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Project Factsheet

Support to Higher Education for Syrian refugees, Iraqi IDPs and vulnerable Iraqi host community youth – Phase 2

OBJECTIVE

Improve livelihood options of Syrian refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs), returnees and vulnerable host youth through higher educational opportunities and increased access to jobs.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Syrian refugees, IDPs, returnees and vulnerable host community youth have better access to higher education in Iraq. Pre-enrolment support is offered to potential students, together with scholarships and student support.
- Syrian and vulnerable host youth in Iraq have better employability prospects. Postgraduate support in finding jobs and creating businesses is offered.
- Local institutions and partners have built their capacities that render them well-suited to ensure that high quality services are delivered even after the conclusion of the project.

BUDGET

EUR 5 million

START DATE

01/04/2020

DURATION

44 months

BENEFICIARIES

451

Syrian refugees,
internally displaced
people & vulnerable
host community
youth

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

spark

PROJECT LOCATIONS



IRAQ

Erbil

Sulaimaniya

Duhok

Mosul

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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