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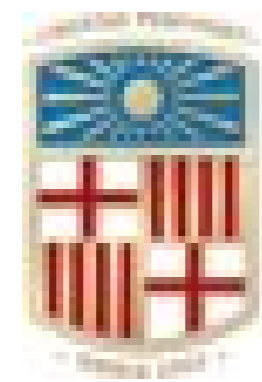
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Support Program of the University of Barcelona for refugees and people from conflict zones



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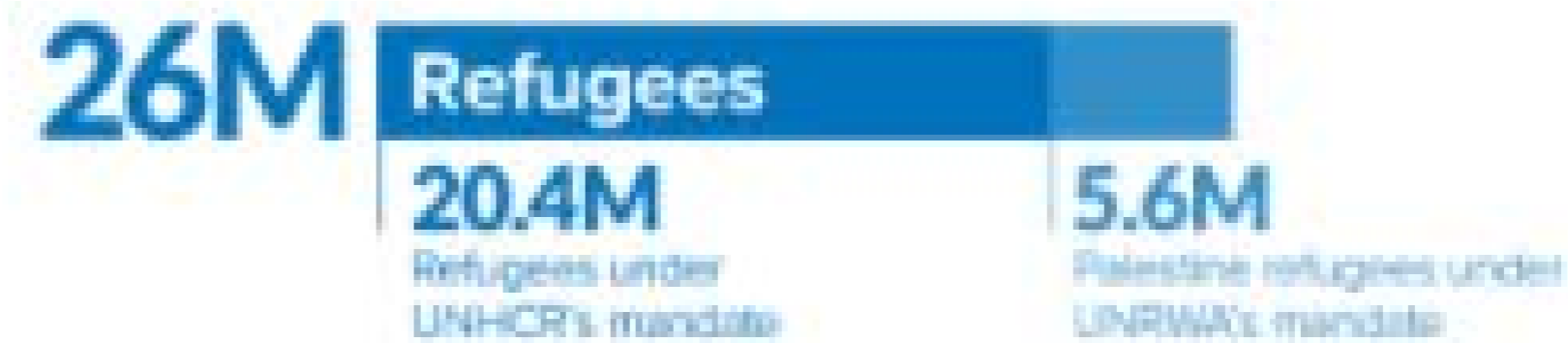
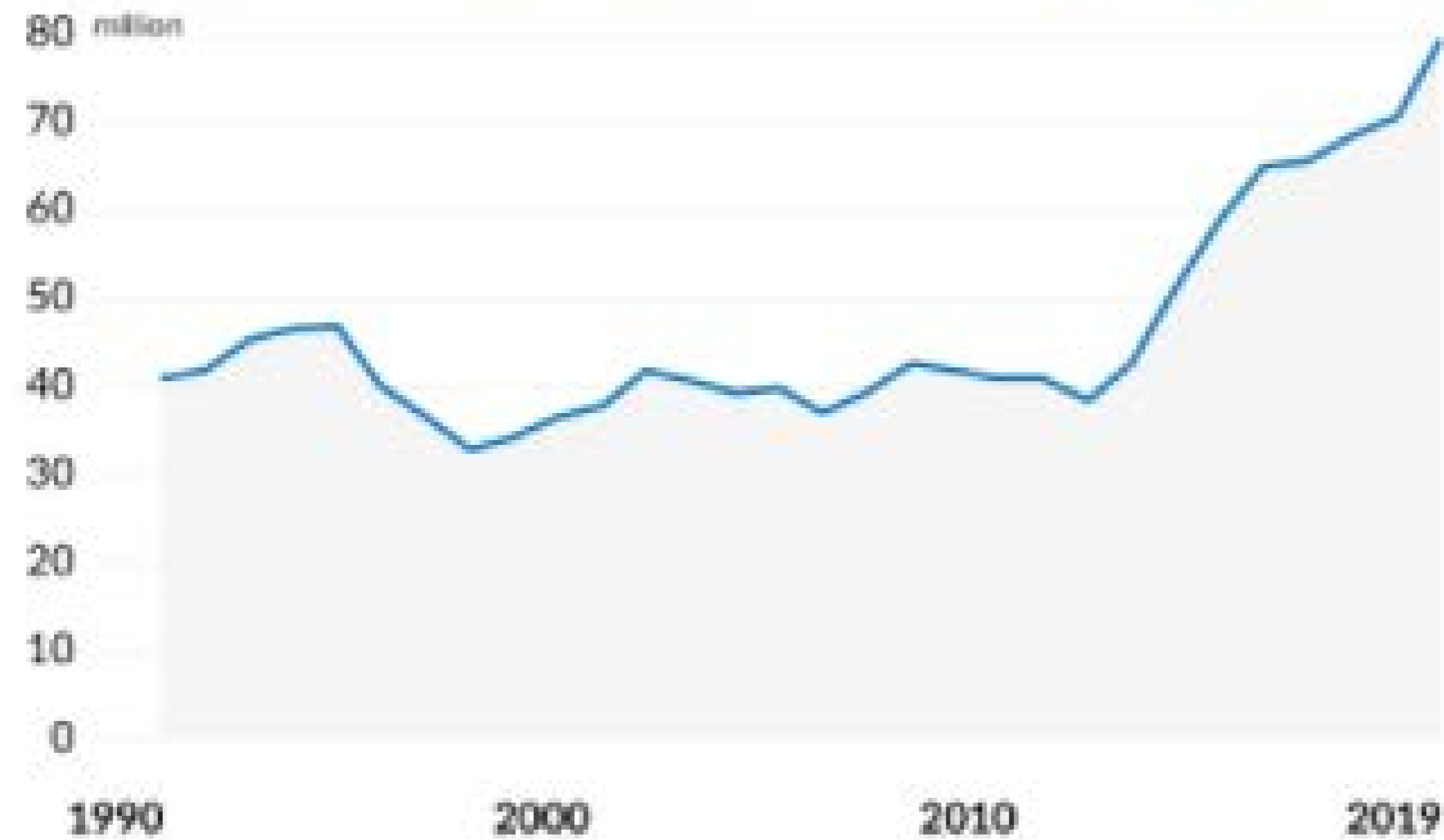


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79.5 MILLION

forcibly displaced people worldwide at the end of 2019



1%
of the world's population is displaced



80%
of the world's displaced people are

in countries or territories affected by acute food insecurity and malnutrition



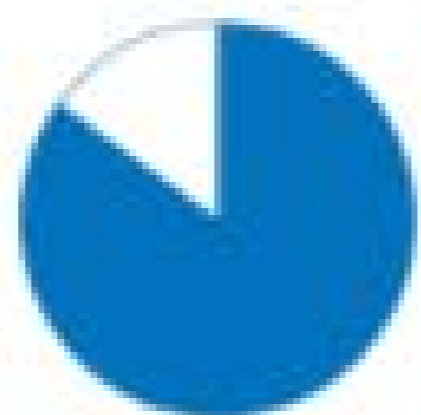
73%
Hosted in neighbouring countries *



68%
Came from just 5 countries *

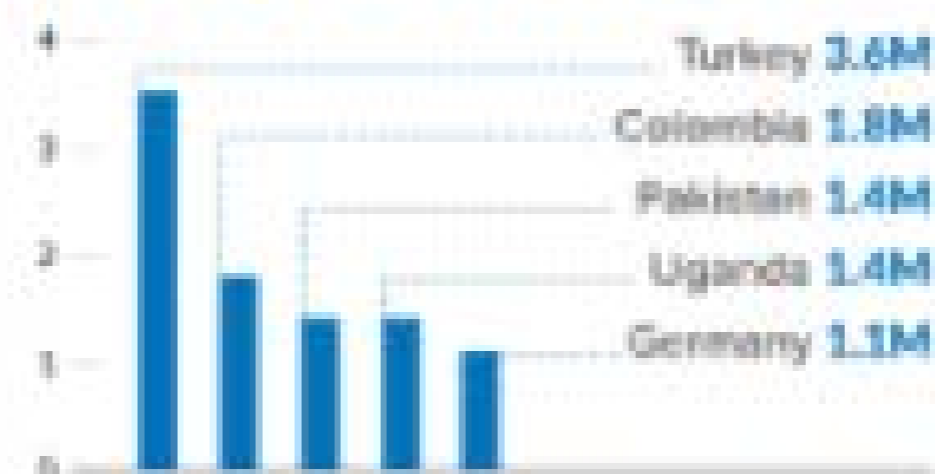


40%
of the world's displaced people are children

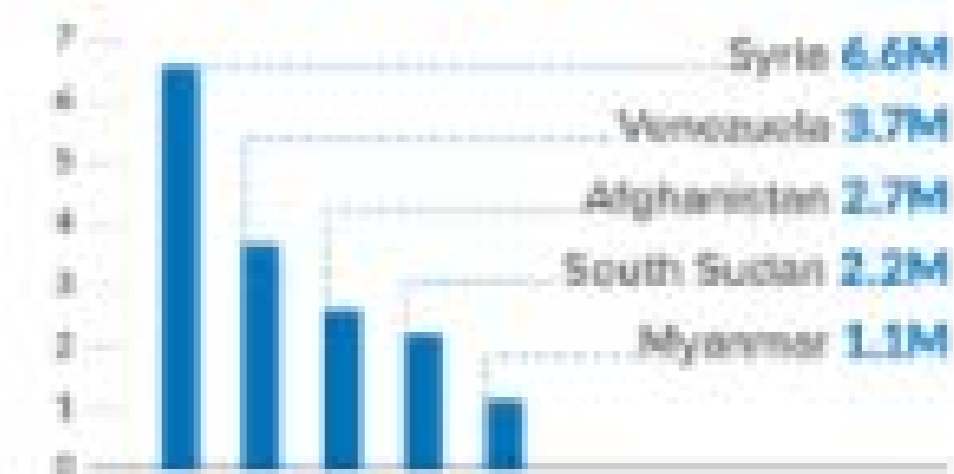


85%
Hosted in developing countries *

TOP HOSTING COUNTRIES



TOP SOURCE COUNTRIES

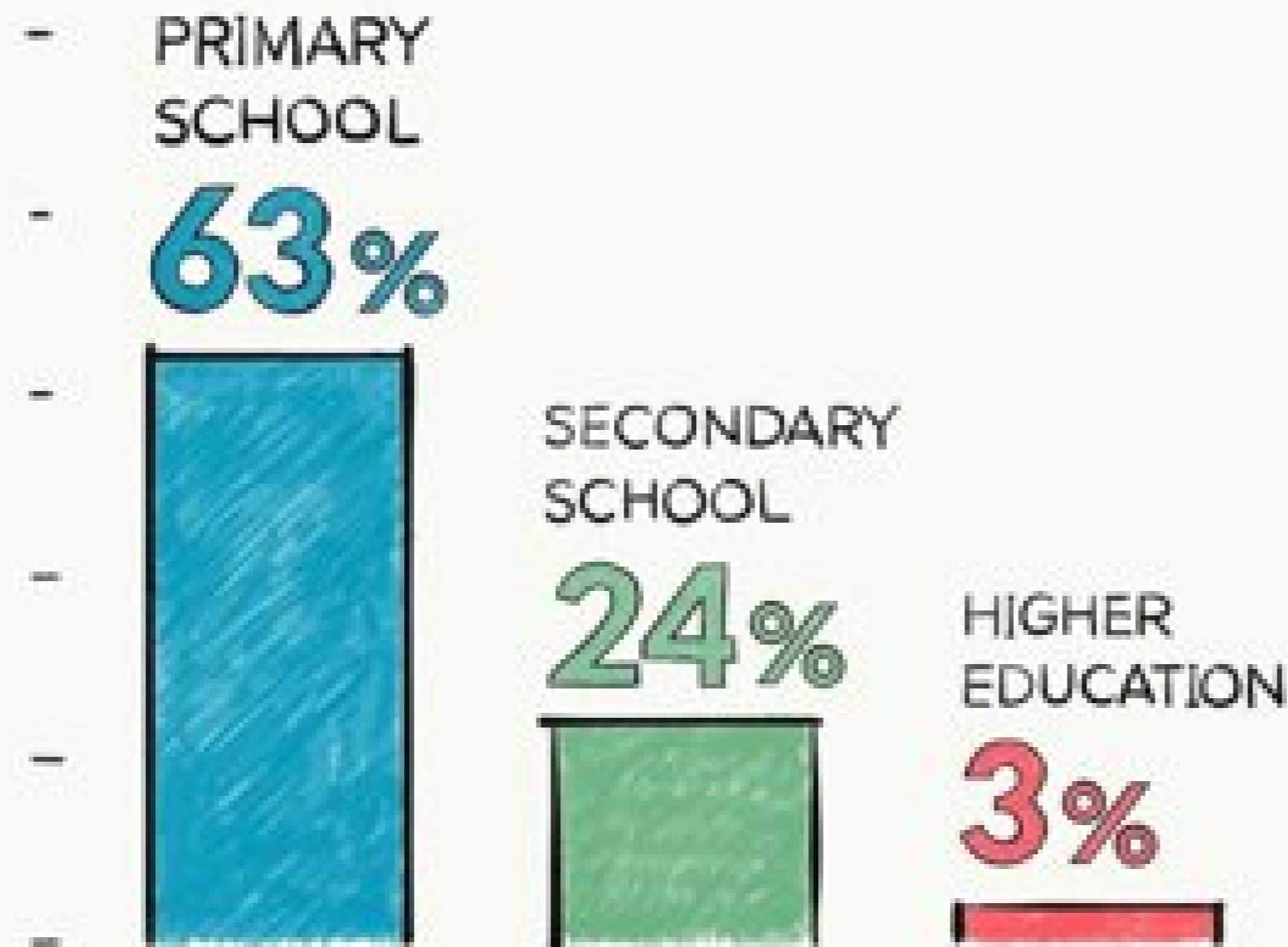


* Data includes UNHCR refugees and Venezuelans displaced abroad



Inequality in terms of access to Higher Education is more than a data

THE STEEP DECLINE OF REFUGEE ENROLMENT

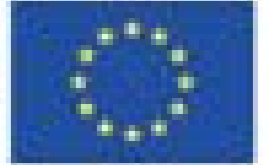
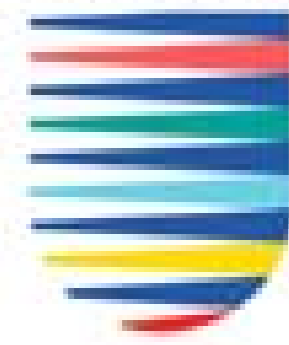


SOURCE: UNESCO (2017), UNHCR (2018)

UNHCR objective 2030

15% of refugee enrolment in Higher Education by 30

Objective so-called 15by30



The UB Refugee Support Programme is aligned with:

- 2030 Agenda:
 - Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for **all**
 - Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries
- UNCHR recommendations on complementary and safe pathways for resettlement in third countries: Education programmes and scholarships.

It is part of the Social Responsibility / Social Commitment of the University of Barcelona

Refugee Welcome Map



Source: EUA. Refugee Welcome Map



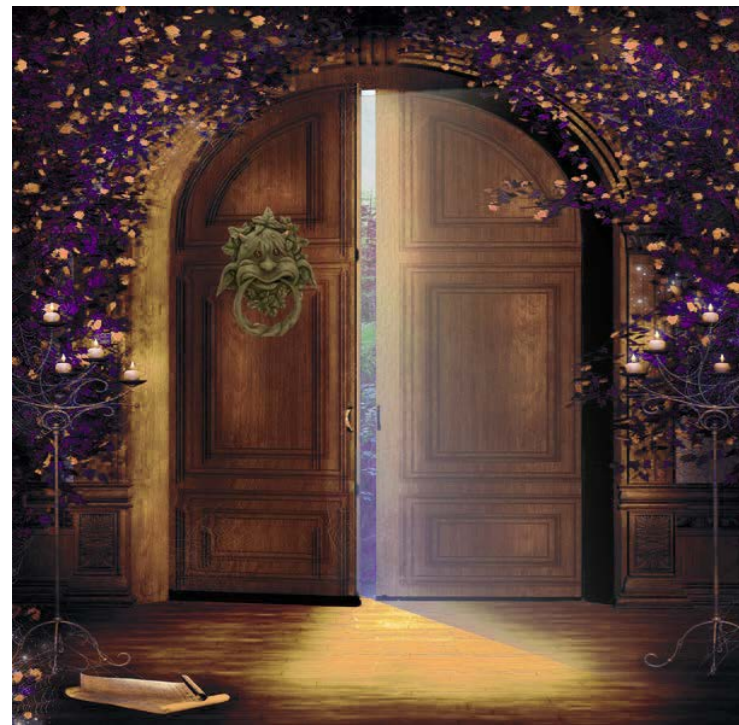
Main characteristics of the UB Refugee Support Program



- The Program seeks to promote university access for refugees, stateless, asylum seekers and people in refugee-like situations and their social inclusion.
- The Program wants to support those university students whose educational pathways have been interrupted and that are in vulnerable situations (economic and in terms of human rights).
- It is not a program of academic excellence
- Comprehensive approach: academic guidance, psychosocial support, legal advice, psychological assistance, language exchange, socio educative integration,...



Main obstacles for refugees in their access to higher education



Recognition
of prior
learning



Reliable
information

SCHOLARSHIP Availability
of
scholarships



Legal status

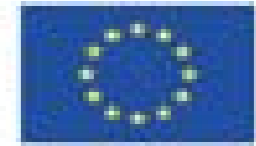


Social and
economic
integration



Support for students with refugee status or related situations

Access to undergraduate, postgraduate, master's and doctoral degrees
Access to language learning courses
Accommodation arranged with ACCEM and CCAR





Transition course to the university



Catalan and Spanish language learning courses and training in human rights and the culture of peace. It is co-financed by the UB and Barcelona City Council. It is a university extension course. It includes the UB card and access to all university services.

Language support programme



Initiative coordinated by PSAU (Programme for the Social Politics and Access to the University) of the Faculty of Education of the UB and the UB Solidarity Foundation. Students from the University of Barcelona and people from outside the university community take part in this programme.

Psychosocial support programme



Through an internship agreement between the UB Solidarity Foundation and the Faculty of Psychology of the UB, final year students provide psychosocial support to students enrolled in the Programme. Likewise, an agreement has been established for those who need psychological support.





Accommodation (first phase)



The full scholarship includes a full board accommodation in a residence hall of the University of Barcelona, where students can find a university environment (national and international students).

Recognition of previous studies



The University of Barcelona approved in May 2018 a protocol for the recognition of previous studies carried out by refugee students who do not have documents or who do not have official sealed documents.

Tutorial Action Plan (TAP)



Once the refugee student starts his/her studies, the Tutorial Action Plan is activated (ground-breaking in the Faculties of Economics and Business and Mathematics), by means of which he/she keeps regular contact with teachers and the tutor.





Accommodation (second phase)



Through agreements with local authorities (L'Hospitalet de Llobregat and Viladecans) and supra-municipal bodies (Council of Barcelona), the Programme promotes the social integration of students in cities and towns.

Comprehensive legal advice



In agreement with the Information Centre for Foreign Workers (CITE) of the CCOO (Spanish Trade Union), Programme students receive free comprehensive legal advice. The service is also available to potential refugee students.

Spanish lessons for foreigners



Hispanic Studies offers 4 seats to learn Spanish throughout the year.

Complementary and safe pathways for refugees: Educational programs and scholarships



Main characteristics of the Transition course to the University

- Type of course. University extension course worth 60 ECTS credits. Students come as INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.
- Bridging course (languages+Human Rights+labour market integration)
- Methodology. Simultaneous language learning system
- Targets of the course. Refugees outside the EU. Encourages the participation of women (gender equality) and specific vulnerable groups, for instance, LGTBIQ+,...
- Funding. Co-funded by Barcelona City Council and the UB
- Financial support mode. Full grant
- Complementary support systems. Academic guidance, emotional support, psychosocial support, legal advice, psychosocial assistance,...
- Continuity of support. After the transition course with the same full grant and comprehensive support.





UB network



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External network: collaboration and external support



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I came to Barcelona as part of the scholarship to support refugees, and to be honest, I was waiting for this opportunity and was afraid to miss it, especially after all the racism, sexual abuse, and exploitation I experienced in Lebanon.

I lived in Lebanon for more than seven years, there were difficult years.

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The higher education at a master level was not a guarantee to improve our lives while living in a refugee camp.

Thanks to the Refugee Support Program of the University of Barcelona, I am now in Barcelona, a city where I feel that my rights are respected as a human being and having an opportunity at the same time to study at the University.

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Thank you for your attention!

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