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EDU-SYRIA
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A Scholarship Programme for Syrian Refugees and Vulnerable Jordanians

AT A GLANCE

- EDU-SYRIA is a framework to help Syrian refugees in Jordan and vulnerable Jordanians from the refugees host communities to get access to higher education through a set of scholarship programmes. The programme supports the "No Lost Generation" strategy, which aims to provide those affected by the conflict with the chance to shape a more stable and secure future.
- EDU-SYRIA is implemented by the German Jordanian University (GJU), in partnership with four educational institutes: Zarqa University (ZU), Luminus Technical University College (LTUC), Yarmouk University (YU) and Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST).
- The European Union funded EDU-SYRIA with **17.6** Million Euro in total. Initially, European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) funded EDU-SYRIA programme with **4** Million Euro, then EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis 'Madad Fund' additionally provided **11** Million Euro, and recently topped up the fund with **2.6** Million Euro.
- EDU-SYRIA started in **2015**, and will continue until **2022**.
- EDU-SYRIA received more than ten thousand applications from Syrian refugees seeking higher education opportunities out of which **1200** scholarships were granted.
- EDU-SYRIA is expecting a joint effort toward providing a perspective to its graduates.

CORE OBJECTIVES

1. EDU-SYRIA main objective is to provide **1590** scholarships in higher education and vocational training to Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians from host communities.
2. EDU-SYRIA aims at empowering Syrian refugee students by equipping them with the required knowledge skills to access the labour market.



EU HRVP Ms. Federica Mogherini in a panel discussion with EDU-SYRIA students in a graduation ceremony © EDU-SYRIA

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

1. EDU-SYRIA has enrolled **1497** students in various academic degree programmes with **52%** females and **48%** males.
2. EDU-SYRIA has enrolled **739** Syrian refugee students in Bachelor Degree programmes, **487** students in Higher National Diploma programmes, and **271** students in various Master Degree programmes.
3. The programme has graduated **479** students.

LESSONS LEARNT

1. Syrian refugees' students were forced to work while pursuing their studies, due to the limited stipend provided by the programme, which negatively influenced their academic performance
2. The English language proficiency of refugee students is moderate, which affected their academic progress. In addition, they were unable to easily secure admissions to the Master Degree programmes.
3. Marriage and pregnancy among Syrian refugee students are very common. Those cases need special consideration.

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