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# EDU-SYRIA- Scholarships for Syrians and Disadvantaged Jordanians

EDU-SYRIA I: ENI/2015/368-804, EDU-SYRIA II: TF-MADAD/2017/T04.29

## 1. Context

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EDU-SYRIA is a framework to help Syrian refugees in Jordan and disadvantaged Jordanians from refugee host communities to get access to higher education through a set of scholarship programs.

EDU-SYRIA supports the "Generation of Hope" strategy, which aims to provide those affected by the conflict with the chance to shape a more stable and secure future.

The project consists of two phases: EDU-SYRIA I and EDU-SYRIA II which gives Syrian refugee students the opportunity to pursue an academic or professional educational degree. Furthermore, the project provides scholarships to disadvantaged Jordanians from refugee host communities through a program named 'EDU-JORDAN'.

Both projects are managed by the German Jordanian University (GJU) under the name of GJU President Prof. Manar Fayyad, project director and Dr.Dhiah el Diehn Abou-Tair, project manager.

EDU-SYRIA provides Syrian refugees with advanced training and education which will contribute to the future rebuilding of Syria. The European Union provided EDU-SYRIA with an initial fund of 4 Million Euros for the first phase and the EU Regional Trust Fund 'Madad' provided another 11 Million for the second phase.

## 2. Objectives and achievements

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The overall objective is to provide higher education for Syrian refugee students affected by the crisis and who are currently living in Jordan, and for disadvantaged Jordanian students from the host communities.

- EDU-SYRIA I target is to provide 390 scholarships as follows:
  - Bachelor degree program
    - 200 Syrian students at Zarqa University. Currently, 216 students have been enrolled
  - BTEC level 5 Higher National Diploma program
    - 60 Syrian students and 20 Jordanian students at Al Quds College. Currently, 58 Syrian and 23 Jordanians students have been enrolled
  - Master studies program
    - 90 Jordanian students at Yarmouk University. Currently, 99 students have been enrolled
    - 10 Syrian and 10 Jordanian students at the German Jordanian University. Currently, 13 Syrian and 9 Jordanian students have been enrolled
- EDU-SYRIA II target will provide 1000 scholarships as follows:
  - Bachelor degree program
    - 400 Syrian students at Zarqa University. Currently, 434 students have been enrolled

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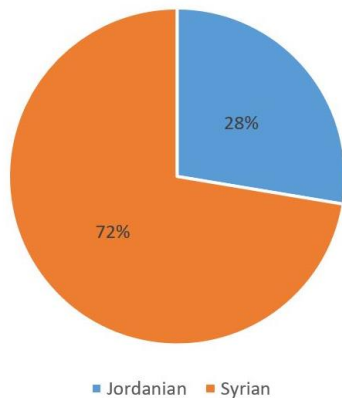
- BTEC level 5 Higher National Diploma program
  - 300 Syrian students and 100 Jordanian students at Al Quds College. Currently, 277 Syrian students and 113 Jordanian students have been enrolled
- Master studies program
  - 150 Jordanian students at Jordan University of Science and Technology. Currently, 106 Jordanian students have been enrolled
  - 50 Jordanian students at German Jordanian University. Currently, 31 Jordanian students have been enrolled

#### 4. Facts and Figures

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- EDU-SYRIA has now 45 graduates
- The percentage of female to male students in EDU-SYRIA is shown in Figure 1

Percentage of Syrians to Jordanians



Percentage of Female to Male

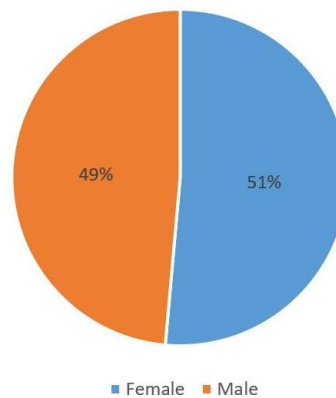


Figure 1 Depicts the percentage of Syrian to Jordanian students, and males to females in EDU-SYRIA

#### 5. Story

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“After four years of working with several aid organizations, I was granted the EU-funded Edu-Syria scholarship to continue my studies in journalism and media at Zarqa University. This grant revived my heart, my ambition and thus my dream was awake again. The light of science is unlimited happiness. It is life’s best friend and will not give up on you whatever happens.”  
Said Alaa Ali Al Qasim, 26 years old, Journalism and Media program.