



Message from our Chairman

In 2023, we experienced a time marked by substantial difficulties, including geopolitical tensions, pressing environmental concerns, climate change, and deeply entrenched socioeconomic disparities. These challenges were particularly acute in the Arab region, which is home to over 200 million youth under 30, representing 60% of the population. Despite these obstacles, including difficult transitions from education to employment amid economic hardships, Arab youth have displayed remarkable resilience and innovation. They have shown that they are formidable agents of positive change when given the right support.

These young people inspire our Foundation's work to create opportunities that equip youth with critical skills for success. Since its inception in 2015, the Foundation has had the privilege of positively impacting over 110,000 youth, fostering personal development and driving community transformation. In 2023, we collaborated with more than 20 organizations to empower 29,000 youth through strategic programs and partnerships. Initiatives like Nomu, which has achieved remarkable success in the UAE, have been embraced in Jordan, Lebanon, and Tunisia, demonstrating our dedication to replicating its effectiveness across the region.

Additionally, our commitment to nurturing young Emiratis is highlighted by the launch of Takween, the first comprehensive after-school program for Emirati students aged 13 to 18. Launched in public schools, Takween employs advanced project- and activity-based teaching methods to improve student engagement and skill development.

As we continue to adapt to the evolving needs of the education and employment sectors, particularly with AI integration, we've scaled up our work in the online learning space. This includes leveraging innovative technologies and strategic partnerships with leading local, regional, and global universities, government bodies, and education experts. Since 2016, our efforts have enhanced digital opportunities in higher education, positively impacting nearly 13,000 youth. Our goal is to ensure that our youth have access to high-quality online learning, improving education and employment outcomes across the region.

As we progress, our priority is to equip youth with the skills needed for a sustainable, technologically advanced future. This is made possible through strong strategic multi-sector partnerships. Our collaborative approach has enabled us to amplify a collective positive impact that will create enduring benefits for our communities.

We are deeply committed to this journey and to the young leaders who make it possible.

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