



WHO ARE WE?

ABDULLA AL GHURAIR
FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION

“I hope this foundation will help deserving young Arabs fulfill their education quest and that they in turn will help others.”

– Abdulla Al Ghurair – Founder of the
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Our Mandate

The Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education (AGFE) is one of the largest privately funded philanthropic foundations in the Arab region. Abdulla Ahmad Al Ghurair, a leading Emirati businessman and philanthropist, committed a third of his wealth to ensure Emirati and Arab youth have access to a high-quality education that will help them to thrive and contribute to the sustainable

development of the region. Established in 2015, the Foundation works to fulfill our mandate of improving access to quality higher education that leads to better livelihoods. AGFE is committed to realizing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4, 8, and 17, focusing on inclusive and equitable quality education that leads to improved standards of living.

Governance

AGFE is governed by a board consisting of the following board members:

- H.E. Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair – Chairman of the Board
- Ali Rashed Ahmad Lootah
- Rashid Abdulla Ahmad Al Ghurair
- Sultan Abdulla Ahmad Majid Al Ghurair

The board members are dedicated to furthering the vision of the Founder, Abdulla Al Ghurair, and to overseeing the Foundation using principles of good governance. The board provides strategic direction and keeps the Foundation accountable through regular engagements with the Foundation leadership.



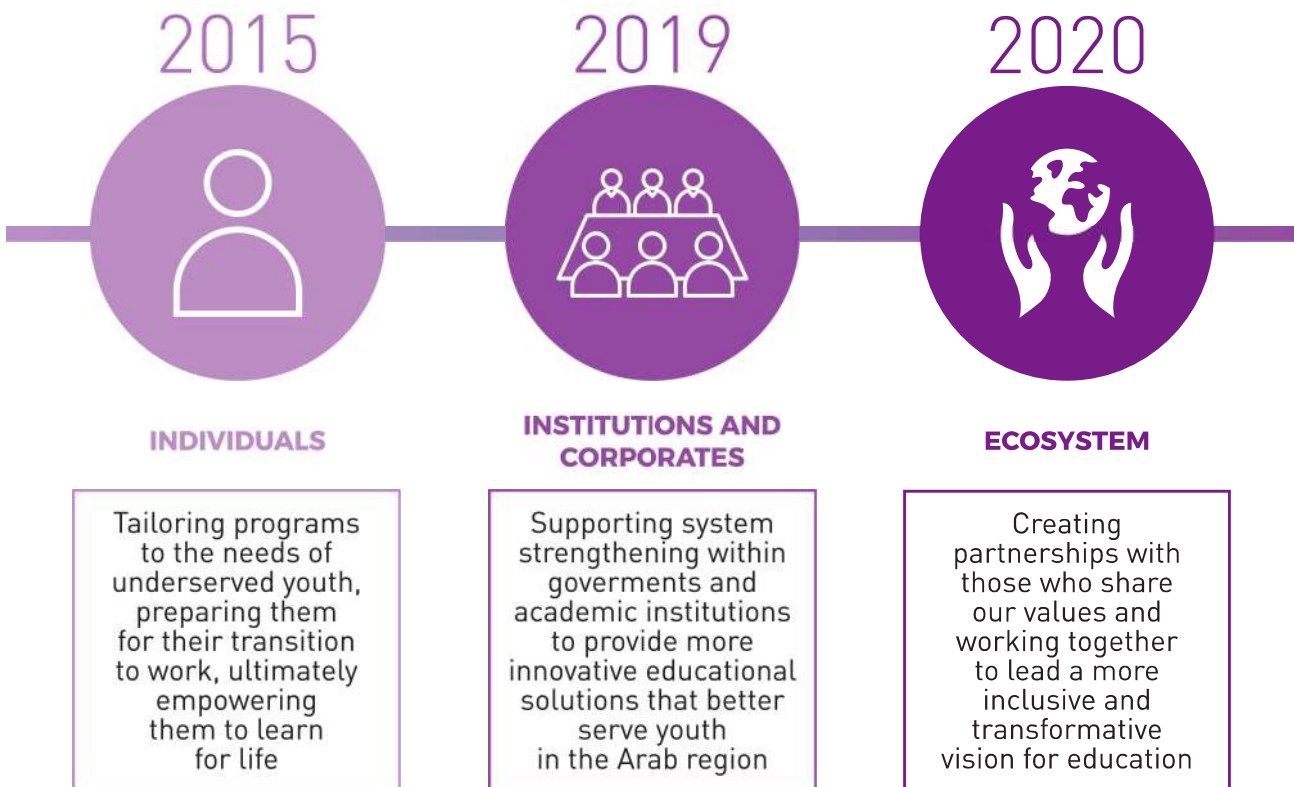
Strategic Shift

Upon our establishment, AGFE targeted underserved, high-achieving students and focused on providing them with access to quality higher education through the Al Ghurair scholarship programs. The Foundation also launched the Al Ghurair Young Thinkers Program (YTP) in 2018 in response to a research-based need identified in the UAE and across the Arab region. YTP is a digital education and career readiness platform developed to equip youth with the skills they need to succeed in education and in the workplace and make well-informed education and career decisions.

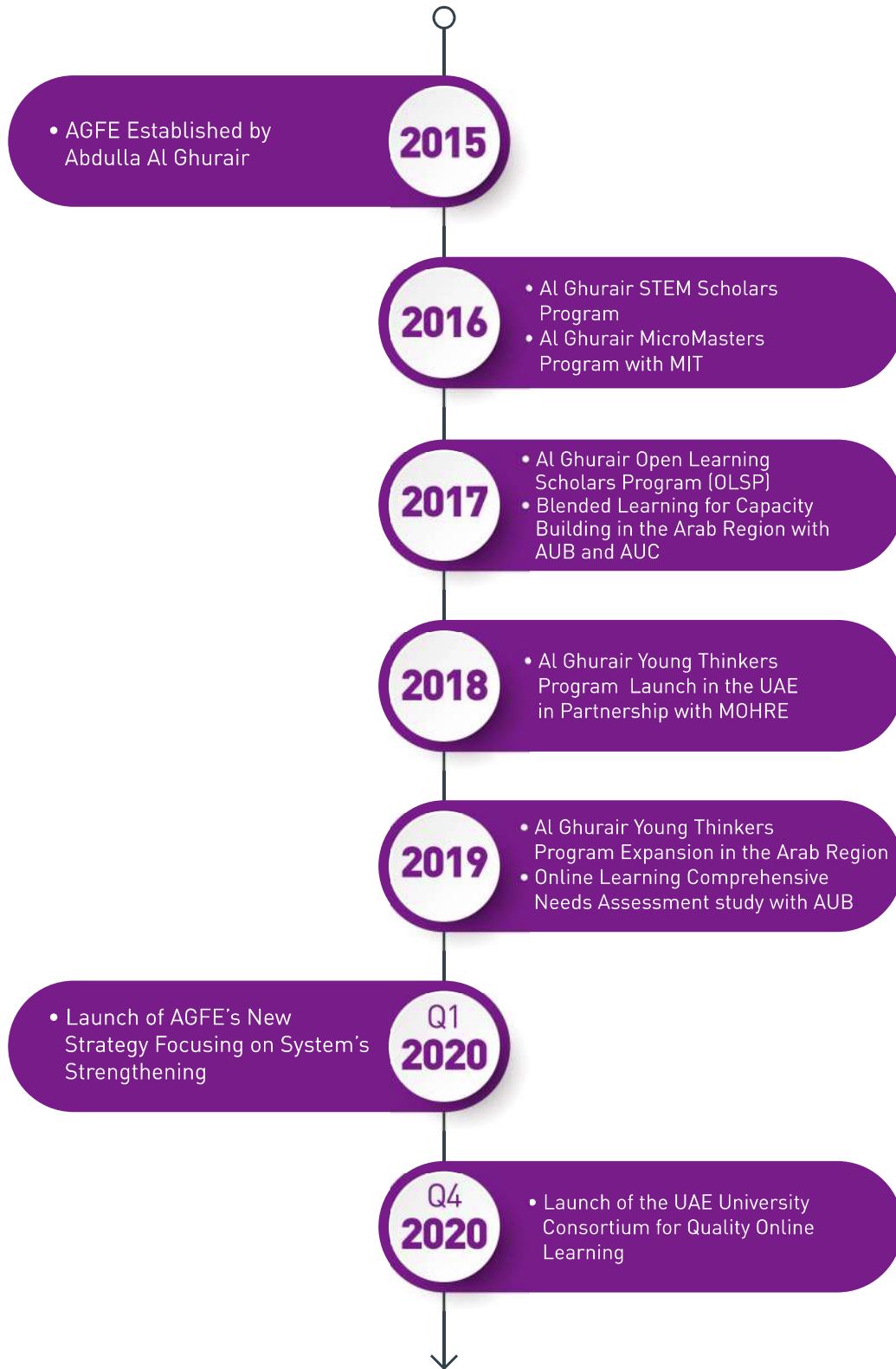
The scholarship programs and YTP benefitted a substantial number of students. Yet, the feedback from our beneficiaries drove us to work towards having an even greater positive impact. This accentuated the importance of working with stakeholders such as universities and governments to strengthen systems and maximize impact. In 2019, AGFE

shifted its focus to leverage strengthening collaboration with key stakeholders and institutions. This joint-work approach cultivates sustainable, innovative education solutions that better serve youth in the region, addresses system-level challenges and overarching barriers to higher education, and positively influences the education ecosystem for Emirati and Arab youth.

AGFE believes in creating sustainable impact through outcomes-driven philanthropy. Therefore, as we move forward with our programs and partnerships, our focus is to support systems and programs that address challenges on the ground with our partners through customized and evidence-based solutions. We work together with our partners to lead a more inclusive and transformative vision of education in the region. The figures below illustrate the evolution of AGFE's work and influence since our establishment.



AGFE Timeline 2015-2020



Our Purpose

To empower Emirati & Arab youth to thrive and contribute to the sustainable development of the region, through innovative education solutions and authentic partnerships.

Our Core Values



RESULTS

To measure impact and enable long-term change in the region through education.



INNOVATION

To explore ideas and be bold in our approach to designing education and learning solutions for real-world challenges.



SYNERGIES

To authentically engage and work with diverse stakeholders to better serve the region through educational solutions.



EXCELLENCE

To operate and continually improve to meet the highest standards for ourselves and our stakeholders.

Summary of Key Achievements 2015 - 2020

| Data Point | Value (December 2020) |
|---|-----------------------|
| AGFE Impact from all programs | |
| Total Number of Learners (December 2020) | 30,338 |
| Total Number of Emirati Learners | 10,075 |
| Total Number of Refugee Learners | 107 |
| Total Number of 1st Generation Learners in Higher Education | 417 |
| Total Nationalities Supported | 21 |
| Pillar 1: Strengthening Access to Quality Higher Education | |
| Number of Scholars (STEM, OLSP and MIT) | 1,020 |
| Percent Female Scholars* | 47% |
| Percent of Scholars with Refugee Status* | 10% |
| Percent of Scholars who are 1st Generation Students* | 39% |
| Number of Internships Completed by Scholars | +350 |
| Number of Mentors in the Mentorship Program | 166 |
| Number of Mentees in the Mentorship Program | 185 |
| Total Number of Graduates | 241 |
| Employment Rate of Graduates | 48% |
| Beneficiaries of Capacity Building Implemented with AUB/ AUC | 1,196 |
| Pillar 2: Career Readiness and Upskilling | |
| Number of Users on the YTP Platform | 28,122 |
| Number of Courses on the YTP Platform | 27 |
| Percent of Emirati Users on the YTP Platform | 36% |
| Percent of Female Users on the YTP Platform | 53% |

*% calculated for STEM and OLSP Scholars only