ONGD FUNDED IN 2013 BY PRESIDENT JORGE SAMPAIO

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR SYRIAN ON THE GROUND SINCE 2014

<550 annual scholarships awarded; 172 students currently under scholarship

<85 students graduated (PhD, MA, BA levels)

<80 students found jobs or pursued higher levels of education

Scholarship programme open up to other students than Syrian and is migrating to the framework of a Rapid Response Mechanism for Higher Education in Emergencies (RRM)
LESSONS LEARNED SO FAR, BEST PRACTICES
Don't reinvent the wheel → o
just redesign it
LEARN WITH OTHERS

USE BEST PRACTICES AVAILABLE

IDENTIFY SPECIFIC PROBLEMS & NEEDS
PROTECTION

HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES

HOLISTIC
Partnerships
ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM

NETWORK OF PARTNERS

EMERGENCY FUND
High Level leadership

Strong Domestic Support

Links to international agenda/framework
“If you build a person, the person will build a community, and the community will rebuild the country”

Khuloud
THE RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES
Rapid Response Mechanism for Higher Education in Emergencies
The crisis

70.8 million forcibly displaced worldwide
The cause

37 ONGOING CONFLICTS
The dream
Only 3% refugees have access to higher education

The reality
The emergency

To do

More  Better  Faster
The RRM – a game changer

More
Better
Faster
The Goal

15% access to HE by 2030
The small but significant shift to 3 per cent enrolment in 2018 means that there are now a total of 87,833 higher education refugee students.

UNHCR, Stepping Up, Refugee Education in crisis, 2019

The goal for 2030 is to achieve enrolment of 15% of college-eligible refugees in tertiary education or connected higher education programmes in host and third countries”

UNHCR, Refugee Education 2030, 2019
INNOVATIVE FINANCING TOOLS ARE NEEDED
The catalyst: The YES! tools
YES! stands for

Y
Youth

E
Education

S
Solidarity
There are 70.8 million refugees across the world. Only 3% have access to higher education. There are 230 million higher education students in the world. 1€/year from each student means 230 million euros annually. Education is emerging. And this fund too. More info at your Students’ Union.
The global COVID-19 crisis

What will the world look like after COVID-19?

What will be the impact of COVID 19 higher education in emergencies?

“We cannot afford new COVID19 lost generations of university graduates” (President Sampaio)

SO BOLD ACTION IS NEEDED NOW
Together we can make it happen