



CONFERENCE

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"HOPES GIVE HOPE"

The story of hope brought about by the HOPES project

AT A GLANCE

- **HOPES** (Higher and Further Education Opportunities and Perspectives for Syrians) is a €12 million project, funded by the European Union's Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian Crisis, the 'Madad Fund'.
- **Objective and target group:** Providing better access to quality further and higher education opportunities for refugees of post-secondary-age from Syria as well as young people in the host communities affected by the high influx of refugees.
- **Location:** Egypt, Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.
- **Implementing partners:** German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) together with the British Council, Campus France and Nuffic
- **Duration:** April 2016 - November 2019

CORE OBJECTIVES

- 1. Academic Counselling:** Education Desks located in the five target countries offer academic counselling and information about tertiary education opportunities.
- 2. Scholarship Fund:** HOPES provides several hundred full academic scholarships to candidates for short vocational training, two-year Diploma, Bachelor and Master Degrees.
- 3. Higher Education English Access:** Programme Students benefit from university-based English and study skills courses to improve their English, increasing their ability to apply for scholarships and access other educational opportunities.
- 4. Call for Proposals:** Funding for innovative short-term education projects targeting refugees and vulnerable host communities across KRI, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey and implemented by local and regional educational institutions.
- 5. Stakeholder Dialogue:** Through national stakeholder dialogues and regional policy conferences, HOPES facilitates the development of joint strategies and the coordination of interventions in the higher and further education sector related to the Syrian crisis in the region.

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- To date, 620 full scholarships to Syrian and host community students
- 186 students graduated
- 24,821 info seekers counselled
- 190 study opportunities promoted
- 6,287 HEEAP courses
- 142 IELTS courses
- 255 English teachers trained
- 18 Operational Alliance Agreements with higher education institutions
- 32 projects funded by HOPES out of which 13 projects are completed
- 2 regional conferences
- 15 national stakeholder dialogues
- More than 198,278 persons reached through campaigns and communication activities
- 219,885 page views on website
- 532,714 total reach on Facebook
- 222,773 impressions on Twitter
- 20,603 views on Youtube

LESSONS LEARNT

1. Work in emergencies requires a high degree of flexibility
2. Coordination with other stakeholders is necessary
3. The "target groups" must be actively involved in the project activities
4. Local participation and ownership have to be developed
5. The needs and concerns of the host communities have to be taken into consideration
6. Higher education is not an end in itself; opportunities for the time after graduation have to be provided

FURTHER INFO

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