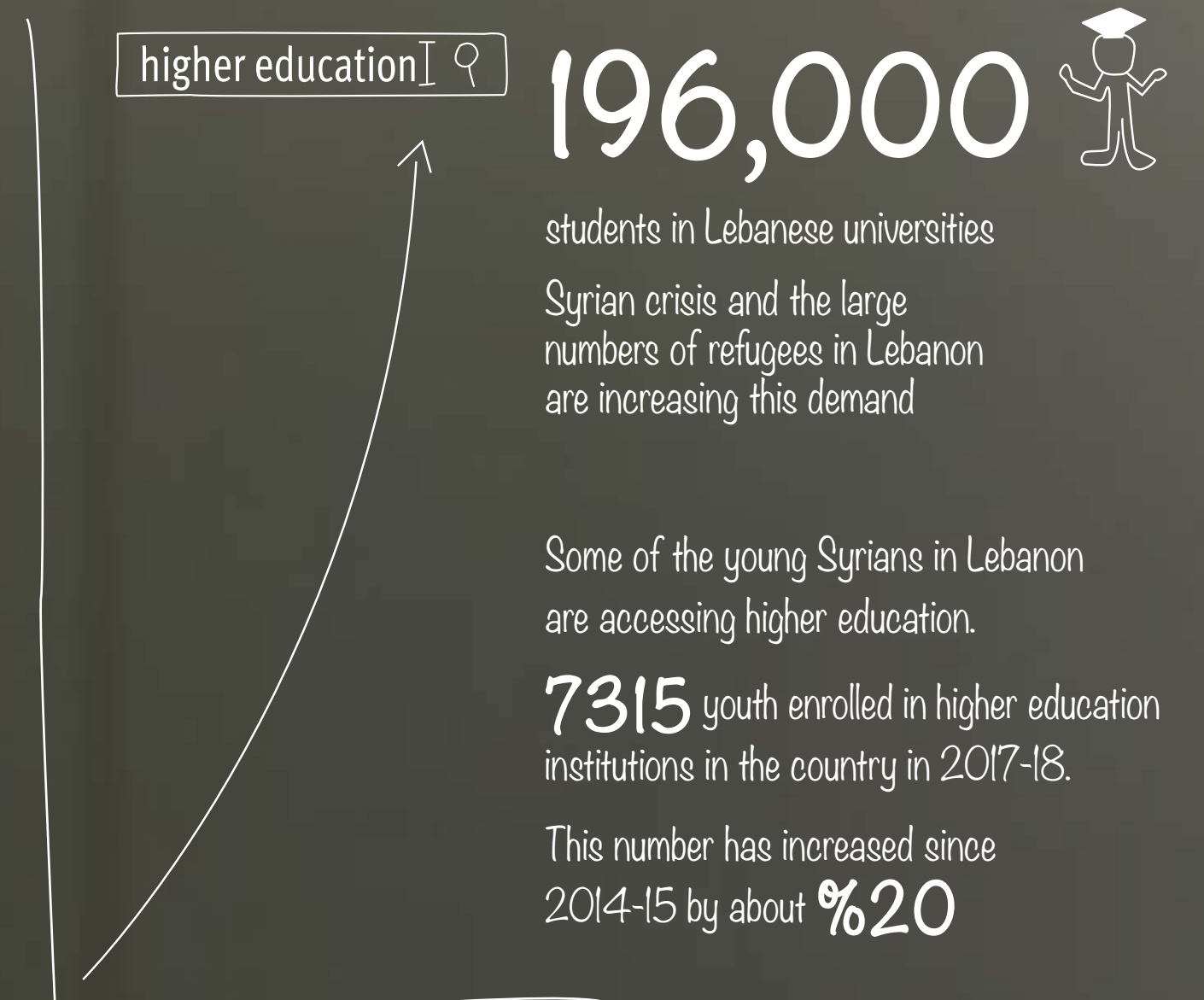


# CONNECTED LEARNING IN LEBANON

## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Demand for higher education in Lebanon is **on the rise**

### Benefits and Opportunities of Connected Learning

- Enjoyable and interactive learning for students
- Accessibility and dissemination of information
- Global Reach
- Low Cost
- Flexible timing
- In demand skills and topics



### Connected learning programs would engage Syrians potentially at-risk in learning to

- Advance their knowledge and skills
- Find employment
- Build resilience
- Utilize their learning towards helping others in their community

### Types of Connected Learning available in Lebanon

3 common methods used

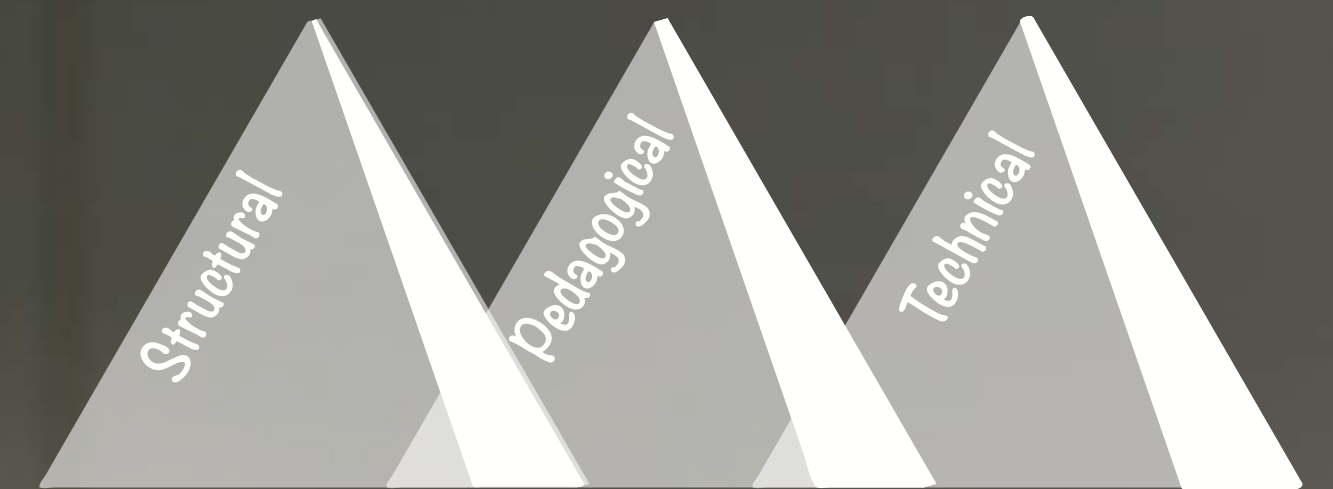
- Web-facilitated learning offering up to 29% online learning with Web-technology
- Blended learning offering between 30-74% online learning with face-face-to-face learning
- Fully online learning offering 75-100% online learning within a virtual environment

Very commonly used

only for certificates

### Barriers to Connected Learning in Lebanon

Connected learning programs were newly introduced in Lebanon. A number of barriers emerged in operating these programs:



#### Structural Barriers

- Awareness and perceptions
- Technical and administrative
- Legal framework (law 285)
- Recognition inside Syria
- Quality assurance and assess

#### Pedagogical Barriers

- Institutional bureaucracy
- Skills of faculty and staff
- Skills of students
- Cheating
- Assessment

#### Technical Barriers

- Connectivity
- Infrastructure
- Equipment
- Coordination

### Policy and Institutional Implications

- Advance the legal framework for connected learning
- Establish quality assurance mechanisms
- Provide faculty professional development on connected learning
- Designing curriculums around technology and 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills
- Encourage innovation in teaching and learning through technology by reducing institutional bureaucracies
- Address infrastructure and connectivity constraints
- Raise awareness among students and families around connected learning

Moving Forward ...