

Table 2: The international role in health research (HR) in Palestine

Sector	Description of the role	Enhancing factors
<p>Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports some HR, clearly, their role does not reach the required level - No remarkable role and their HR minimally address our needs - Unclear role and performed according to their agendas - They fund some scientific events and selective HR with limit involvement depending on their agendas - Do not know sufficiently about their role, but generally based on initiatives and remains inadequate - Do not know well but I think they fund HR based on need - A valued role but focuses only on finance assistance - Plays a positive role but insufficient in supporting advanced HR such as radiation exposure, oncology, etc - Plays an important role but in unsystematic approach - Their role depends on their agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed national HR vision and agenda is a priority to gear this role - Their role is crucial to help institutions in HR utilization and benefiting from their experience - Regular prioritization exercise is crucial - Technical and financial support together are needed - An optimal use of resources should be adopted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Essential role and indispensable sponsor - The national HR relies on donors due to no state budget and body 	
<p>Academia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The majority of actors implement relief projects rather than HR - Their fund is decreasing, health is not a priority instead of the security sector and projects-based - Their role seeks to fulfill their agenda, should not be relied on - Funding their own agenda and HR is not their priority - A fundamental role but influences HR priorities - It is not that efficient and sustainable, the role is far from our interests <p>Their fund is a main source but the role is questionable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They play a key role but insufficient - Conditioned fund according to their goals - It is supportive concerning the technical assistance - Funding HR that are related to their projects and serves their ideologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urge to promote the role of the influential role and guiding duty - Establish a long-term funding with solid commitment based on national HR developmental strategy - A reform HR strategy to improve its operations - Collective national involvement is a demand includes international players in HR planning and implementation relying on national health needs - A national health institute or council could be the PNIPH, to be a body to manage the international efforts - A strategic dialogue is required to find a common point gaping the donor agenda and the national priorities - A need for fund diversification not relying on one source and maximizing the national funding through companies, banks, diaspora Palestinian communities, and associations. Etc. - Urge the donor's fund to be invested in capacity building programs and resources provision - Partnerships with internal and international players

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is emergency and relief-oriented - Relies on donor goals with lack of attention to HR does not meet our needs - It is selective and based on projects meeting their priorities - Supports HR but according to their ideologies 	
NGOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I do not think that it is important where their goals are political - Political and does not consistent with the Palestinian population needs - Mentioning their role makes me nervous where Palestine is out of their priorities - It is a prominent role - Actually, do not know but there are some research projects supported externally - An important role but imposes their agenda where HR is not in their scope - Has its own agendas - Most of the donors work on relief and emergencies and support HR to evaluate their programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote their role in getting a state political independence - Using it in empowering our human resources - Founding a national supervisory committee to guide this fund appropriately - This fund needs to be linked with a clear strategic vision reflects the society needs and - Government leaders should build a collective body and national HR network and need to settle HR and to be guided by other abroad successful experiences - A solid agreed HR vision which must not be changed by all kinds of funding while this funding should serve this vision - Donors duty is to monitor and evaluate the fund but not to impose agendas - Palestinian institutions and donors should focus on needs not on finding and irrelevant agendas - Institutional HR units across local and donors need to be Established.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Provides the government technical and financial support related to the health system and research- It has a major role mainly in humanitarian crises- It neglects establishing HR body without attention from MOH- I do not think that it has a major role in HR where the huge fund goes to the MOH operations- It is the second source works on agendas and directed for relief projects not purely for HR- Finances HR according to its agenda- It is limited and does not meet the scientific research needs	
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