

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

Sector	Description of the role	Enhancing factors
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supports some HR, clearly, their role does not reach the required level</li> <li>- No remarkable role and their HR minimally address our needs</li> <li>- Unclear role and performed according to their agendas</li> <li>- They fund some scientific events and selective HR with limit involvement depending on their agendas</li> <li>- Do not know sufficiently about their role, but generally based on initiatives and remains inadequate</li> <li>- Do not know well but I think they fund HR based on need</li> <li>- A valued role but focuses only on finance assistance</li> <li>- Plays a positive role but insufficient in supporting advanced HR such as radiation exposure, oncology, etc</li> <li>- Plays an important role but in unsystematic approach</li> <li>- Their role depends on their agenda</li> <li>- Essential role and indispensable sponsor</li> <li>- The national HR relies on donors due to no state budget and body</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agreed national HR vision and agenda is a priority to gear this role</li> <li>- Their role is crucial to help institutions in HR utilization and benefiting from their experience</li> <li>- Regular prioritization exercise is crucial</li> <li>- Technical and financial support together are needed</li> <li>- Optimal use of resources should be adopted</li> </ul>
Academia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The majority of actors implement relief projects rather than HR</li> <li>- Their fund is decreasing, health is not a priority instead of the security sector and projects-based</li> <li>- Their role seeks to fulfill their agenda, should not be relied on</li> <li>- Funding their own agenda and HR is not their priority</li> <li>- A fundamental role but influences HR priorities</li> <li>- It is not that efficient and sustainable, the role is far from our interests</li> <li>- Their fund is the main source but the role is questionable</li> <li>- They play a key role but insufficient</li> <li>- Conditioned fund according to their goals</li> <li>- It is supportive concerning the technical assistance</li> <li>- Funding HR that are related to their projects and serves their ideologies</li> <li>- It is emergency and relief-oriented</li> <li>- Relies on donor goals with a lack of attention to HR does not meet our needs</li> <li>- It is selective and based on projects meeting their priorities</li> <li>- Supports HR but according to their ideologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Urge to promote the role of the influential role and guiding duty</li> <li>- Establish long-term funding with solid commitment based on national HR developmental strategy</li> <li>- A reform HR strategy to improve its operations</li> <li>- Collective national involvement is a demand includes international players in HR planning and implementation relying on national health needs</li> <li>- A national health institute or council could be the PNIPH, to be a body to manage the international efforts</li> <li>- A strategic dialogue is required to find a common point gaping the donor agenda and the national priorities</li> <li>- A need for fund diversification not relying on one source and maximizing the national funding through companies, banks, diaspora Palestinian communities, and associations. Etc.</li> <li>- Urge the donor's fund to be invested in capacity building programs and resources provision</li> <li>- Partnerships with internal and international players</li> </ul>
NGOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I do not think that it is important where their goals are political</li> <li>- Political and does not consistent with the Palestinian population needs</li> <li>- Mentioning their role makes me nervous where Palestine is out of their priorities</li> <li>- It is a prominent role</li> <li>- Actually, do not know but there are some research projects supported externally</li> <li>- An important role but imposes their agenda where HR is not in their scope</li> <li>- Has its own agendas</li> <li>- Most of the donors work on relief and emergencies and support HR to evaluate their programmes</li> <li>- Provides the government technical and financial support related to the health system and research</li> <li>- It has a major role mainly in humanitarian crises</li> <li>- It neglects to establish HR body without attention from MOH</li> <li>- I do not think that it has a major role in HR where the huge fund goes to the MOH operations</li> <li>- It is the second source works on agendas and directed for relief projects not purely for HR</li> <li>- Finances HR according to its agenda</li> <li>- It is limited and does not meet the scientific research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote their role in getting a state political independence</li> <li>- Using it in empowering our human resources</li> <li>- Founding a national supervisory committee to guide this fund appropriately</li> <li>- This fund needs to be linked with a clear strategic vision reflects the society needs and</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- A solid agreed HR vision which must not be changed by all kinds of funding while this funding should serve this vision</li> <li>- Donors duty is to monitor and evaluate the fund but not to impose agendas</li> <li>- Palestinian institutions and donors should focus on needs not on finding and irrelevant agendas</li> <li>- Institutional HR units across local and donors need to be established.</li> </ul>