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### 1. Project Overview

SAHA project qualifies health workers in healthcare management in Libya. This is done through opening up academic programs at five Libyan universities. They are University of Tripoli (UOT), Misurata University (MU), Sebha University (SeU), Sirte University (SU), University of Zawia (ZU), and Libyan International Medical University (LIMU). Each of these universities along with the four European partners (Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED), University of PAVIA – Italy, University of Granada (UGR) – Spain, and University of West Bohemia – Czech Republic) have been taking solid steps to increase the capabilities of universities to establish a solid health management system. For example, the President of the University, the Vice-president for Scientific Affairs, the Director of the Administration and Training for Graduate Studies, the Director of International Cooperation Office, and the Project Coordinator at the University of Zawia held a meeting on Monday 13/06/2022 to discuss and start the procedures for writing to the Ministry regarding obtaining permission to establish the master degree in the health care program. They began setting a date for the field visit to the quality assurance team which will observe the accreditation of the program. The meeting concluded that the start of the program will hopefully be by the end of September 2022.

University of Granada celebrated SAHA International Training Week on May 2022 in the Faculty of Health Sciences of University of Granada. UGR is an Academic Partner of the project which assist Libyan partners to improve the professional knowledge and skills for a better health management system. Libyan universities are working on several WPs of the project. The UoT has been working of the dissemination outcomes of WP7 and developing curricula under WP2. Sirte University have already created a study plan for master of health management. This plan is designed and transferred to the general coordinator of SAHA project. The teams of SAHA project at Libyan Universities have attended the second training program that held in Pavia University from 19th Sept to 23ed Sept 2022. Sirte University is working to implement the Master of Health Management. The program is due to commence in Spring term 2023.

One of the aims of SAHA project is to reinforce the reliability of data and statistics in Libya. The availability of data and statistics for Libyan universities is crucial for offering data to doctors and hospital managers. The overall goal of SAHA project is establish a healthcare management system that meets the international standards of modernization, the quality of provision of services and needs of the society.



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The Faculties of Economics, Medicine and Technological Medicine at ZU will be contributing to the program. At UGR, the Nursing Department, Medicine Department, Physics Department and Department of Semitic Studies will also be contributing to the establishing of SAHA program at Libyan universities. Faculties that will benefit of the implementation of the master program at SU are Medical Faculty, Health Science Faculty, dental Faculty and Economy Faculty. At UoT, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Economics, and Department of Management will be contributing to the project.

## 2. What's new?

University of Zawia has recently working on conducting SAHA Workshop with health institutions under the title 'Mechanism of joint cooperation between University of Zawia and health institutions in the Municipality of Zawia'.

University of Granada Academic Partner is participating on the next SAHA Project Meeting in Pilsen to further discuss the development of the project at Libyan universities. SAHA Project is a new point of view of Healthcare Management in different contexts. Our collaboration leads the Work Package 4 about Training so we organize the teaching program for SAHA within all partners teaching needs and interests on Healthcare Management.

University of Tripoli, along with other Libyan partner universities, participated in Pavia staff training conducted on 19/9/2022.

Sirte University has begun implementation of Master program of Health Management in Economic Faculty.

University of Tripoli will hold an orientation day to familiarize students' unions with the program and announce the start day.

## 3. What has been done?

ZU conducted a number of sessions to raise awareness of the importance of involving health institutions in the creation the data center. It also helped academics, medical and postgraduate students in doing their researches and transfer their knowledge in topic of healthcare management. There were chances where ZU offered recommendation and advice to the Libyan health policy makers in reconstruction of the health sector in Libya.

UGR prepared a proposal of lecturers to participate in the next SAHA training week.

UOT finished the healthcare management master curriculum under WP2. It delivered the report on actual examples in managing health in crisis contexts and the relevant stakeholder under WP3.

Pavia and Granada Libyan Staff trainings under WP4 have been achieved. The UoT, under WP6, participated in the quality and evaluation of the project. It updated and published SAHA news and events in all universities in SAHA website. UoT concluded agreement with CDC ,1ry



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healthcare administration in the MoH and Alkhalil private hospital for providing health data.

SU developed the curriculum, agreed upon the key modules among the partners of SAHA project, designed study plan, and prepared to apply the master program.

Dissemination team from most other partners were nominated:

SU: Dr. Muammar Makhoulf

MU: Dr Mohamed Abugharsa

ZU: Mrs Kaothar Abuokraa

SeU: Dr Hatim Amhimmed

UOT: Dr Najwa Fituri

LIMU: Dr Salma Bukhatwa

#### 4. Activities:

- SAHA Workshop with health institutions on Tuesday, 14/06/2022 at ICO (ZU).
- On Monday 13/6/2022; the meeting took place with the President of the University, the Vice-president for Scientific Affairs, the Director of the Administration and Training for Graduate Studies, the Director of International Cooperation Office, and the Project Coordinator (ZU).
- Workshop on the side-lines of the activities of the Seventh Conference for Medical Sciences, on 02/10/2022 (ZU).
- Meeting in Pavia (Italy), Meeting in Granada (Spain) and Meeting in Pilsen (via online for UGR Academic Team) (UGR).
- Several meetings preparing the healthcare management curriculum (UoT). Pavia and Granada first training that was held on 16-21 May 2022 (UoT). Pavia last training that was held on 19-24 September 2022 (UoT).
- Two online meetings were held between General Coordinator Dr. Antonio Moroni and SU Team (UoT).
- Attendance of training program at Pavia University that held from 8th May to 14th May 2022 (SU).
- Attendance of training program at Grenada University during the period from 16th May to 21st May 2022 (SU).
- A meeting was held in 17th of August 2022 between SU coordinator and SU members who are assigned to teach the modules of the Master of Health Management (SU).
- Attendance of training program at Pavia University which arranged from 19th to 23rd Sept 2022 (SU).
- A meeting was held in 27th of Sept 2022 between SU members who participated in the master program with the coordinator of SU in which members of Sirte University had shown the results of the training program to the coordinator of Sirte University.

#### 5. Contribution of SAHA project to Libyan partners

- Upgrading healthcare management (ZU).
- Creating new master degree program (ZU).



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- Opening a jointed program between HE and health institutions as required by society (ZU).
- Providing accurate information about cross sectional health data (ZU).
- Offering training to staff at UoT.
- Providing some equipment needed at UoT.
- Raise the level of performance of the health sector in the Libyan (SU).
- Developing the administrative skills of medical and paramedical staff, who are often responsible for leading health institutions (SU).
- Preparing administrative leaders and improving performance (SU).

## 6. Upcoming events/activities

- Preparing all documents required by Libyan accreditation centre to open the department of MSc in HCM at faculty of economics (ZU).
- Organizing the scientific program of the next SAHA training week and supporting the online courses about Healthcare Management (ZU).
- Working on curriculum accreditation (UoT).
- Announcing the start of master teaching (UoT).
- Implementing the Master of Health Management during next semester (SU).
- Evaluating the master program through the feedback gathered from the implementation phase that will be conducted at the end of the semester (SU).
- SAHA Project partners meeting to discuss the obstacles facing the program (SU).

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