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ACTIVATING THE ROLE OF RESEARCH STATIONS OF DESERT RESEARCH CENTER IN DEVELOPMENT OF DESERT COMMUNITIES

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ABSTRACT

The current research aimed to investigating the current situation of the research stations of Desert Research Center and possibility of achieving its roles in the development of the Desert communities, identifying barriers facing and badly affect its role from the viewpoint of its employees, in addition to identifying the current and expected role of these stations from the viewpoints of the surrounded farmers.

Thirty six research stations' employees represent about 32.7% of the total number of employees were selected from the studied research stations. In addition to twenty surrounded farmer were selected belonging to each station with a total number of 80.

The research depends on the description approach to achieve its objectives. Frequencies, percentages, average, and weighted average were used for result presentation and analysis.

The main results were

- 1- Lack of efforts for employees' trainings that could affect their role in developing the desert communities they working in.
- 2- There are several barriers faced the studied research stations and the employees suggests several points to overcome these barriers.
- 3- More than two thirds of respondents (67.5%) were located in low and medium level of the role, that represent the low role of the studied research stations in the development of desert communities
- 4- There are several activities and services were expected by the surrounded farmers that could activate the stations' developmental roles.

At the end, based on the research findings, four recommendations were formulated to activation the research stations' role s in serving and development of desert communities.

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