Literacy and Life Skills Assessment of Syrian Youth (LLASY)

2021
Objective and target

Measuring Minimum Proficiency Levels in:
• Literacy
• Numeracy
• Life skills

Population:
• Youth living in Syria
• Age: 15-24
• In and out formal education
• 47,5% female; 52,5% male
Methodology

- Time frame: April-December 2021
- Geographical coverage: 13 governorates; 244 sub-districts
- Item development team to develop age-appropriate items (difficulty and expected knowledge)
- Literate environment:
  - Households
  - Educational institutions
  - COVID-19 impact
**Key findings**

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of youth meet the minimum expected competency levels
There are gaps among governorates

Key findings

AVERAGE SCORE

GOVERNORATE

- Damascus
- Rural Damascus
- Quneitra
- Dara
- As-Sweida
- Homs
- Hama
- Aleppo
- Lattakia
- Tartous
- Deir-ez-Zor
- Al-Hasakeh
- Ar-Raqqa

- Literacy Male
- Literacy Female
- Numeracy Male
- Numeracy Female

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Key findings

- Peak performance: 21 years (above national average)
- Increasing scores by age
- Older youth → better chances to enter labour market
Literate environment

63%
of parents with ‘senior elementary’, ‘university’ and ‘Masters or higher’ levels of education
COVID-19

85% of institutions closed during COVID-19

15% of institutions conducted online classes
Availability of electronic facilities

64 to 100% of households have a mobile phone
Considerations and recommendations

1. Minimum proficiency levels are promising, **targeted programmes** can make the change

2. Invest more in Aleppo, Deir Ez-Zor, Homs and Tartous

3. More **literacy in rural areas**

4. Consider **lack of access to IT and connectivity** while planning programmes

5. **Life skills and market-oriented skills** working and can be strengthened

6. **Younger generation** needs particular attention

   A. Qualitative studies to know more about socio-economic context

   B. Conduct LLASY regularly
Thank you

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