



UNESCO Qualifications Passport for refugees and vulnerable migrants (UQP)

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Context



WHY the UQP ?



1 in 97 people have been forced to flee their home
Globally, there are **79.5 million** forcibly displaced people
this figure include **26 million** refugees, of which,
only **3%** have access to Higher Education

UNHCR Figures, 2020



One of the main obstacles they face when applying for higher education or seeking employment is a lack of recognition of prior qualifications acquired in their country of origin.



“ UNESCO pledges to strengthen national education systems by providing Member States with expertise and technical guidance for policy design, implementation and planning support for the inclusion of refugees into all levels of national education systems.”

Global Refugee Forum, 2019, Geneva.





WHAT is the UQP ?



As the only United Nations agency with a mandate in higher education, UNESCO has launched the Qualifications Passport project, to support and ensure refugees' access to higher education and labour market.

The project aims to help the most vulnerable populations to regain their personal and professional dignity.



“Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education”



The UQP is standardized document presenting available information about a person's highest educational level or other qualifications, work experience and language proficiency.



HOW
does the UQP work?



UQP procedure :

- Application through self-evaluation questionnaires
- Evaluation by credential evaluators
- Awarding by National Qualifications Authorities
- Guaranteed and safeguarded by UNESCO



State of play



2021 Agenda:

- Full scale pilot – test the UQP methodology at each of UNESCO region
- Pathways : higher education & labour market
- A global digital platform for a digital UQP



Q & A



Thank you !