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Research Output Management through Open Access Institutional Repositories in Palestinian Higher Education

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Project Summary

The scientific research and associated development in Palestine has gained a considerable attention in the past few years. However, the access to the research output has been severely limited due to the primitive current practice of research output management and the inabilities in publishing and access research works in PS HEIs, in addition to the financial restrictions. Therefore, providing access to volumes of national research has become a national priority in recent years. This is indispensable in order to raise the profile of research conducted in the PS HEIs and integrate it into the international knowledge pool. The ROMOR Project aims over the course of three years to build capacity on research output management in four leading PS HEIs by establishing Open Access Institutional Repositories. The training which is required to establish these repositories, and then their implementation, population and management will be the core of the Project. Learning outcomes from these activities will also be shared and disseminated in a variety of ways, including the establishment of mechanisms to assist proactively other institutions in setting up and managing repositories. This Project aims to improve not only the visibility and the management of scientific research, but also to support the advocacy in support of open access to research outputs and to foster scholarly communication and coordination between PS HEIs. The Project comprises 4 PS HEIs (IUG, BZU, QOU, and KAD) and 4 EU HEIs (TUWIEN, PARMA, BU, and GLA). IUG is the main applicant and the coordinator of the Project. All other Project partners will participate in managing the Project through managing the activities they are responsible for, while IUG will be the main assistant partner to facilitate all activities of the Project. The partners will be involved in the early training, and in the early installation of pilot repositories and also in ongoing work to investigate repository population and management.

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