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Project Factsheet

Access to Higher Education for Syrian refugees and internally displaced people to prepare for post-conflict reconstruction of Syria and integration in local communities
- Phase 2 -

OBJECTIVES

- Provide services allowing both Syrian youth (inside Syria and in the neighbouring countries) and disadvantaged youth from local communities (in Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq) to continue their education for better future socio-economic perspectives.

BUDGET

EUR 18.5 million

START DATE

15/08/2016

DURATION

53 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Provide access to scholarships for Bachelor programmes for disadvantaged youth from Syrian and local communities in Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey, as well as inside Syria.
- Provide access to scholarships for vocational education for Syrian refugees and disadvantaged youth in local communities in Lebanon.
- Provide access to scholarships for Syrian refugees and disadvantaged youth affected by displacement in Iraq.
- Coordinate outreach and dissemination activities.

BENEFICIARIES

2,484

Iraqi, Lebanese,
Syrian and
Turkish students

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

spark
ignites ambition

PROJECT LOCATIONS



IMPACT



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My name is Hewa Ahmed, from Qamishli, Syria. I'm 21 years old and I'm currently studying in my first year at Bayan University.

I did my final school year in 2014/2015 and finished my exams around June. I didn't wait for the results and left immediately. First, I went to Kirkuk where I worked for few months, then I came to Erbil and stayed here.

I currently live in a camp called Qoshtapa. It's around 50 kilometres away from the university, which is at the centre of Erbil.

When I first came here, I immediately applied to the university. I applied for a SPARK scholarship and other scholarships as well.

I started university in 2017/2018, after I was granted the scholarship. I study information technology and I am specialising in programming.

I like working with computers and the university offers me this great opportunity.

The SPARK scholarship helps a lot. They follow up on every little issue. It's almost a comprehensive scholarship.

At the moment, I don't have any concrete future plans. I'm trying to pass year by year. Things here change. The situation in Syria and Iraq is changing and we are following it. Every year everything changes. You don't know where you're going. The idea of going back to my family is the only incentive that enables me to go on.



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