- 2020** Basket sales stopped due to COVID-19; development of seed reproduction
- 2021** Jihad becomes an agroecology facilitator with RIAM (Network of Agroecological Initiatives in Morocco). Facyla receives support to become a reference farm for peasant seed reproduction. Farm worker hired

## Goals

- Produce quality agroecological fruits and vegetables, from heirloom peasant seeds.
- Become self-sufficient in seeds on the farm.
- Reproduce as many seeds as possible to share with other farmers.

## General Information



**Legal status:**  
No status





**Owners:**  
El Malih family




**Team:**

1 Co-manager:  
Jihad El Malih (son of the owners) 

1 Co-manager:  
Abir Alaoui (Jihad's wife) 

1 Full-time worker (living on the farm) 

5-6 Occasional workers   
(pruning and harvesting olive trees)

*Occasional help from Jihad's parents*



**Link with RIAM:**

The Facyla farm was supported by RIAM as a reference farm (reproduction of peasant seeds); Jihad collaborates with RIAM on agroecology trainings as a facilitator.

### Decision Making



Co-manager



Co-manager

## Strengths



- ✓ Crop diversification
- ✓ Use of peasant seeds
- ✓ Complementarity with Jihad's parents' farm (located right next door)

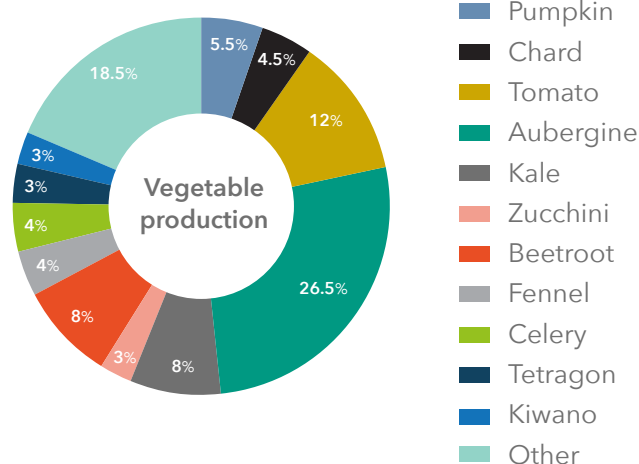
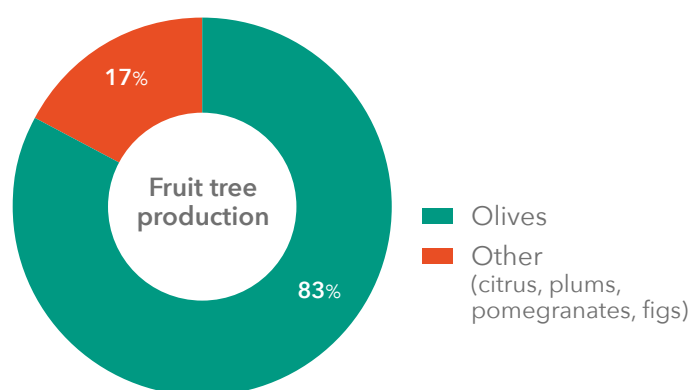
## Constraints



- ✗ Geographic isolation
- ✗ Drought and climate change

## Production and Marketing

### Plant production in 2021



**Total production quantity**  
~ 300 kg of fruits\* ~ 1780 kg of vegetables

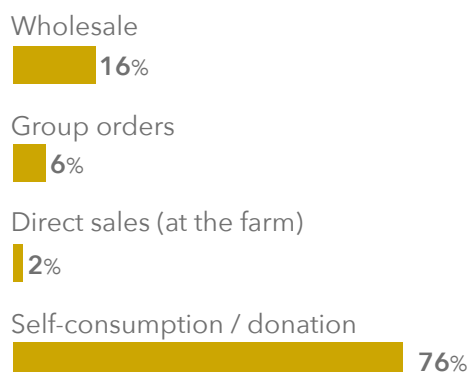


**Quantity sold**  
~ 525 kg of vegetables\*\*

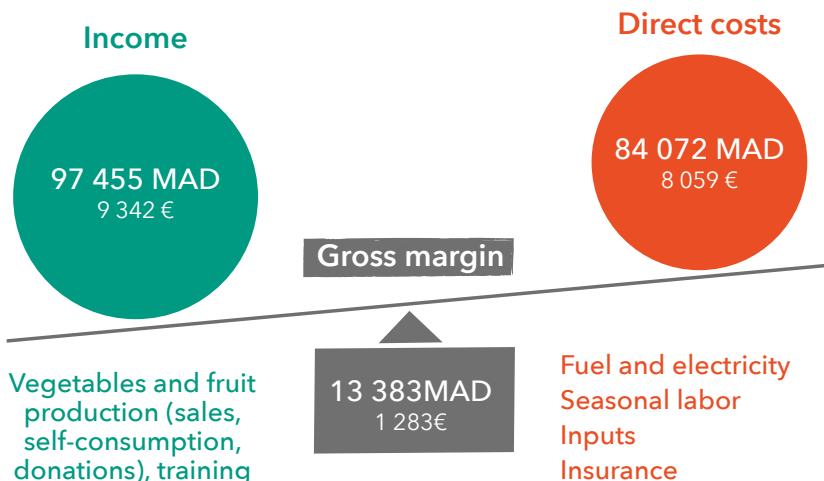
\*A heavy hailstorm damaged the olive trees, reducing the usual harvest by 80%

\*\*Reduction in vegetable sales caused by COVID-19

### Marketing of plant production in 2021



### Profit and loss account



# Agricultural Practices

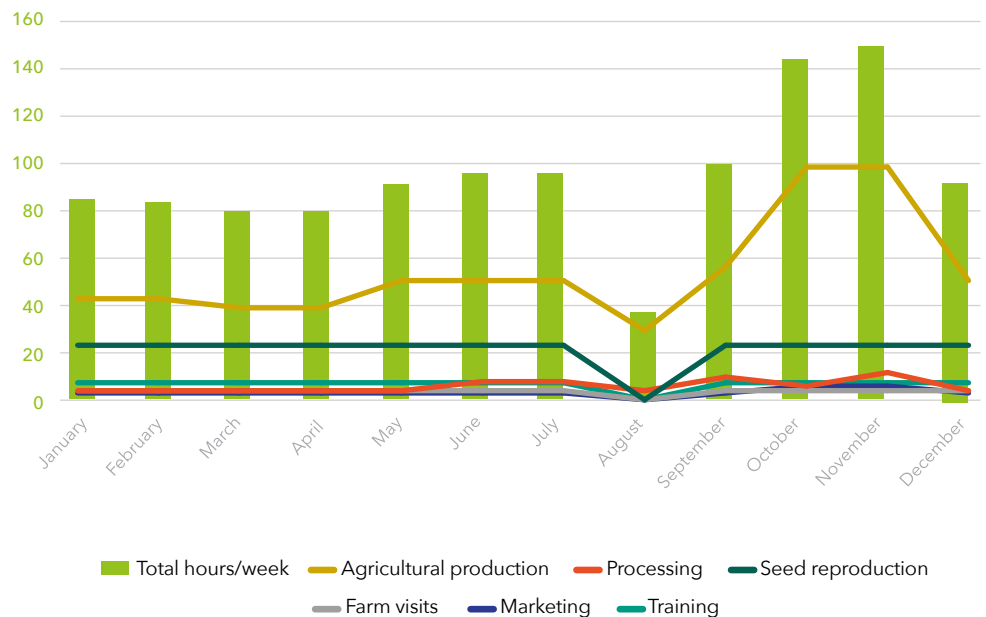
- Agroforestry (fruit trees intercropped with vegetables)
- No tillage
- Mulching
- Mixed cropping
- Crop rotations
- Planting green manures
- Breeding and reproduction of peasant seeds
- Optimized water management
- Self-production of tools

## Organization of Work



- The couple works full-time without a salary
- 1 worker paid monthly
- 5-6 seasonal workers paid daily

Average number of hours accumulated per week



## Relationships and Networks



### Territorial anchoring

Active in local agroecological and associative networks, regularly hosting farm visitors.



### Commercial relations

Strong customer connections through direct sales, but challenges in selling the entire production.



**Collaborative work:** Knowledge-sharing with farmers via social networks and training, participating in solidarity work on friends' farms, sharing peasant seeds, tool-sharing with another farm.

## Future Plans



- Pursue the agroecological project and develop the breeding and sharing of peasant seeds
- Join the Rabat farmers' market
- Establish an educational farm on a new 2 ha plot, located at 300 m from Facyla