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Building on the previous project with APPEAR, the project continues to deepen an alternative vision for development. It integrates and builds on the developmental experiences and popular strategies of various segments of the Palestinian population in their different locations, in order to bridge the divide between academic knowledge producers and community-based knowledge.

The objectives of the project are as follows:

1. To work out the Palestinian development agenda »Rooting Development« by establishing a community of critical knowledge producers,
2. To train new fieldworkers from Palestinian communities in Jordan and Lebanon,
3. To establish an advanced training programme at Birzeit University, and
4. To build an academic network for a young generation of researchers and fieldworkers from the Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Lebanon and Austria.

The project is based on a cooperation with the NGOs Community Development Committee in Jordan and Mousawat in Lebanon.

The project activities are in line with the institutional aim of building alternative knowledge and practices of development that move beyond Eurocentric models. They also derive from the particularities of the Palestinian people as a result of the fragmentation and territorial displacement resulting from decades of Israeli rule. This work enables the participating institutions to lay a foundation for translating critical alternative praxes of development into tangible material and research outputs that can be used to produce a critical pedagogy, too.

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