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RESCUE, REFUGEES EDUCATION SUPPORT IN MENA COUNTRIES

Supporting Refugees, IDPs and vulnerable communities' academic inclusion

AT A GLANCE

- UNIMED, an association of 118 universities coming from 23 Mediterranean countries active, from 1991, in the field of internationalization
- RESCUE (Refugees Education Support in MENA Countries) is a project supporting higher education institutions in reacting to the refugee crisis for their inclusion in the society
- The project is funded under Erasmus+, KA2 – Capacity-Building in the Field of Higher Education and it is focused on Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq

CORE OBJECTIVES

1. Support partner country universities in creating ad hoc units (the Refugee Student Operational Support Unit – R-SOS)
2. Ease tensions between local community and refugees/IDPs/vulnerable groups, by supporting inclusiveness of disadvantaged people
3. Reduce fragmentation and duplication of initiative by enhance coordination and national and regional level

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- 8 R-SOS units opened and daily working in Lebanon (3), Jordan (3), Iraq (2)
- More than 150 hours of capacity building training delivered for the benefit of MENA university staff
- 4 study visits performed by MENA university staff in Germany, Italy, Spain and Turkey
- More than 20 crash courses delivered by trained R-SOS staff for the benefit of refugees/IDPs/vulnerable groups in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq
- Set up of cooperation agreements with relevant stakeholders (e.g. UNHCR) for R-SOS exploitation and sustainability
- Informative sessions performed in refugee camps: Domiz 1, Azraq and Zaatari, and deprived areas

LESSONS LEARNT

1. Always take into consideration hosting communities needs
2. Increase coordination among stakeholders for avoiding duplication and fragmentation
3. Strong coordination with local partners and regular field visits are crucial for a constantly updated state of the art
4. Enhance cooperation with scholarship providers for a review of scholarship criteria
5. Tailored approach is needed for each country and, if the case, for each university institution
6. Cooperation with international and local NGOs is crucial for project activities success

FURTHER INFO

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