American University of Beirut
Refugee Education Programs

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AUB’s Response to the Refugee Crisis

On-campus Scholarship Programs

Off-campus Educational Programs
On-Campus Scholarship "Plus" Programs
Include Syrian Refugees

Leadership, Equity, and Diversity Initiative
A VISIONARY APPROACH FOR STUDENT SUCCESS
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

- 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]

Community

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  
| 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

| 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

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)