To Preserve and Protect Eritrea’s Printed Heritage: Building the National Digital Library of Eritrea

**Website**:

**UNIPV structure involved:** Department of Political and Social Sciences

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**Project Duration:** 4 years

**Start Date** December 2018: **End Date**: December 2022

**Coordinator:** University of Pavia, Italy

**Partner countries involved:** Eritrea

**Partners:** [Research and Documentation Centre of Asmara,](http://www.eritreanarchives.org/main.html) [Hiob Ludolf Centre for Ethiopian Studies of the University of Hamburg](https://www.aai.uni-hamburg.de/en/ethiostudies.html)

**Budget:** 300.000 euro

**Description**

The project’s overall objective consists in fostering and improve the quality of Digital Cultural Heritage Initiatives (DCHI) in Eritrea. This objective will be attained through 1) offering training, mentoring, guidance, arise awareness and prepare a Draft of the National Archive and Library Policy of Eritrea; 2) provide state of the art equipment for the Digital Cultural Heritage Initiatives (DCHI) in Eritrea. The acquisition of these skills and the use of this equipment will be tested; 3) through the implementation of a pathbreaking preservation project: the creation of the National Digital Library of Eritrea. In parallel to this last action (5), ten small digital libraries will be created and distributed to a selected group of disadvantaged educational institutions and local staff will be trained in their use.

The final aim consists in improving RDC’s capacity to perform its role as a provider of innovative cultural and educative services to civil society.