



TEX-VET & FASHION SCHOLARSHIPS LEBANON



LOCATION

Beirut, Lebanon



DURATION

15 April 2022 → 15 February 2023



BUDGET

EUR 60,000



PRIORITY AREA

- Access to Higher and Further Education
- Access to the Labour Market

LEAD INSTITUTION



FABRIC AID*

PARTNER

Creative Space
Beirut



OBJECTIVES

- To increase the collaboration between the education sector and the labour market by combining a textile vocational programme and a scholarship partnership
- To enhance the available skilled labour in the market
- To promote the sector as an interesting industry for youth in Lebanon



BENEFICIARIES

- **60 vulnerable youths** between the age of 18 and 35



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ACTIVITIES

- Training of trainers on mentorship, curriculum and method of skill transference,
- Setting up the infrastructure for traineeship opportunities by equipping the school with needed sewing machines, pattern making tables and supplies,
- Comprehensive tailoring and patternmaking training,
- Work-based learning opportunities, traineeship and job placement and referrals,
- Graduation ceremonies
- Launching of a scholarship programme in partnership with Creative Space Beirut
- Provision of 2 scholarships for vulnerable talented youth to partake in the Fashion Scholarship Programme



SARA

33 Years old

"I studied until the third grade of primary school but I am an ambitious woman and I was always eager to learn new things and to work in order not to deprive my children of their education. This training programme allowed me not only to learn sewing and tailoring, a field that I especially like, but to secure a full-time job as a tailor at FabricAID."

MANAL

25 Years old

"I studied until the 11th grade, but had to stop my education due to the war in Syria. Through this training programme, I was able to learn new techniques, improve myself and get the needed experience to work in this field. I am now employed at FabricAID."



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE LEAD INSTITUTION

This project was a first of its kind to be implemented at FabricAID and is considered as an impactful and successful project both on the individual and community level. 54 students graduated with basic tailoring skills which allowed them to seek job opportunities in this field, on a full-time or self-employment basis. Other students have used this course as a foundation to seek higher education and more advanced courses in the field of fashion design. This project has positively impacted and contributed to improving the livelihood of the beneficiaries and their families; especially in the turbulent economy and time of crisis that Lebanon is passing through.

This grant gave our organisation the opportunity to set the foundation for a tailoring school within FabricAID allowing us to upscale our capacity, and to commence the implementation of a two-year project funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project is also a great example of a mutually beneficial collaboration between educational institutes and the private sector. Due to the high need of skilled tailors, it also resulted in bridging the gap between the vulnerable skilled labour and employers in this industry.

It was evident that there is a high interest in joining such projects by the targeted population of vulnerable communities; as they provide them with vocational training and valuable skills that can lead to employment and other life-changing opportunities. We are very happy that several students were able to find full or part-time jobs or became self-employed following the completion of this training. In specific, two of our students are currently employed as full-time tailors at FabricAID, and seeing them every day is one of the best rewarding milestones that we witnessed, and are proud of daily.

This experience was also a welcome escape for many from the hectic and unstable daily life which brought them happiness and purpose by learning new skills in the tailoring field.

It is worth highlighting that this project has been beneficial not only for vulnerable Syrian refugees but also for Lebanese nationals; and resulted in long-term benefits that will support their livelihoods.

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