

**SPARK** develops higher education and entrepreneurship to empower young, ambitious people to lead their conflict affected societies into prosperity.

# Activities: **scholarships**

- **2,100** Syrian & host community youth
- **18-24 +** years
- **Gender** balance (50+% women)
- **Syria, Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq (KR-I)**  
**[Jordan and OPT]**
- Provides full **BA** and **TVET** scholarships
- Scholarships offered in **selected fields** that lead to employment or reconstruction

# Activities: **engagement**

- **Syrian Student Representatives Committees** mobilise students into the organisation & feedback
- **Leadership and Entrepreneurship/** economic empowerment



# Activities: **obstacles**

- Lack of **finance**
- Lack of official **documentation**
- **Language** barrier studying in Turkey and KR-I
- **Elephant** in the room: day after graduation

# Why did you decide to get enrolled at the university/faculty?

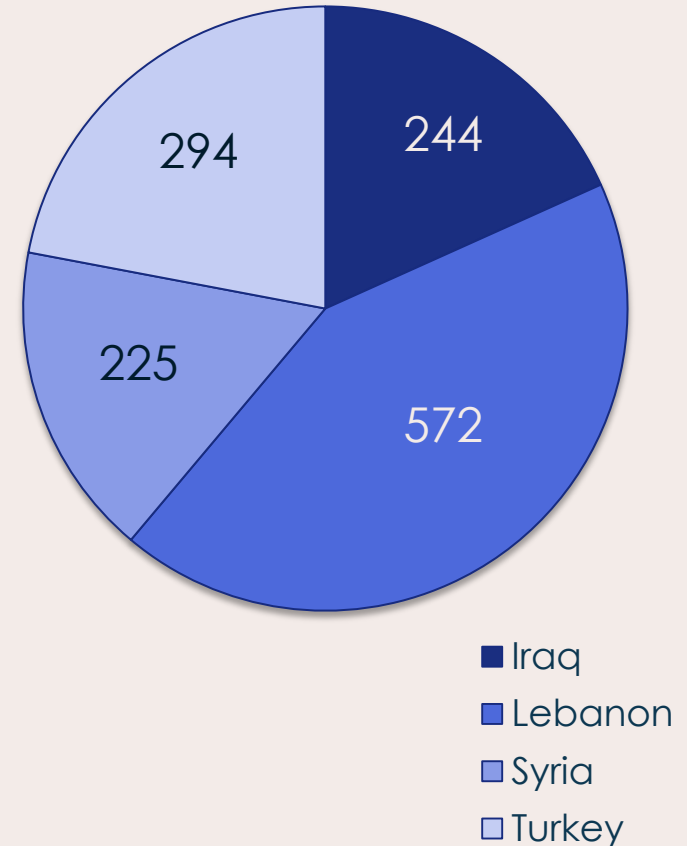
Reason	# Entries	%
To specialize in a major that interest me	189	28.9%
My family wanted me to be enrolled at a university/ faculty	5	0.8%
All my friends are enrolled in a university/ faculty	0	0
To increase my chances to obtain a job	117	27.1%
I enjoy learning and studying	110	16.8%
I do not want to work currently	0	0
I want to obtain an academic degree	149	22.8%
My teachers advised me to get enrolled at university/ faculty	2	0.3%
No other available opportunities to usefully spend my time	3	0.5%
Other	19	2.9%

# Result 2017

## Three main results:

- Enrolment targets 2016/2017 fully met
- Important partnership Education Above All (EAA) and support NL MFA
- Strong online enrolment and student administration data control
- Model ready to scale and move to leadership workforce mobilisation stage & reconstruction planning

# Students Currently Enrolled



# Number of students 2018

Country	Total number of students
Syria	1900
Lebanon	1801
Turkey	3170
Jordan	510
KRG	250
OPT	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7681</b>

# Lessons Learned (so far)

- Student Services, leadership and entrepreneurship & language training to reduce dropout & increase relevance
- Advance thinking needed: Jobs
  - A. Pilot Jordan: 500 Traineeships JCI [SME Programme]
  - B. Pilot Turkey: Start-Ups with Generali
  - C. Extension Services Agricultural HVE School Syria



# 3-Step Dream 2018-2020

- Step 1: Scale to **7.000+** scholarships in **2018** in partnership with MADAD/ EEA/ NL MFA
- Step 2: Capacitate local CSOs, universities and authorities to gradually take on provision;
- Step 3: Organise all scholarship students into a Syria reconstruction workforce and facilitate them in the return and reconstruction process.

# Thank you

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