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A secular, responsible and challenging media is a vital pillar of good governance.

Ma'an Network is disrupting lazy patterns of journalism that take received wisdom as fact, and reflect the establishments that so often fund them. It is disrupting the ivory towers of those responsible for the safety and wellbeing of Palestinian citizens, amplifying and expanding forums for citizen's complaints, and placing the most marginalised on the radar.

During the reporting period, Ma'an Network produced TV and radio reports, features, magazine-programmes, talks shows, and much more, which tackled issues ranging from the facilities in nursery schools to contaminated foodstuffs. Ma'an News Agency reporting, the leading online news source in the oPt, produced features, investigative reports and opinion articles highlighting the responsibility of those in authority to citizens, including issues of domestic violence, crime, and public hygiene. Ma'an programming is demonstrating to a new generation of Palestinian journalists the skills and value of investigative and participatory reporting.

Ma'an has developed a research hub on media and governance trends. Continual impact assessment by this in-house research unit has strengthened the Palestinian media's ability to respond to citizen's expectations and needs, and has been a useful tool for the Palestinian governance sector as a whole.

Ma'an Network GTF Annual Report 2011 is available online at:
http://www.maannet.org/EnglishSite/Empowering_Transparency_through_Effective_Secular_Media.html