

American University of Beirut Refugee Education Programs

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AUB's Response to the Refugee Crisis







Leadership, Equity, and Diversity Initiative





Transformative Education

AUB Scholarship "Plus" Programs

USAID - University Scholarship Program

US Middle East Partnership Initiative - Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program

MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program

Al-Ghurair STEM Scholars Program



"Such opportunities the Center is giving me to practice diplomacy, especially with respect to the sustainable development goals, are preparing me for the time I return to Syria and help in the rebuilding of my country"

– Layan al Dani, MEPI-TL Scholar



Departments of:

Education, Nutrition and Food Sciences, Architecture and Design, Psychology, Environment and Sustainable Development, Computer Sciences, English, Sociology, Mathematics, University Preparatory Program, IT Unit

Tech for Food Program



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Community

- Primary Education for refugee children
- Vocational Skills Training for refugee and host community youth
- University Preparatory Program for refugee and host community youth

[5000 refugee students/year]

PADILEIA/University Bridge Program



Partners

- Kayany Foundation
- Ministry of Social Affairs
- Ministry of Education
- **Concerned Municipalities**
- Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma
- King's College London / SPHEIR
- Reach Out to Asia
- **UN World Food Programme**
- Munich Innovation Accelerator



Ghata/Bringing Education to Refugees in Informal Tented Settlements

Description:

- Increasing Access to Primary and Intermediate Education (originally non-formal, now accredited)
- Psychosocial Support
- Vocational Skills
- Address Key Challenges Preventing Refugee Access to Education
- Portable, Cost-Efficient, Dignified Learning Environment

To date, eight Ghata schools and vocational center campuses have been established. AUB co-manages two of the schools with the local NGO Kayany Foundation.

Number of Direct Beneficiaries	3500 Syrian Refugee Children ages 6-14 2015-2018 Enrollment AUB-Kayany Schools
Location	West Bekaa
AUB Partners	Departments of Education, Nutrition and Food Sciences, Architecture and Design, Psychology, Environment and Sustainable Development
Local Partners	 Kayany Foundation Lebanese Ministries: Education and Higher Education, Social Affairs Relevant Municipalities
International Partners	- Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma







Tech for Food Program: Digital Livelihoods Training

Description:

- Increasing Access to Education Prepared by HE Experts
- Digital Skills Training: Basic and Advanced
- Virtual Digital internship
- English Language
- Preparation for them to engage into a growing global demand for international online job market
- Jumpstarts re-entry to education

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Number of Direct Beneficiaries	1000 Learners 2017 Age Groups 16-35 Vulnerable Syrians and Host Community Members	
Location	Beirut, AUB Mount Lebanon, Aley Bekaa, AUB AREC campus	
AUB Partners	 Department of Computer Sciences University Preparatory Program (English) Department of Information Technology 	
International Partners	 UN World Food Program: Lebanon County Office and Munich Innovation Accelerator 	







Developmental Projects

PADILEIA/University Bridge Program

Description:

- Increasing Refugee Access to Higher Education
- Blended College Readiness Program: English, Critical Thinking, Math, Sciences, Digital Skills, Academic and Employability Skills
- Bespoke MOOCs, Modules, and Online Mentorship

Funding Source	Department for International Development –UK (DFID) / SPHEIR
Number of Direct Beneficiaries	Blended Program: 400 in Lebanon, Jordon MOOCs and Modules: 2000 Learners Vulnerable Syrian and Host Community
	High School Graduates in 4.5 Years
Location	Central Bekaa
AUB Partners	 Departments of English, Sociology, Mathematics, Computer Science Department of IT: E-Learning Team
International Partners	 King's College London (UK) Future Learn (UK) Kiron Open Higher Education (Germany) Al al-Bayt University (Jordan)



