| Title | ICT Bridging Gap Academic Program |
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| Summary | The ICT industry in Gaza is the object of many hopes. With the gap between graduates' education and employment, ICT could also become a source of much disappointment. To work with graduates of ICT in Gaza is to contemplate that gap. This project seeks to bridge that gap and move to solutions.<br><br>By considering ICT as a labor market, Gaza's local debate is reframed as a skills gap. Gaza's conditions are unique, but its skills gap is not. ICT skills gaps are common in developing and developed technology industries, and the labor market perspective brings regional and global experience into sight. As its skills base is strengthened, Gaza's ICT industry can look for growth to overcome its second gap, the shortfall in opportunities. |
| Project Objectives | The main objective is to improve the skills of ICT graduates to keep up with the local and international labor market needs.<br>The sub objectives are:<br><ul><li>establish the 9-Month Professional Diploma for ICT graduates</li><li>offer students a world-class technology training in over 20 different specializations</li><li>employment creation</li></ul> |
| Proposed Key Actions: | <ul><li>The University of Palestine proposed the program as a full-fledged scholarship for selected Palestinian University students in Gaza within three calendar years of their graduation after passing a rigorous set of assessments and personal interviews.</li><li>The program expected to train and qualify over 1,000 ICT professionals those could be supplemented the Palestinian ICT sector professional workforce.</li><li>Due to its high quality standards, the program will be accredited by several local and international universities.</li></ul> |
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