HOPES (Higher and Further Education Opportunities and Perspectives for Syrians) is a €12 million project, funded by the European Union’s Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian Crisis, the ‘Madad Fund’. (EUTF Syria & Region)

OBJECTIVES: Providing better access to quality further and higher education opportunities for refugees of post-secondary-age from Syria as well as young people in the host communities affected by the high influx of refugees.

LOCATION: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

DURATION: April 2016 – November 2019

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS: German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the British Council, Campus France and Nuffic.

The HOPES Project, appropriately named, provided the students who found their dreams scattered among the ruins of the war, a new hope to live for and more determination to achieve their ambitions.

As a student in Nursing, the HOPES scholarship provided me with the needed support and encouragement at the hardest times.

Beyond the financial support, it also helped me increase my self-confidence and self-reliance.”

Safa Abdulmajid Lawand

Safa Abdulmajid Lawand completed her studies of Nursing at the Hawler Medical University in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI)

HOPES provides several hundred full academic scholarships to candidates at different levels: short vocational training, two-year Diploma, Bachelor and Master Degrees.

To date, 620 full scholarships have been granted in Egypt, Northern Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. 177 students have successfully graduated.

> Meetings and workshops are regularly being organized with the students to follow up on their needs.

> Most of HOPES students are also involved in different kinds of volunteering work to help other Syrians and the host community.

For more information: Scholarships@hopes-madad.org

BECAUSE HOPES GIVES HOPE

“I have always believed in my self and opportunities yet to come. I would like to express my gratitude to HOPES project for the opportunity to complete my master thesis, which I dream that it could be a light spot to my people during the resurrection from ashes.

HOPES have given me financial assistance, great aid, massive support, big heart, and most important of all: inexhaustible hope.”

Ahmad Shaklab.

Ahmad has completed his Masters degree in Architecture from the Faculty of Engineering at Ain Shams University in Egypt

Scholarship Fund

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Academic Counselling

HOPES education counsellors offer academic counselling and information about access to various tertiary education opportunities at the HOPES Education Desks and through Information sessions at local universities.

> More than 21,735 info seekers have received counselling

> Info seekers can also find information about local, regional and international higher education study programmes on the HOPES website.
4,000 students will benefit from university-based English and study skills courses that give them the language skills they need to complete their university education, apply for scholarships and access other educational opportunities in their host countries.

Courses contain:
- Online entry tests and certificated Aptis tests on exit
- 100 hours of face-to-face training
- Tailored content in specific skills for refugee/vulnerable students
- 40 hours of online self-access study on English for Employability.

For more information, heeap@hopes-madad.org

Call For Proposals

HOPES provides funding for innovative short term education projects targeting refugees and vulnerable host communities across the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and implemented by local and regional education institutions.

- In the first round of the Call for Proposals in 2017, 17 projects were awarded across the target countries: 2 in KRI, 4 in Jordan, 1 in Lebanon and 10 in Turkey.
- During the second round in 2018, 15 new projects were awarded across the target countries: 3 in KRI, 6 in Jordan, 3 in Lebanon and 3 in Turkey.

8,525 direct beneficiaries and 23,610 indirect beneficiaries are expected to benefit from these 32 projects.
For more information: cfp@hopes-madad.org

Stakeholder Dialogue, Network and Communication Campaigns

- Dialogue, Networking & Coordination: Participation in networks and national tertiary education groups and committees on a local, regional and international level

- National Stakeholder Dialogues & Regional Policy conference i.e. Conference on Higher Education and Refugees in the Mediterranean Region” jointly organized with the EU DGEAC in 2017 in Beirut. 15 national stakeholder dialogues were already been implemented in the local countries

- Promotion and Dissemination: Promotional Campaigns and through Media, Website, Social Media and Events, Open Days, students fairs, Information Sessions

For more information, communication@hopes-madad.org

HEEAP Course in Jordan 2018

Progress until January 2019

Partnerships: 18
Teachers Trained: 247
Courses: 6,245
Entry Tests: 8,194
Completed courses and exit tests: 2,587

HOPES Awarding and Graduation Ceremony, December 2018, Beirut, Lebanon

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