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My Story, Your Story
"Why Education Matters?"
Who am I?
What I did?
The Right to Livelong Learning

Every child deserves a bright future
Sonbola is a non-profit, apolitical organization born from a belief that quality education is the right of every child, even during uncertain times.

Our aim is to improve the lives of Syrian refugee children and young adults located in different host countries, as well as those displaced inside Syria, by empowering and equipping them with comprehensive and relevant learning skills, which will allow them to shape their own future and the future of their country.
We achieve this by:
1. Reducing the regression of culture and education, and mitigating the impact of violence and child labour triggered by the current situation in Syria through quality-based education.

2. Engaging and empowering Syrian teachers and professionals to improve their teaching and leadership skills.

3. Fostering partnerships and synergies with local and international associates who operate in the field of education.

4. Advocating the message of “From one human to another” to promote community welfare and strengthen the impact of civic values and human right
Our Approach
We adopt a comprehensive and innovative approach to address both; emergency needs, as well as long term and quality-based learning.
Our Programmes
This programme addresses children's weaknesses in academic performance and learning skills, psychosocial needs and citizenship values through a series of quality-based, innovative non-formal education programmes.
This programme works towards supporting formal education of children through launching school transport campaign #TakeMeToSchool, to remove one of the biggest barriers and help enrol more Syrian refugee children in public schools in addition to the awareness campaigns addressed to parents and communities to ensure children are not pressured to dropout from schools.
This programme is designed to empower Syrian teachers through first class training in all subject areas and cross-cutting topics such as interactive learning, modern teaching methodologies and best practices, child protection and class management, psychosocial support, leadership skills, citizenship and peace education.
I. TAMKEEN_ElEMENTARY
A. BLN (Basic Literacy & Numeracy):
Two methodologies are applied to provide quality-education support in the 4 core subjects areas, Arabic, English, Math & Science:

  **Blended Learning (BL)** through technology
  **Interactive Learning (IL)** through student & inquiry-based approach.
1. BLENDED LEARNING

Global Learning & Ashabouna Platforms
2. INTERACTIVE LEARNING
Science

Math
B. SKILLS

1. Science Lab
2. Computer Lab
3. Book Club
4. The Little Citizen Club
C. Psychosocial Support (PSS)

1. Music: Sonbola Choir
2. Art & Craft Studio
3. Theatre Club
4. Summer Camp
II. TAMKEEN_Youth
A. STEM FOR REFUGEES
3 months Pilot Phase
STEM FOR REFUGEES
Launching Event at AUB
B. Arab Code Workshop
D. Girls Got It Workshop
Total number of beneficiaries since Sonbola’s kick off in Fall 2014 is above 4500 children and young adults across all of its programmes and events.
We believe that we can **transform the crisis into an opportunity** by ensuring that **Education** becomes the **pathway for Resilience, Justice, and Hope for better Future**.
Thank you