

Message from our Chairman

When I look back on this year, I am impressed by the youth who, when faced with multiple challenges during a global pandemic, still persevered and accomplished more than many ever thought possible. Through their commitment and tenacity, the youth have done their part. As enablers, we must establish an ecosystem to ensure that youth's drive to succeed is channeled in the most efficient way. We can assure that they have the best pathways through strategic partnerships.

Since my father founded the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education, our mission to provide access to high-quality educational opportunities for Emirati and Arab youth through partnerships has remained consistent, and our impact has grown. This year, we expanded our reach, increasing our network of private and public sector partners by 15 and touching the lives of over 60,000 youth.

In 2021, the Foundation focused on developing innovative solutions for some of the core challenges facing Emirati and Arab youth. We launched NOMU, a partnership initiative that empowers Emirati youth through high-quality, market-driven upskilling opportunities and hands-on experience in the private sector.

Building on the Foundation's commitment to strengthening education systems that break barriers to higher education, we worked with our partners to contribute to system-level changes in the education sector. This year, we took a major step to improve access to quality online education for thousands of Arab youth by launching the Abdulla Al Ghurair Hub for Digital Teaching and Learning in partnership with the American University of Beirut at the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture. We amplified our work with the UAE Ministry of Education and nine leading universities in the UAE through the University Consortium for Quality Online Learning with the aim of supporting the development of high-quality online programs and making them more accessible to Emirati and Arab youth.

Through our partnerships, we are committed to contributing to the UAE's vision and national agenda by designing and developing programs that equip young people across the country with in-demand skills.

As we continue our work, my team and I are committed to realizing our mission and we look forward to reaching more milestones in the years ahead.

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