**Suggested Project for Tempus program**

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| **Seeking grant holder** & to **develop the proposal jointly** | YesNo |

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| **Proposed Project Name** | **Capacity Building Programme for Medical Staff at the Ministry of Health and Supporting Postgraduate Medical Education in Gaza Strip** |
| **Importance of the project** | The importance, uniqueness and complexity of health situation in Gaza strip increase the demand for urgent appropriate interventions in this field, The chronic everlasting emergency situations, the long siege, plurality, scarcity of resources, drain of funding, lack of strategic direction and leadership were the drivers which directed CSCED at IUG for launching out “MoH strategic plan project" which is still implemented in the deanship, and as practical steps for translating its goals of building capacities for medical staff of MoH and supporting Postgraduate Medical Education in Gaza Strip for more qualified health services, and due to lack of development plans, more newly graduated doctors, less highly trained doctors and finally the necessity for creating strong health concerned electronic training centres, the idea of this project arisen.  This project will promote the targeted groups abilities to use the best and the modern techniques used in medicine through conducting training courses in areas like not limited to Gen. Surgery, Gen. Medicine,OBS. And Gyn,Paediatrics, Ophthalmology, Anaesthesia and I.C.U and Orthopedics by local or international expertise, or through distant learning to eventually maintain the well being of the people of Palestine who deserve the best quality of health care.  Supporting already existing training program at the Palestinian Medical Board, is the second major milestone of this project, and to encourage and assist MoH staff and post graduate doctors to develop their learning/teaching technology skills, this project will be strongly concerned to establish Electronic Learning health concerned Center using Distant Leaning methods. |
| **Type of the project** | Joint ProjectStructural Measures |
| **Type of Partnership** | National ProjectMulti-Country project |
| **Suggested local partners** | 1. Birzeit University - Ramallah 2. Palestine Polytechnic University – Hebron 3. Al Quds University |
| **Project Theme** | Curricular ReformGovernance Reform  Higher Education and Society |
| **The problem** | * The Palestinian Health institutions as all other walks of life in the Palestinian occupied territories were affected significantly under the Israeli occupation and aggression especially during the last 10 years. * At present, Palestine is physically divided into two geographical areas: the west Bank and the Gaza strip where 3.5 million Palestinian live in completely isolated geographical zones under a lot of pressure and hardship. * The lack of freedom of movement between the two main geographical zones make the job of doctors harder and the demands for creating many training centers rather than one or two strong centers a necessity and challenge. * Health and educational institutions and the health care system in Palestine suffered a lot, but maintained its integrity and provided heroic services to the people of Palestine in spite of the shortage in every aspect from equipment and technology to trained staff. * There was no development, less highly trained doctors, and more newly graduated doctors. * The unbalanced number of graduates from foreign schools of medicine seems to be adjusted to the personal demand by potential students and their families rather than national planning to cater for the needs of society, the market, or the medical profession. (No actual analysis or official accurate data of the number of trained/untrained physicians has been put in place) * The health system is facing a huge task of training and upgrading about 1000 new Palestinian doctors graduated within the last 10 years. These young, enthusiastic, intelligent doctors come back to Palestine with a basic degree in medicine but with minimal clinical training. Attempts to get the best of them into full scholarships for post grad training abroad were successful on a small scale only. * Since its establishment, and due to budget limitations, MoH has been carrying out only minor training courses concentrating on computer and some medical subjects. There have been plans and activities that could not find their way to implementation because of barriers and obstacles; mainly due to financial constraints. So, one of the major current concerns at the Ministry of Health is building the capacity of its staff in the managerial as well as in medical issues. |
| **Specific Objectives** | 1. Improve the health services provided for Gaza strip citizens. 2. Improve the human resource of doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics and other health professional's capital. 3. Building MoH staff and post newly graduated doctors capacities in areas like not limited to Gen. Surgery, Gen. Medicine,OBS. And Gyn,Paediatrics, Ophthalmology, Anaesthesia and I.C.U and Orthopedics . 4. Connecting the Palestinian Doctors and health professional providers, with international experts in medical aspects for stronger practical experience and Exchange of experiences. 5. Improve the managerial skills of administrative positions. 6. Provide MoH staff and concerned health professional providers with necessary infrastructure for e-learning through the establishment of e-learning laboratory 7. Capacity building of the targeted members in the field of information technology |