

PRODUCER PROFILES

Abedalmuti Hadareyeh (Abu Kamal) Al Rameh village

A founding member of Al-Rameh Palestine Fair Trade cooperative, a farmer since childhood, and a father of seven wonderful children, Abu Kamal is the representative of his cooperative in the Palestine Fair Trade Association. One of the most organized cooperatives in the PFTA, Al-Rameh's farmers elect their representative to the Palestine Fair Trade Association general assembly by consensus. They take the principles of fair trade very seriously because they understand that it is one of the ways that has helped them sustain their lives in a way that does not compromise their values or their traditional agricultural practices.

Abu Kamal is known for his reputation as a problem solver and a great mediator. Farmers in his village always come to him for advice in challenging situations and often choose him as their representative not only in the PFTA but also in other social occasions that require their representation. A diligent worker, Abu Kamal maintains 70 dunums of olive groves while working in the city as a government employee (1 dunum = 1000m²)

When asked how he juggles all his activities as a farmer and an active community organizer and co-op representative, Abu Kamal says, "My passion is my main drive. I see the results of what we do and I get more motivated. When we work together, in the process of collective bargaining to establish olive oil price for example, we get to determine a good price and we feel rewarded as farmers. And our mutual commitment with a fair trade buyer makes me feel really at ease. I feel proud and excited to be able to stay in my land and offer it to my children for their future."

When asked about his upcoming trip to the United Kingdom, Abu Kamal says, "I am so excited to meet all the people who through their conscientious purchase have enjoyed my olive oil and helped maintain our agricultural heritage."



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THE FACTS

Al-Rameh, part of the Palestine Fair Trade Association

Location: Near Jenin

Established: 2004

members: 1700

