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# EDU-SYRIA

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# Improving livelihood options through a grants programme

Welcome to the Nuffics EDU-SYRIA quarterly newsletter, where we bring to you our latest programme updates.

Nuffic is the Dutch organisation for Internationalisation in education. Our mission is to contribute to the internationalisation of Dutch education and facilitate cooperation and exchange between knowledge and education institutes worldwide.

Our work in the Global Development unit creates opportunities for strong and sustainable partnerships between Dutch and foreign education institutions.

With a track record of over 65 years of successful programme and fund management, we've reached hundreds of thousands worldwide.



## Digitalisation in short

- Digitalisation is woven into Sustainable Development Goals 4 (quality education), 5 (gender equality), 9 (industry, innovation and infrastructure) and 17 (partnerships for the goals);
- More than almost half of the world's population has no access to the internet;
- Approximately one fifth of youth worldwide is not engaged in productive employment, education or training;
- In Jordan, unemployment reached 19.1 per cent with a labour force participation rate of as low as 33.6 per cent by the end of 2019;
- Around 39 per cent of unemployed Jordanians hold a bachelors degree and above, 48.5 per cent hold less than secondary education and only 5.2 per cent hold diplomas.



# EDU-SYRIA

The EDU-SYRIA programme is a series of EU-funded projects through the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis (Madad Fund), and the Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), which are managed by the German Jordanian University. EDU-SYRIA came as a response action to help Syrian refugees and the host communities in Jordan overcome the Syrian crisis consequence through granting Syrian refugees and underprivileged Jordanians access to higher education and the labour market.

In its 3rd phase, the project will help 2245 direct beneficiaries, with a fund of 15 million Euros, raising the total fund of EDU-SYRIA programme to 32.6 million Euro.



# Nuffic's Grant Programme

In EDU-SYRIA's third phase, Nuffic joins the consortium this year, and will be responsible to design and manage calls for proposals for Jordanian stakeholder organizations to submit projects that are tailor made to alleviate bottlenecks; accessing higher education and accessing the labour market.

In June, Nuffic set up a Global Development unit office in Amman, Jordan where our EDU-SYRIA project manager can be reached.

In order to design the call for proposal, Nuffic started by studying and assessing the Jordanian labour market and higher education situation through a series of roundtable discussions. The roundtable discussion sessions were held with students, education institutions, NGOs/iNGOs, donors, and government institutions working in the fields of employment, livelihoods, and higher education in Jordan.

Five stakeholder round table discussions sessions were held during July and August to help assess the current challenges facing Syrian Refugees and underprivileged Jordanians in accessing higher education and the labour market in Jordan. Results and sector analysis will be published in a report by the end of September.

Nuffic is also currently designing the call for proposals which will be launched in mid-October 2020.



## Find out more

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