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## Message from the CEO

On behalf of the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education, I am pleased to present our impact report for the first five years. It comes at a significant moment in our journey as we embark on a strategic shift toward supporting learners and the education ecosystems in the UAE and the Arab region. This impact report aims to capture the progress the Foundation has made between 2015 and 2020 and lays the groundwork for our future efforts so that we can build a stronger tomorrow.

In the past five years, we have made noteworthy progress in strengthening access to high-quality education at 15 universities for over 1,000 underserved youth. Through our holistic scholarship model, we assure students are successful in their educational journey and beyond, to a successful career. In helping these impressive young people have the life chance they deserve, we contribute to elevating their livelihood, and expect they will elevate their communities and advocate for the next generation.

In response to the needs of youth in the UAE and the Arab region, we launched a tailored, online university and career readiness platform that has had a positive impact on over 28,000 youth by the end of 2020. These youth have gained insights into career pathways, transferable skills, and guidance for their next steps.



While we keep our values at the heart of what we do, in 2020, we reshaped our vision to embrace a new outcomes-driven strategy. Our focus on addressing system-level gaps means we will further engage in strategic partnerships and become more active in knowledge creation and sharing.

We will continue to promote and support a transformative vision of education for the benefit of youth in the UAE and the Arab region. We will focus on cultivating the future skills that they need for higher education, employment, and entrepreneurship.

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We are conscious that to achieve these targets, we must engage with diverse stakeholders, adopt context specific approaches, and promote accountability and transparency for positive impact.

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