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Exmo Senhor Carlos Silva, Caro Amigo

Tem com certeza acompanhado a tragédia humanitária na Síria que já fez 4,2 milhões de deslocados, mais de 80.000 mortos e atirou para uma situação precária milhões de crianças e jovens. É sobre os jovens sírios que lhe venho falar.

A grave crise humanitária tem absorvido todos os esforços internacionais não havendo qualquer ajuda de emergência académica significativa destinada aos estudantes sírios. A iniciativa que agora lhe apresento tem por objectivo precisamente contribuir para evitar que haja toda uma geração perdida de universitários, vítimas da guerra, de um sistema de ensino paralisado e da falta de meios disponíveis para continuarem os estudos quer nos países em que encontraram refúgio quer em países de acolhimento.

Por isso decidi lançar uma Plataforma Global de Apoio a Estudantes Sírios, em estreita colaboração com um parceiro americano, o Institute for International Education (IIE), com o objectivo de constituir uma rede de países em que os jovens serão acolhidos e onde possam continuar o seu percurso académico através de bolsas, e subsídios e programas de estudo e apoio que lhes serão facultados. Esta iniciativa conta já com um núcleo de parceiros relevantes – tal como, por exemplo, a Liga dos Países Árabes, o Alto Comissariado para os Refugiados, a União para o Mediterrâneo, o Conselho da Europa, a Fundação do Oriente para além do IIE.

Estou agora a constituir a plataforma nacional de parceiros e por isso estou a escrever-lhe para o convidar a tornar-se membro desta Plataforma. As universidades, politécnicos e escolas superiores do nosso país responderam já muitos favoravelmente a esta iniciativa e, em Portugal, pensamos poder acolher entre 50 a 100 estudantes. Prevemos também que para além de Portugal façam parte desta rede cerca de 15 outros países.

Um pequeno **contributo pessoal** da sua parte – existem várias modalidades descritas em anexo – poderá fazer a diferença. Os fundos angariados para este programa serão geridos pela Fundação do Oriente, tendo sido criada uma conta especial para o efeito. Mas poderá também preferir contribuir através de doações in-kind que também ajudarão a desenvolver este programa. Qualquer destas contribuições será devidamente mencionada nos patrocínios recebidos e do seu uso, contas prestadas.

Para além do seu contributo pessoal e do envolvimento que queira assumir no contexto do projecto – dando o seu tempo, como voluntário, ou participando nas actividades que vão ser organizadas ou até como família de acolhimento de um jovem sírio –, poderá também auxiliar-nos através da divulgação desta iniciativa, no seio das organizações, redes e círculos a que pertença e até no seu local de trabalho. Colabore na recolha de fundos e na angariação de apoios à Plataforma.

Conto consigo, com a sua generosidade e sentido cívico de solidariedade e de cidadania global.

Na expectativa de notícias suas, com gratos cumprimentos,

Jorge Sampaio

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**JOIN OUR COMMITMENT TO ACTION:
EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN STUDENTS**

Why the Global Platform 4 Syrian Students?

Since the 2011 outbreak of hostilities in Syria, 100,000 Syrians have been killed, thousands have been imprisoned and millions have fled their homes to escape violence and repression. There are now more than 1.5 million refugees living in neighbouring countries and more than 4 million people who are internally displaced. In particular, the conflict is having a devastating effect on young people and the education sector. With the break-down of higher education within the country, with many schools and universities closed, and with students outside the country unable to access education, Syria is one of the most acute academic emergencies in the world today.

The **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** aims to help by providing access to education in safe haven countries through the world. It joins other on-going efforts, in particular those led by the Institute of International Education (IIE), a world leader in the international exchange of people and ideas with established programs to help students and scholars under threat worldwide (www.iie.org). Through a network of partners, an academic consortium, and a special emergency fund, the Global Platform aims to provide placement at safe host universities and an education programme of peace-building and reconciliation for 1000 Syrian students in academic year 2013-2014. The idea is that, even before there is peace in Syria, the international community will be protecting and developing the future leaders that Syria will need to re-build once the conflict is over.

What is the Global Platform 4 Syrian Students?

The **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** is a multi-stakeholders initiative launched by former President of Portugal, Jorge Sampaio, with the support of a core-group of partners, namely the UNHCR, the League of Arab States, the Institute of International Education (IIE), the Global Movement of Moderates Foundation etc. It aims at providing emergency scholarships and grants to students whose education has been interrupted by the crisis. This initiative is unique in that it effectively brings together the efforts of the various stakeholders willing and able to back an emergency mechanism to

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support Syrian students: governments, international and regional organizations, donor agencies, universities, foundations, NGOs of different cultural backgrounds and faith-based organizations, the private sector and individuals.

To build on best practices and avoid duplication of effort, the **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** has developed a special partnership with IIE, which has been responding to the Syria crisis through its Scholar Rescue Fund, Emergency Student Fund, and the IIE Syria Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis. The Global Platform 4 Syrian Students will link in particular with the IIE Consortium in order to maximize strengths, create synergies and scale up efforts in order to achieve shared goals.

The Global Platform 4 Syrian Students has three core components:

- A Network of Partners made up of all supporters of the initiative regardless of their size and magnitude of support, shared by the IIE and the Global Platform 4 Syrian Students;
- An Academic Consortium made up of Universities and Higher Education institutions, managed by the IIE;
- An Emergency Student Fund made up of financial and in-kind donations that support the project with two branches, one in the US (managed by the IIE) and the other in Europe (set up by the Global Platform 4 Syrian Students and managed by the Oriente Foundation, an European foundation in Portugal).

The Network of Partners

Developing and maintaining a diverse support base is critical to preserve independence, inclusiveness and credibility of the Global Platform 4 Syrian Students. This is why President Sampaio as the main promoter of the Global Platform is constantly seeking new supporters and donors willing to make a commitment to provide support to the initiative, whether that support is financial or in-kind.

The Global Platform is indebted not only to those donors who have already made pledges and commitments, but also to the many who have already given so much of their time, creativity and in-kind assistance or who are willing to do so in the coming months.

As noted above, the Global Platform is made up of the widest possible range of stakeholders, welcoming participants from the governmental, NGO, and academic communities as well as individuals.

The Academic Consortium

All Universities and Higher Education Institutions that will host students who participate in this programme will be members of IIE Syria Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis. This is a unique Academic Consortium established by IIE, along with several other partners: Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), a US university that

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has committed 50 scholarships for Syrian students; Jusoor, a community organization bringing together diaspora Syrians; and EducationUSA-Syria, a project of the US government that advises Syrians on studying in the US. Participating universities commit to full or partial scholarships for Syrian students to matriculate at their institution for one academic year. With 40 current university members from the US, UK, Hungary, and Mexico, the IIE Syria Consortium has provided scholarships to 70 Syrian students to date; these students are due to arrive on campuses in September 2013 (www.iie.org/syriascholarships). As members of the Consortium, Universities participating in the Global Platform will have the opportunity share their experiences, contribute to international best practices and provide advice about questions of common interest. All Consortium members are also be eligible for special IIE grants that may be used to supplement scholarships provided by their institutions.

The Emergency Student Fund

A core component of our Commitment to Action is to reinforce the Emergency Student Fund for Syria, created by the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide emergency grants to threatened Syrian students and to supplement and make possible scholarships offered by Consortium members.

To facilitate donations, ensure best and effective use of gifts and reduce banking costs of this multi-national project, a specific Fund was set up in Europe by the Global Platform 4 Syrian Students managed by a European Foundation. The European Fund mirrors the US Fund set up by IIE. Therefore donors can choose to make their donations to either of the two Funds.

Through the Network of Partners, Academic Consortium, and this core funding, the Global Platform aims to provide academic placement for 1000 Syrian students in academic year 2013-2014. Emergency Student Funds will be used to supplement scholarships, provide emergency grants, cover administrative costs, and provide for an education program emphasizing peace-building and reconciliation for Syrian students.

What is the purpose of the Global Platform 4 Syrian Students?

The **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** provides, on a limited basis, scholarships and grants for Syrian students at the tertiary level in universities, polytechnic institutions and similar Higher Education Institutions.

The purpose of the **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** is to contribute to the self-reliance of young Syrians, including refugees, by providing them with the possibility of continuing their studies and working towards their professional qualification for future employment. This will be an important investment in the future of Syria, as students

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will be able to return home with an education and contribute to the reconstruction of their home country as soon as the conflict ends.

Furthermore, the **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** will include a common programme on intercultural dialogue and cooperation, peace-building and reconciliation in which all students will participate. This education programme aims at helping these students to become active citizens and act as driving forces for rebuilding an inclusive society in Syria based on trust, dialogue and pluralism.

How does the Global Platform 4 Syrian Students work?

It relies upon a two-layer structure: a Global Coordination Board and National Task Forces at the country level where the programme operates.

The Global Coordination Board is chaired by President Jorge Sampaio. It comprises representatives of a core group of partners, namely the International Institute of Education, the League of Arab States, the Council of Europe and a few representatives of countries, universities and main stake-holders. A full list will be available soon.

The Global Coordination Board advises, monitors and coordinates this programme at global level.

The National Tasks Forces at country level is made up of representatives of the core group of national partners. It monitors, reports, and evaluates the implementation of this project at the country level as well as its coordination. The chair of each National Task Force ensures permanent contact with the Global Coordination Board.

How Can I Join?

You can join the **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** in different and complementary ways. You can choose to commit scholarships, to make a donation and/or to get closely involved in the implementation of the initiative.

If you are...

- **A Government or an official agency or entity,**

You can:

- Support the initiative through a donation
- Become a host country

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- Become an advocate for the programme
- Contribute with your specific expertise and specialized resources

- **An International or Regional Organization,**

You can:

- Support the initiative through a donation
- Become an advocate
- Contribute with your specific expertise and specialized resources

- **An University or a Polytechnic Institute,**

You can:

- Commit to full or partial scholarships for students through the Academic Consortium
- Become an advocate
- Contribute with your expertise and specialized resources

- **A Civil Society Organization,**

You can:

- Support the initiative through a donation
- Contribute with your expertise and specialized resources, in particular to help direct Syrian students to available scholarships
- Become a volunteer and help implement the initiative at country level
- Become an advocate

- **A corporation/the private sector,**

You can:

- Support the initiative through a donation
- Support the initiative through in-kind donations
- Contribute with your expertise and specialized resources
- Become an advocate

- **as a Foundation/Charity/Philanthropy,**

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You can:

- Support the initiative through a donation
- Support the initiative through in-kind donations
- Contribute with your expertise and specialized resources
- Become an advocate or/and a Fund raiser

- **as an individual,**

you can:

- contribute with your name: become an advocate
- contribute with your time: become a volunteer
- contribute with your money: make a donation

Is This Platform Operating in Every Country?

Scholarships and grants are provided only for a limited number of countries that are part of this initiative (list enclosed). **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students'** target is to have up to 1,000 students benefit from the programme in academic year 2013-2014. Because of its financial limitations, competition for scholarships is high and only a portion of the qualified candidates can be admitted to the programme. Therefore, selection criteria have been established which are to be strictly followed.

Scholarships and grants - Who can apply?

In order to be eligible, a candidate should:

- be a Syrian national
- be a refugee with recognised refugee status (if applying for a scholarship in his/her country of settlement) or
- face immediate, severe and targeted threats to his/her life and/or studies in his/her home country or country of residence ;
- have successfully completed secondary schooling to a high standard;
- have no other means of support for university/high education studies;
- select a course of study that is likely to lead to employment in the country of origin;

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- be aged between 17 and 21 years at the beginning of studies (an exemption could be applied to some cases);

What are the preferences and priorities from amongst those who meet the criteria?

The following are paramount:

- gender-balance (we aim at having up to 65% female participants, therefore we particularly encourage young women to apply);
- the student's proven academic performance;
- students who had to interrupt their studies due to the conflict, and who possess proof of previous university or college studies in their country of origin;
- students who choose shorter and inexpensive courses with high chances of employment (such as computer studies, paramedical and teaching professions, etc).

Applicants should be able to clearly express their reasons for having chosen the particular study subject, and relate their choice to expected future employment opportunities upon repatriation.

Applicants are encouraged to seek individual counselling and guidance about their choice of study to IIE.

Can any asylum seekers or returnees apply for a Global Platform 4 Syrian Students' scholarship?

Asylum seekers who have not (yet) been recognised as refugees as well as refugees seeking resettlement in a third country are normally eligible for a **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students'** scholarship, provided they are able to secure travel documents to the country in which they will access the scholarship. In making the final selection in a given country, every effort will be made to achieve a fair distribution of scholarships among Syrian students in Syria; rural/camp-based refugees and urban refugees; as well as among groups of refugees from different ethnic, religious and communal backgrounds, where appropriate.

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How does a candidate apply?

If you meet the above-mentioned criteria, you should complete an application form (Application for Educational Assistance) to be submitted to the Global Coordination Team (GCT).

If you have further questions, please contact us by e-mail. School and university certificates will be verified prior to the selection of candidates. In cases where certificates are not originals, or are older than three years, the candidates may have to undergo a test. Accommodations may be made as needed considering the conflict situation.

Will the candidate be entitled to a scholarship if he meets all the selection criteria?

Due to funding constraints, only a limited number of candidates who meet the selection criteria can be selected. Qualified candidates who are not able to join the **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** programme are encouraged to take initiatives for identifying alternative sponsorships.

What are the selection procedures?

The selection process normally involves several steps from pre-selection to shortlisting and final decision by a Selection Committee within the Global Coordination Team. Candidates might be interviewed by phone by the Selection Committee.

How many students can benefit in a given country?

This depends on each country. Average numbers vary between 10 to 100.

What expenses can the scholarship cover?

The **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** programme might cover the costs mentioned below in full or in part, depending on the specific needs of students and the country operation:

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- **REGISTRATION/TUITION FEES:** The scholarship usually covers the registration and tuition fees. Agreements with universities are aimed at obtaining waivers.

- **SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE:** Students will receive a subsistence allowance. In some countries, the subsistence allowance is paid as a lump sum while in other countries it is divided into several components such as living allowance (food), book allowance, boarding/housing allowance, local travel allowance and personal allowance (this can be pocket money and/or in-kind such as vouchers). Not all of the allowances are automatically applicable to each country but are rather based on local circumstances. The level of allowances should reflect real needs and actual costs of living in the given country, and permit the student to cover his/her basic needs. If a student enters into an attachment during his/her long vacation, adjustments may be made to the subsistence allowance in line with actual needs. Boarding or housing allowance as part of subsistence covers the costs of housing on university campus, or, if the same is not available or prices are prohibitive for the students, a similar boarding outside the campus. In some cases, when students live with their parents, a boarding allowance will not be paid. Local travel allowance covers the daily travel between the university and home, if applicable. Personal allowance should include some pocket money and/or vouchers to be used to buy items such as stationery, clothes, and educational supplies.

- **STUDENTS' ANNUAL ALLOWANCES:** Note that students are not automatically entitled to all allowances as conditions in the various countries differ. In some countries, all or several allowances have been combined into a lump sum payment. Likewise, the needs of individual students within the same country may differ according to subject of study, so that benefits may vary amongst students. Costs for medical insurance or medical treatment are handled by the Global Platform for Syrian Students in accordance with local implementing arrangements and requirements.

Costs for medical treatment are generally reimbursed to the clinic or pharmacy directly and not paid out to the students themselves. In some countries, the annual payments are included and pro-rated in the subsistence allowance. Allowances for fieldwork, research and/or project work can be paid against verified receipts if funds required are reasonable and agreed beforehand.

Can a candidate apply for a partial scholarship?

Yes. A partial sponsorship under the **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** project is possible if the candidate has some other source of funding, for instance, for

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registration and tuition fees. In this case, a selected student would only receive a subsistence allowance. In other cases, students may be able to sustain themselves, but may only need support to pay for registration/tuition fees.

If selected, will the candidate be sponsored automatically for a full academic year ?

Yes. **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** scholarships are provided strictly for one academic year. After one year, the scholarship can be renewed for another year, if a number of circumstances prevail such as the situation of conflict persists, if the student passed the annual examination for promotion to the next academic year and if funds-raised permits. The limited **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** number of scholarships available does not justify sponsoring students with unsatisfactory academic performance, unless for a very good reason.

What are the reasons for discontinuation of a scholarship?

- repeated failure of examinations
- failure to submit study progress reports
- double sponsorship
- cheating at examinations
- gross personal misconduct
- lack of funds (in exceptional financial crisis situations).

Suspicion of fraud, malpractice or seeking unfair advantage will lead to suspension of benefits, pending thorough investigation. Scholarship assistance if extended, should not exceed a maximum of three years in any case. However, institutions participating in the Academic Consortium may decide on their own to continue sponsorship of the student through their entire course of study.

Can a candidate apply for postgraduate studies?

Yes, but postgraduate studies (M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D. and some postgraduate diploma courses) are generally not the main priority of the **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students**

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programme that targets 17-21 years' old students. However, special consideration could be given.

If the candidate meets the criteria, but is not proficient in the language of instruction. What should he/she do?

The candidate should also apply to language courses. In some cases, language training courses may be provided.

Which countries have a current Global Platform 4 Syrian Students programme?

The list of countries/universities that are participating in the **Global Platform 4 Syrian Students** programme in 2013/2014 will be available soon.



EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS FROM SYRIA: COMMITMENT TO ACTION

Introduction

The crisis in Syria has created an academic emergency, with the break-down of higher education within the country and major obstacles facing Syrian students who are studying in or outside of Syria. There is an urgent need to provide emergency assistance to these students to enable them to continue their academic work in safe haven countries until they can return home to help rebuild their country.

The Global Platform 4 Syrian Students is a multi-stakeholders initiative launched by former President of Portugal, Jorge Sampaio, with the support of a core-group of partners, namely the UNHCR, the League of Arab States, the Council of Europe, the Institute of International Education (IIE), the Global Movement of Moderates Foundation (Malaysia), the Oriente Foundation (Portugal) etc. It aims at providing emergency scholarships and grants to students whose education has been interrupted by the crisis.

A core component of our Commitment to Action is to reinforce the Emergency Student Fund, created by the Institute of International Education (IIE), that offers scholarships and grants to assist threatened Syrian students, with a goal of new 1000 scholarships and grants in 2013-2014. The Emergency Student Fund also provides for administration of the Global Platform and for an education programme of peace-building and reconciliation for all Syrian student participants.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT TO SYRIAN STUDENTS: make a commitment

Contact information for your main institutional representative below:

Name:	
Title:	
Institution:	
Country:	
Address	
Email:	

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Financial contributions are always needed, but in-kind donations are also helpful.
The following are particularly useful:

- Plane tickets/vouchers
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 - Entertainment (health center, sport club membership, cinema, theater, museums, music) vouchers
 - Other (specify): _____
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Estimated value of your in kind donation of:

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Specify: _____ euros |

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The Global Platform 4 Syrian Students, in close collaboration with the Institute of International Education (IIE), aims to provide emergency support to students whose education has been interrupted by the crisis. This is a multi-stakeholders initiative open to new partnerships, commitments and pledges-

Join our commitment: A core component of our Commitment to Action is to expand the IIE Syria Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis, a group of universities and colleges around the world who will offer scholarships to assist threatened Syrian students. The IIE Syria Consortium is a partnership among IIT, Jusoor, and Education-USA Syria. By joining these efforts to the Global Platform 4 Syrian Students, we aim to provide 1000 new scholarships for Syrian students for academic year 2013-2014.

To join the consortium, please complete the Commitment to Action form below and submit to aureliamartins@casadoregalo.pt and/or Syriasupport@iie.org. For questions, please e-mail Helena Barroco at hbarroco@netcabo.pt or to Daniela Kaisth at dkaisth@iie.org. Institutions can also join or increase their commitment on IIE's website: www.iie.org/syria scholarships.

Higher Education Consortium for Emergency Support to Syria:

Contact information for your main institutional representative below:

Name:	
Title:	
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Consortium Agreement

Period covered: From _____ Until _____; total number of months/years: _____

My institution will provide scholarship(s) or tuition waivers as follows:

Number of full scholarships/waivers: _____ Estimated total \$/euros value: _____

Number of partial scholarships/waivers: _____ Estimated total \$/euros value: _____

My institution is willing to host (accommodation and/or meals)

Number of students: _____ Estimated total \$/euro value: _____

Accommodation and meals

Accommodation only

Meals only

Other support:

Name/Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

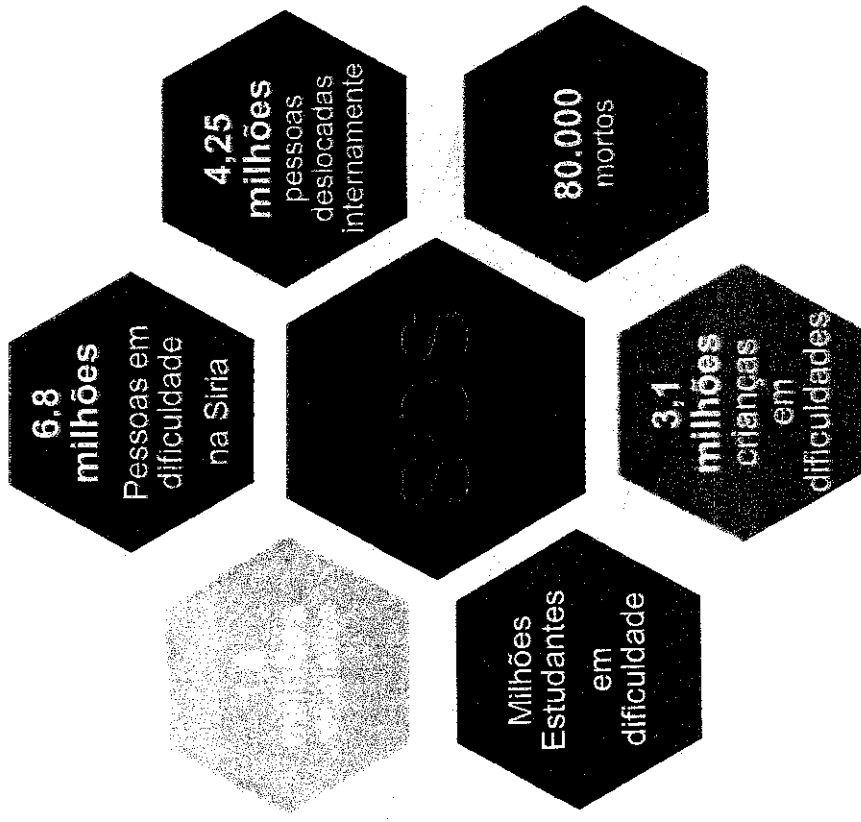


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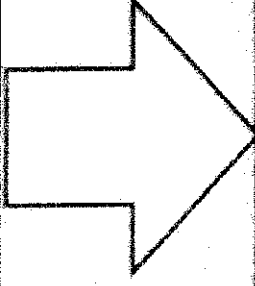
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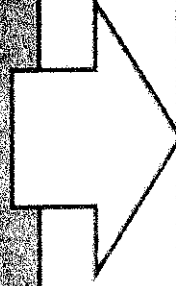
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Global Platform 4 Syrian Students' Initiative



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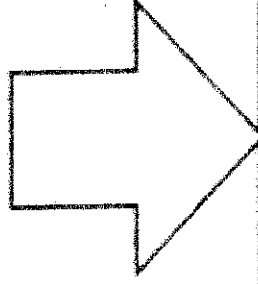
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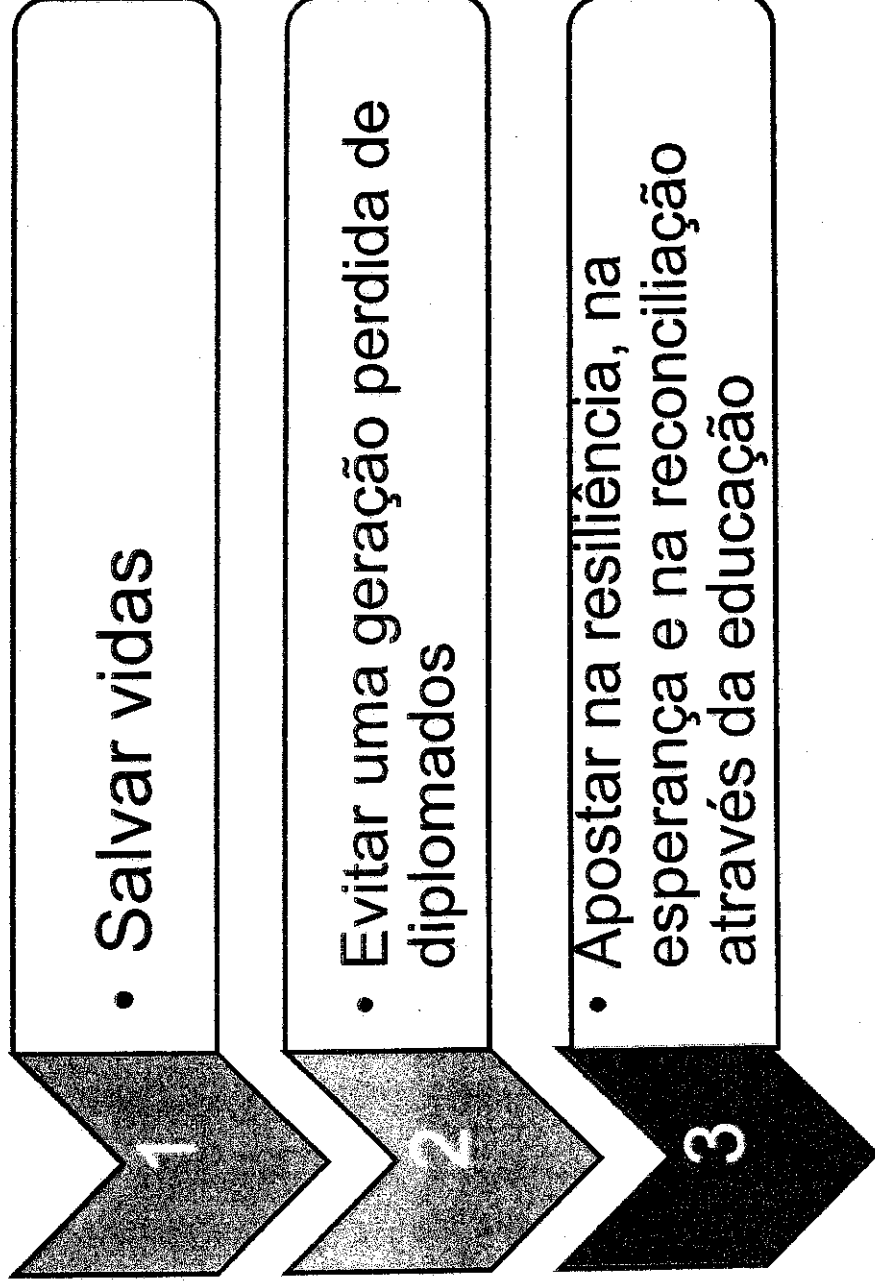
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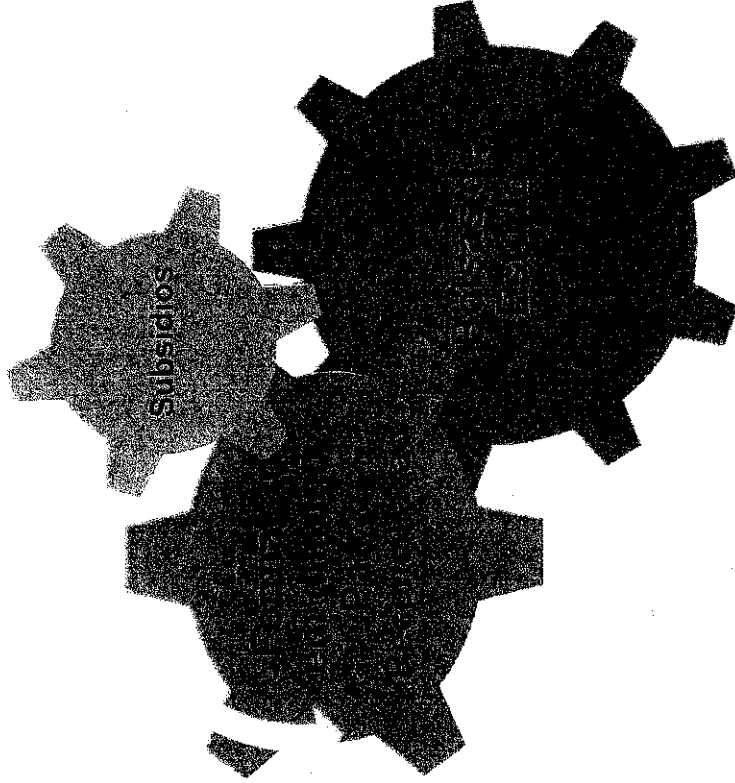
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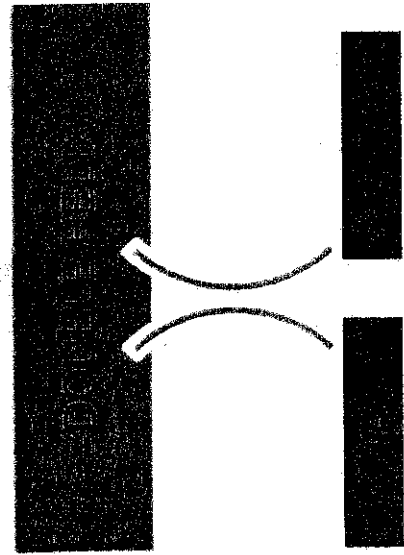
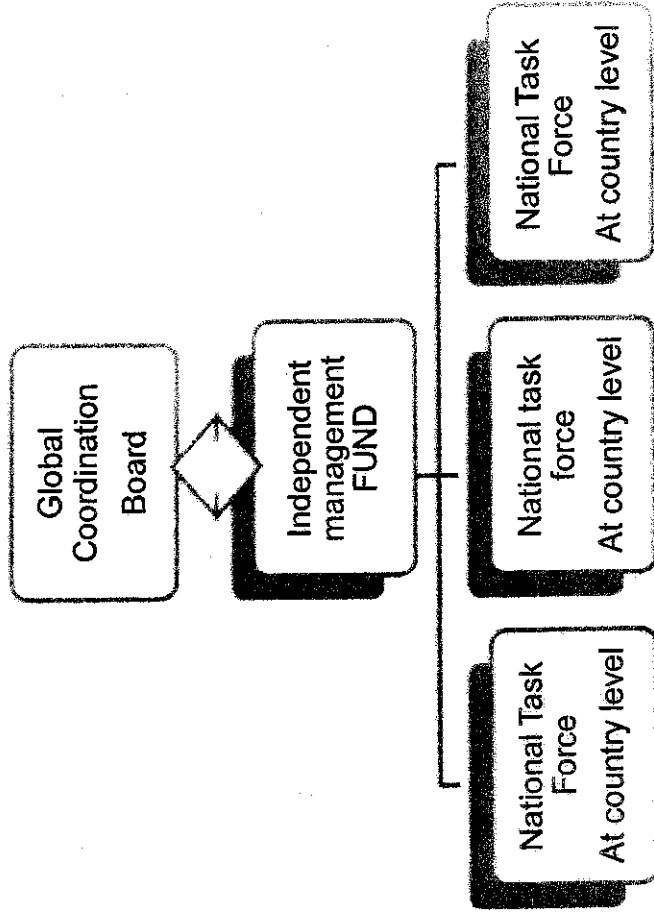
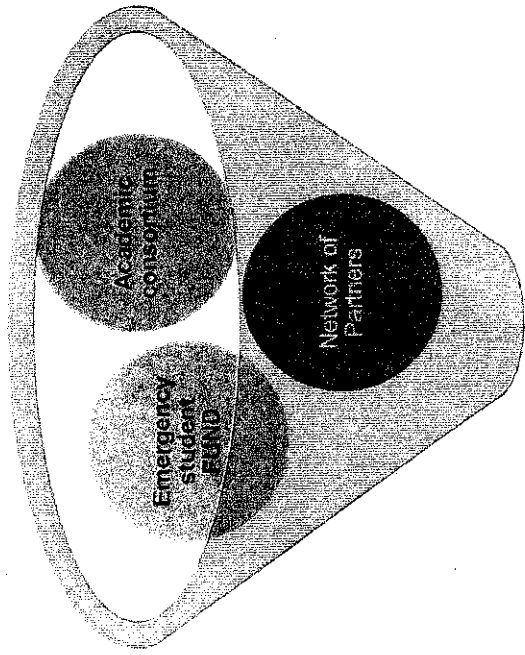
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Até 1000
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1000
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5 milhões
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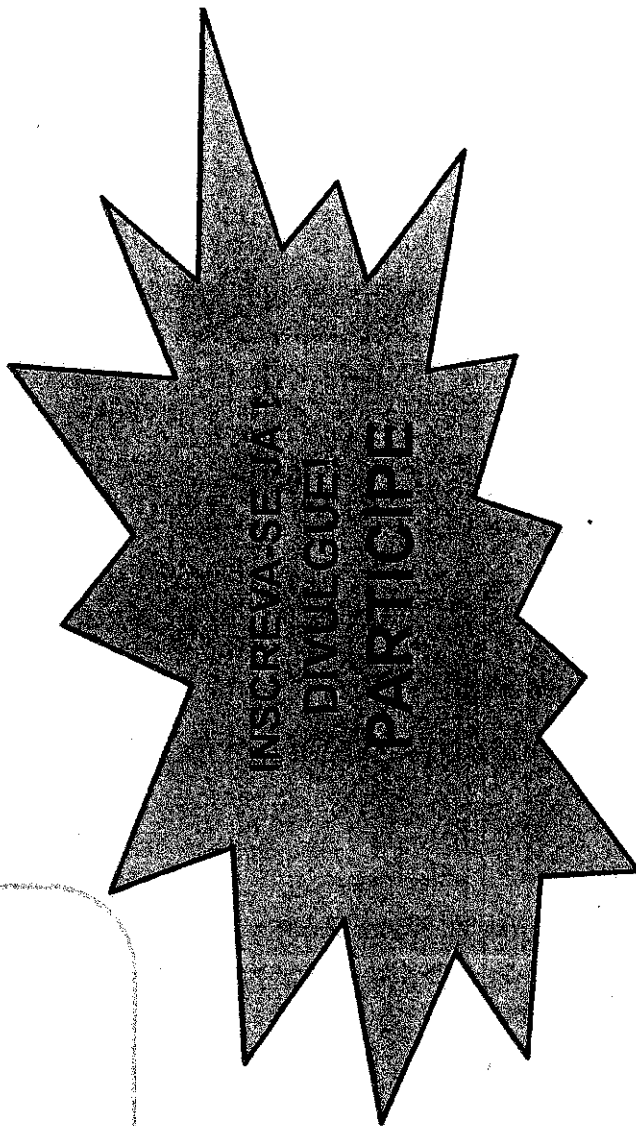
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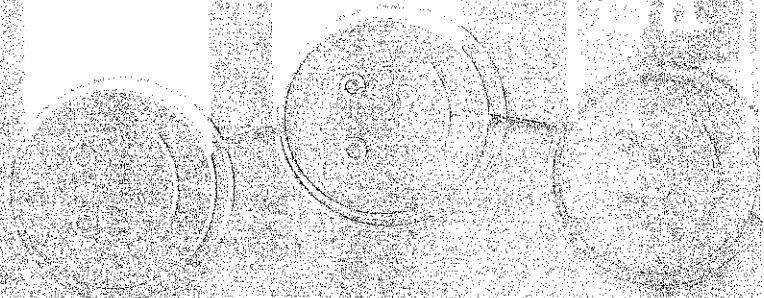
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