

AGFE December Spotlight

Strategic Partnerships for Greater Impact



“The Foundation has made great progress, bringing the [nine] universities together and establishing a unique program to help them put forward academic programs to be taught online.”

-Dr. Hassan Obaid Al Mheiri, Assistant Undersecretary for Accreditation and Educational Affairs, UAE Ministry of Education

Leveraging Strategic Partnerships

AGFE is committed to contributing to the realization of UN Sustainable Development Goals 4, 8, and 17, which call for inclusive and equitable quality education and decent work for all, through partnerships.

To do this, we collaborate with outcome- and impact-focused stakeholders from the public and private sectors to co-fund and pool resources with clearly defined objectives.

With over 38 multi-sector partnerships, AGFE can scale its impact and provide educational opportunities to more Emirati and Arab youth.

Partnerships Enhance AGFE’s Ability to:

- ▶ Provide widespread access to a top-quality, accredited online education, leading to promising employment pathways
- ▶ Offer upskilling and reskilling opportunities
- ▶ Organize mentoring opportunities, internships, and apprenticeships
- ▶ Share knowledge, expertise, and best practices



Best Practice: Public-Private Sector Partnership

The University Consortium for Quality Online Learning (UCQOL), launched in collaboration with the UAE Ministry of Education and nine UAE-based universities, demonstrates AGFE’s commitment to providing inclusive, innovative, and wide-reaching educational opportunities to a larger pool of underserved Emirati and Arab youth. UCQOL:

- Enhances the capacities of educators and administrators to roll out quality, accredited online programs
- Leverages cutting-edge learning technologies to introduce new pedagogical approaches
- Enhances learning through data-driven insights



Best Practice: University Partnership

The Abdulla Al Ghurair Hub for Digital Teaching and Learning (the “Hub”) was launched at the American University of Beirut (AUB) in 2021; this pioneering initiative aims to advance world-class online STEM education and is carefully tailored to industry needs. The Hub:

- Fills a gap in the regional higher education and online education market
- Leverages cutting-edge learning technologies to provide quality online education for thousands of youth
- Responds to rapidly evolving regional and global employment markets

“We are proud of our partnership with AGFE who sees philanthropy as a catalyst for education and innovation...The Hub acts as a facilitator for digital transformation, through partnerships, joint programs and other avenues for collaboration.”

- Dr. Alan Shihadeh, Dean, Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, AUB

