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الصندوق الاستئماني الأوروبي 'مدد'

Project Factsheet

HOPES

Higher and further education opportunities and perspectives for Syrians

OBJECTIVES

- Help young Syrians be part of the rebuilding of their country.
- Give students from Syria and host communities access to further and higher education in neighbouring countries.

BUDGET

EUR 12 million

START DATE

26/04/2016

DURATION

43 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- More Syrian students enrol in higher education programmes.
- Better opportunities for Syrians and host community members to further their education.
- Young Syrians become active partners in the creation of education opportunities.

BENEFICIARIES

Access to
Further and Higher
Education
12,000

Education
Counselling
120,000

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



PROJECT LOCATIONS



IMPACT



“My name is Ghazieh. I’m 29 years old and have been living in Lebanon for the past nine months. I fled Syria because of the current circumstances – the war and the instability – and because I could no longer pursue my studies there. I came to Lebanon because I got engaged and then married here. I moved from the unsafe to the unknown, but I was able to pursue my education and I’m now doing a master’s degree in Arabic literature.

When I first applied for a HOPES scholarship, I didn’t have any certified documents or diplomas on me. Women always face difficulties, but if a woman is determined, nothing can stop her... ever! I was motivated to resume my studies because I wanted to feel a sense of achievement. I knew I couldn’t stop halfway and needed to continue forward on my personal journey.

I get encouragement and support from my husband, my family and my in-laws. My ambition in life is to complete my Master and pursue a PhD, because education is the most powerful of weapons.”

Louay Salman Haji, 29, comes from the small town of Derik in the northern part of Syria.

In 2013, while Louay was in his second year of university studying for a degree in English Language Teaching (ELT), his whole life changed in one single moment. The university was shelled, 35 students were killed and Louay had to leave his home country because of the war.

Louay currently lives in Sulaimania, a city in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region. A friend told him about the HOPES scholarships, which help Syrian refugees to complete their Bachelor and Master programmes.

Louay recently found out he had been accepted onto the HOPES scholarship programme. “That was definitely one of the best pieces of news I’ve heard in the last three years”, he says. “The name itself is a great thing: it’s called HOPES and it gives a lot of hope to me and to a lot of other people like me.”

