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IMPACT SUMMARY AS OF MARCH 2013

USP III - Year I PMP

Indicator Number	Activity	Indicator	Target unit	Rationale Behind Targets	Baseline	Year I (Oct 2012 to Sep 2013)					
						Target Year I	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Achieved Year I
Standard Indicators											
1		Number of Host-Country Individuals receiving USG-Funded Scholarships to Attend Higher Education Institutions	scholars	As per agreement		85					
2		Number of Host-country individuals trained as a result of USG Investments Involving Higher Education Institutions	scholars (Total)	As per agreement		85					
			Male Scholars	as per the award		34					
			Female Scholars	as per the award		51					
			Outside Beirut & Mount Lebanon Scholars, at least 59	as per USAID guidance		59					
Life of Project Indicators											
3	Retention & Graduation Rates	Students willingness / ability to succeed in the program	Number of scholars	As per agreement	0	81					
4	Measure success of student-training-student	Percentage of students assuming leadership roles at LAU	% of scholars	As per agreement	30%	100%					
5	Measure effectiveness of socialization, support services and mentoring	Percentage of admitted students with positive attitude indicators	% of scholars	As per agreement	70%	90%					
6	Measure correlation between academic majors, career services, experiential learning and internship opportunities	Percentage of admitted students employed one year after graduation from LAU	% of scholars	As per agreement	60%	80%					
Advertisement and Production											
7	Design Application, Brochure, Website, poster...	Promotional Materials Developed	Number of Promotional Materials Developed		4		4				

8	Advertising in leading newspapers	USP III advertised in 3 newspapers	Number of Advertisement	4 in each of the three newspapers	12		5	7			
9	LAU personnel highlighting USP III during their appearances in Lebanese Radio & TV stations	Number of media appearances	Media appearances	Generate more publicity for USP II	1	1			1		
10	Distribute the USP III brochure to public high schools throughout Lebanon	USP III brochure distributed	Number of Brochures	Increase coverage and advertisement	7000	7000	1799	5955			
11	Distribute the USP III brochure to public high schools throughout Lebanon	Number of Public Schools Receiving Brochures and promotional items	Public high schools	Promote USP III directly in schools	239	240	60	183			
12	Admissions officers distribute Admissions & F.A. applications	Number of applications distributed	applications	Facilitate the task of filling the application	4945	5000	1451	3541			
13	Send electronic copies of the USP III brochure to LAU alumni & friends	USP III brochure sent electronically	LAU alumni & friends	USP II covered 15949 address	15949	15950					
14	Promote USP III award in magazine, Alumni bulletin, president's report and Social Media	USP III Award promoted	LAU magazine, Alumni bulletin, president's report and Social Media	Promote USP III directly in schools	4	4		1			

Recruitment

15	LAU Admission officers schedule meetings with public school principals & visit them & present USP III to their students	Number of public high schools visited	Public high schools	Promote USP III directly in schools	239	240	60	121	62		
16		Number of Students attended LAU school visits	approximate number of students in the public school	Promote USP III directly in schools	Estimate: 60 students on average / school	12000	4181	8715	4445		

Career Counseling

17	Organize a special career counseling workshop for the top 150 interviewed candidates	Number of scholars attending the career counseling workshop	Number of scholars			150					
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Orientation

18	Invite scholars to a special multi-day orientation program given by the USP III:director/coordinator/faculty/and staff and student mentors/orientation leaders	Number of scholars attending the multi-day orientation program	Number of scholars	The number of recipients of this award is 85	85	85							
19		Number of Orientation Sessions held for USP-III Scholars	sessions	USP III specific orientation and LAU general orientation	2	2							
Housing and Other Facilities													
20	Admit Students to LAU Dorms	Number of Scholars admitted to student housing	scholars (Total)	Random estimate: depends greatly on the student interest		42							
21	Offer Students Transportation Allowance	Number of Scholars offered a transportation allowance	scholars (Total)	Random estimate: depends greatly on the student interest		43							
Intensive English and Tutoring													
22		Number of Scholars admitted to intensive English - one semester	scholars (Total)	Estimate: same % of USP I		18							
23		Number of Scholars admitted to intensive English - two semesters	scholars (Total)	Estimate: same % of USP I		13							
Academic Formation													
24	Assign LAU student mentor for every scholars	Number of mentors assigned for the first academic year	Number of mentors	estimate: 1 mentor for every group of 5+ scholars	as per agreement	17							

PROGRESS SUMMARY

USP III - Year I Work Plan

Activities	Output	Status	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4		
			Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Apr 2013	May 2013	Jun 2013	Jul 2013	Aug 2013	Sep 2013
Advertisement and Production														
Design and print new and comprehensive Admission and Financial Aid applications	Produce the applications	Completed	x	x	x									
Inform MEHE (Ministry for Education and Higher Education)	MEHE informed	Completed	x	x										
Advertise in leading newspapers in Lebanon	Advertisement complete	On Going		x	x	x	x							
Highlight USP III during LAU officials appearances in Lebanese Radio & TV stations	USP III highlighted on media			X	X	X	X	X						
Develop a USP III brochure	USP III brochure developed	Completed	x	x										
Schedule meetings with public school principals, visit them, & present USP III to their scholars	Public high schools visited & USP III presented	Completed		x	x	x	x	x	x					
Distribute Admission and FA applications to public schools	Admission & F.A. applications distributed	Completed		x	x	x	x	x	x					
Distribute the USP III brochure to public high schools throughout Lebanon	USP III brochure distributed	Completed		x	x	x	x	x	x					
Send electronic copies of the USP III brochure to LAU alumni & friends	USP III brochure sent electronically	Completed			x									
Recruitment & Selection														
Receive applications	Applications received	Completed		x	x	x	x	x	x					
Review submitted applications and highlight missing documents	applicants are informed about missing documents	Completed		x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
Identify students who will be invited for testing based on their high school grades	Scholars invited for testing	Completed							x	x	x			

Program Summary

1. Duration: the period of the agreement is September 19,2012 to September 18,2018
2. Objectives: LAU to enroll as of fall 2013, 85 academically qualified and financially needy male and female students with demonstrated potential for leadership and civic engagement from both rural and urban areas, representing Lebanon's diverse confessional makeup.
3. Scope:
 - a. These students may be enrolled in one the following 11 majors: Biology, Business, Chemistry, Communication Arts, Computer Science, Economics, Education, Mathematics, Nursing, Nutrition, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering and Mechanical Engineering,
 - b. The award will cover: Tuition fees for the duration of the program including one preparatory year if needed, Medical Insurance, Book allowance, Student housing or Transportation Allowance, a Monthly Stipend for a maximum of 11 months per year and a Laptop.
4. Key Activities and Phases:
 - a. Advertisement and production
 - b. Recruitment
 - c. Orientation
 - d. Housing and other facilities
 - e. Intensive English and Tutoring
 - f. Academic Formation
 - g. Extra-curricular activities and Leadership
 - h. Career Development and Internships

Progress during this Quarter – Key Achievements

The focus in Quarter III was to complete all school visits, collect students applications screen them and select candidates for LAU entrance exams.

Detailed Progress

I- Visiting public high schools

The deadline to visit public high schools and receive applications was extended to April 30, 2013. During the month of April, LAU admission personnel visited the remaining 62 public high schools (Annexes 1 & 2). During these visits they met 4,445 students and distributed 178 posters, 1371 flyers and 546 admission and financial aid applications.

II- Receiving students' applications

In conjunction with USAID, the application deadline was extended from March 31, 2013 to April 30, 2013. This extension allowed us to complete the school visits and gave students time to collect their grades and submit their applications. As of March 22nd LAU admission offices started to contact the visited schools to inform them about the deadline extension and to encourage Principals/students to apply for the program. By end of April 2013 the total number of applications received was 845 distributed among governorates and mixed between male and female applicants.

The Admissions offices reviewed all applications, contacted students to provide the missing information, and conducted a due diligence check for all program requirements. Around mid. May 769 applications out of the 845 were completed and ready to be considered for the first selection phase.

III- Running LAU Entrance Exams

Applicants were grouped by major and a minimum high school average was set for every major for the applicant to qualify for the next selection phase.

In total 665 students were called by the Admission offices in both campuses and were asked to register for the exams. These 665 applicants were fairly distributed by gender, geographic region and major. The IDs of applicants shortlisted for exams were posted on USP website <http://www.lau.edu.lb/usp/applicants.php> Two exam sessions were planned and done, the first one in Byblos campus on June 8, 2013 and the second one in Beirut campus on June 15, 2013.

Out of the 665 applicants, 596 took the SE exam and 593 took the EEE. 35% of the students who submitted the EEE exam were eliminated because they scored below the minimum acceptable grade of 400. Results were entered in the applicants' database, the admission directors will review them and select potential candidate who did not pass the EEE and ask them to repeat it in July in order to confirm their English level and / or to give them a second chance.

IV- TV Interview

On Friday April 26, Future television hosted the director for the Outreach and Civic Engagement unit to talk about the partnership between LAU and the Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development and about the USP program.

Challenges during this Quarter

No challenges were faced during this quarter.

Planned Activities for next Quarter

The main activities that will be undertaken during quarter IV are:

- 1- Repeat EEE Exam
- 2- Interview USP applicants
- 3- Select 85 scholars
- 4- Create a waiting list of 2nd Tier applicants
- 5- Send final acceptances to the selected 85 applicants
- 6- Collect scholars' signature on letters of understanding explaining the conditions of the scholarship & the responsibilities of LAU & the student and on anti-terrorism certifications.
- 7- Organize a special career counseling workshop
- 8- Organize a special multi-day orientation program
- 9- Assign rooms for all scholars who wish to stay in LAU dorms

Annex 1: Pictures for Public High School Visits



Annex 2: Applicants Selected for LAU entrance exam posted on the Web.

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Applicants selected for LAU entrance exams

Student ID	Student ID	Student ID	Student ID
201203151	201304112	201304471	201304961
201203772	201304114	201304472	201304963
201300613	201304115	201304473	201304964
201301182	201304116	201304474	201304966
201301248	201304118	201304475	201304969
201301249	201304123	201304476	201304971
201301479	201304124	201304479	201304975
201301738	201304126	201304480	201304976
201301746	201304135	201304481	201304977

Downloads:

- [USP III Application](#)