

## 618176-EPP-1-2020-1-JO-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP

### Project Information

Reference Number	618176-EPP-1-2020-1-JO-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP
Application Title	Family Medicine Diploma Program
Application Acronym	FMDP
Action Code	CBHE-JP
Project Start Date	15-janv.-2021
Project End Date	14-janv.-2024
Duration (months)	36
Grant Requested	782.772,00
EUD Consultation	YES

### Coordinator

Name of Organisation	HASHEMITE UNIVERSITY
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Country	Jordan
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### International Dimension

Regional Focus	Intra-Regional
Involved Regions	R3
Application Country	JO
Partner Countries	JO (3)
Programme Countries	UK (1), NL (1), BE (1)

### Project Characteristics, Aims and Objectives

Project Type	National project
Specific Activity	Curriculum development
Subject/Thematic Area	Welfare
CBHE Actions	Improve the level of competences and skills in HEIs by developing new and innovative education programmes
	Improve the quality of higher education and enhance its relevance for the labour market and society
CBHE Aims and Objectives	Contribute to the cooperation between the EU and the eligible Partner Countries (and amongst the eligible Partner Countries)
	Support eligible Partner Countries to address the challenges facing their higher education institutions and systems, including those of quality, relevance, equity of access, planning, delivery, management, governance

## Project Summary

Jordanian medical schools graduate close to 2000 students annually. This number far exceeds the approximately 400 available residency training positions. On average, medical students have two weeks of training in outpatient primary healthcare settings during their entire medical school. The majority of their training takes place in an inpatient setting or in specialty clinics. Due to the lack of residency positions, the vast majority of the graduates directly begin working as General Practitioners (GPs) in an outpatient setting. A large portion of these GPs find jobs within the ministry of health (MOH) and often work in rural areas without nearby mentors available. The resulting impact is a drastic discrepancy of care between those clinics with residency-trained physicians and those staffed by GPs.

The main goal of our Family Medicine Diploma Program is to increase overall health in Jordan by providing an increased of well-trained physicians while also decreasing healthcare costs by decreasing costly referrals and unneeded tests. GPs will be given valuable on-the-job experience in an outpatient setting under the supervision of a board-certified Family Medicine physician. GPs will receive enough training to confidently and accurately develop a broad differential diagnosis, decide upon a specific diagnosis, and properly treat the disease. Heavy emphasis will be on critical thinking and communication skills. This will increase the quality of care the patients receive leading to better health in the entire community. Furthermore, since the physicians will be more confident in their clinical judgment, they will refer less patients to specialists. They will refer less patients to specialists. They will also order less unnecessary tests and procedures. All of these outcomes will decrease overall health costs and decrease disease burden.

## Project Partnership

Role	Region	Participant Organisation Name	Country
Contractor	R3	HASHEMITE UNIVERSITY	JO
Partner	R3	JORDAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	JO
Partner	R3	UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN	JO
Partner	EU	KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN	BE
Partner	EU	QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON	UK
Partner	EU	STICHTING KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT	NL