

**Syria Youth Project**  
Draft Questionnaire 29 April Version

<b>Questionnaire Administration</b>	
A01	<b>Serial number of questionnaire</b> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
A02	<b>Interview status</b>
	Interview completed      1
	Refusal converted          2
	Partly completed          3
	No usable information      4
	Refusal                        5
A03	Date of interview dd/mm/yy <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
A04	Interviewer:
A05	Supervisor :
<p><i>Hello. I am from Damascus University's Institute of Sociology, and we are conducting a study of Syrian university youth and focusing on their perspectives, values, opportunities and constraints for the future. As part of the research process, I'd like to ask your views on this subject; the interview will take about xx minutes. Your input will be treated confidentially, and you are not obliged to answer any questions you feel uncomfortable with. You can also end the interview at any point, should you chose to.</i></p> <p><b>Comments :</b></p>	

A06	<b>Are you a student here at the university?</b>	Yes 1	No 2	<b>→ End</b>
A07	<b>Do you accept to participate in an interview?</b>	Yes 1	No 2	<b>→ End</b>

## Decision-making

D01	<b>Can you tell me how important each of the following are in your life. Would you say your <u>family</u> is ...</b>	Very important Rather important Not very important Not at all important DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99	
D02	<b>Would you say your <u>friends</u> are ...</b>	Very important Rather important Not very important Not at all important DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99	
D03	<b>Would you say the <u>university</u> is ...</b>	Very important Rather important Not very important Not at all important DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99	
D04	<b>And <u>politics</u> is ...</b>	Very important Rather important Not very important Not at all important DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99	
D05	<b><u>Work</u> is ...</b>	Very important Rather important Not very important Not at all important DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99	
D06	<b><u>Religion</u> is ...</b>	Very important Rather important Not very important Not at all important DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99	
D07	<b><u>Leisure time</u> is ...</b>	Very important Rather important Not very important Not at all important DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99	
D08	<b>All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole these days? Are you ...</b>	Very satisfied Rather satisfied Not very satisfied Not at all satisfied DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99	

	<i>Some people feel they have a great deal of choice and control in their personal or private lives, while others feel that what they do or want has no real effect on what happens to them.</i>		
D09	<b>To what extent do you participate in key discussions regarding your private life? Would you say that you participate ...</b>	Seldom/never Occasionally Frequently Most of the time DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99
D10	<b>To what extent do you have the final say in decisions regarding your private life? Is it ...</b>	Seldom/never Occasionally Frequently Most of the time DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99
D11	<b>Apart from yourself, who else plays the most important role in decision-making which affects your private life? Is it ...</b>  Circle only one answer	Father Mother Spouse Siblings Extended family Neighbours Friends Members of my religious community Other: _____ Not applicable DK NA	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 98 99
D12	<b>What is the primary constraint that you experience when you engage in decision-making related to your private life?</b>  Circle only one answer	Familial constraints Economic constraints Pressure from extended family Pressure from neighbourhood Pressure to maintain customs, tradition Gender role constraints Other: _____ None (not applicable) DK NA	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 98 99
D13	<b>If you could change one thing in your private life to reduce these constraints and/or pressures what would it be?</b>	_____ Change nothing DK NA	1 2 98 99
D14	<b>What would greater personal liberty look like or mean in your private life?</b>	_____ DK NA	1 98 99

## University studies

		<i>I'd now like to ask you some questions related to your studies and university life.</i>	
U01	<b>Are you ...</b>	Full-time student Part-time student Don't attend classes Other: _____ NA	1 2 3 4 99
U02	<b>What type of faculty are you registered in? Is it ...</b>	Theoretical Applied DK NA	1 2 98 99
U03	<b>Which degree/ programme are you registered in?</b>	Bachelor's of literature and humanities Bachelor's of medicine and dentistry bachelor's of pharmacology Bachelor's of engineering Bachelor's of pedagogy Bachelor's of economics bachelor's of law Bachelor's of Sharee'a (Islamic law) Bachelor's of Science Bachelor's of fine Arts Political sciences Other: _____ NA	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 99
U04	<b>Which specialization are you in within your faculty?</b>	_____ NA	1 99
U05	<b>Who made the decision for you to pursue this specialization?</b>  Circle up to two answers	Mainly I Mainly my parents Mainly my extended family Mainly my high school teachers Mainly my grades in high school (the computer) Other: _____ DK NA	1 2 3 4 5 6 98 99
U06	<b>In selecting your specialization, what were the two main reasons or motivating factors behind this choice?</b>  Circle only two reasons	Strong possibility of landing a job after graduation This field is well remunerated Specialists in this field are well regarded Personal interest in this specialization This specialization will benefit the family business when I graduate Based on my marks, I thought this was my best option Work in this field easy or not particularly demanding Appropriate specialization to combine with private life Other: _____ DK NA	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 98 99

U07	<b>How do you finance your studies? Please select one of the following</b>	Myself I have a full scholarship I have a partial scholarship My parents Partially my parents; partially I and/or scholarships My extended family Partially my extended family; partially I and/or scholarships Other: _____ DK NA	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 98 99
	<b>What was your grade point average last year?</b>  If the person is a first year student, ask about the last semester	Average Good Very good Excellent DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99

### Participation in socio-political, economic and community life

<i>Now, I'd like to ask you some questions about your involvement in your community.</i>										
P01	<b>To what extent do you participate in the following groups or activities:</b>	> Once a week	Once a week	Once a mth	A few times a year	Once a year	Seldom / never	DK	NA	
	1) University activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	98	99	
	2) Student government	1	2	3	4	5	6	98	99	
	3) Sport or recreational org.	1	2	3	4	5	6	98	99	
	4) Art, music or educational org.	1	2	3	4	5	6	98	99	
	5) Welfare, humanitarian, environ. org.	1	2	3	4	5	6	98	99	
	6) Political parties	1	2	3	4	5	6	98	99	
	7) Women's associations	1	2	3	4	5	6	98	99	
	8) Youth org.	1	2	3	4	5	6	98	99	
	9) Unions	1	2	3	4	5	6	98	99	
	10) Discussion forums, cult. centers	1	2	3	4	5	6	98	99	
	11) Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	98	99	
P02	<b>Do you experience any pressure to dissuade you from participating in these activities?</b>							Yes No DK NA	1 2 98 99	→ L01
P03	<b>Please state which of these activities you are pressured against participating in.</b>  Interviewer: Enter the number representing the activity in P01. Max. three activities							1. 1st activity 2. 2nd activity 3. 3rd activity	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	

P04	<b>Which are the primary constraints on participating in these activities?</b>	Pressure to maintain customs, tradition	1	
		Economic constraints	2	
		Time constraints	3	
		Pressure from parents	4	
		Pressure from extended family	5	
		Pressure from neighbourhood	6	
		Political constraints	7	
		Gender role constraints	8	
		Other: _____	9	
		None (not applicable)	10	
			DK	98
			NA	99

### Leisure activities

<i>In addition to the activities you have already described, I'd like to ask you a few questions about leisure time.</i>											
<i>To what extent do you participate in any of the following spaces or places:</i>											
L01	<b>How often do you hang out at the following places?</b>	A few times each day	Daily	A few times each week	Weekly	A few times each month	Mthly	A few times each year	Never	DK	NA
	1) At home	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	2) At home on the internet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	3) At a friend's house	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	4) In the streets of my neighbourhood	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	5) At the movies	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	6) At the internet café	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	7) In a park	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	8) Downtown/ market	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	9) Café/restaurant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	10) University	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	11) Mosque/ church/ place of worship	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	12) Sports club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
	13) Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	98	99
L02	<b>How many hours per week on average do you engage in these activities:</b>										
	If nothing write 00										
	1) Watch TV or DVDs	□□□□									
	2) Go to the cinema	□□□□									
	3) Play computer games (whether on line or not)	□□□□									
	4) On line chat rooms	□□□□									
	5) Surf the internet	□□□□									
	6) Read (books, newspapers, other printed materials)	□□□□									
	7) Write	□□□□									
	8) Play or listen to music	□□□□									
	9) Go for a walk	□□□□									
	10) Go to the countryside	□□□□									
	11) Spend time with my family	□□□□									
	12) Spend time with friends	□□□□									
	13) Go shopping/walk in the market	□□□□									
	14) Go to a restaurant or café	□□□□									
	15) Hang out at the university	□□□□									
	16) Play sports/physical fitness activity	□□□□									
	17) do my favourite hobby	□□□□									
	18) Other: _____	□□□□									

<p>L03</p>	<p><b>Regarding television, which series are your favorites? Please state max. three</b></p> <p>Interviewer: If the respondent mentions at least one series, ask:</p> <p><b>What is it about these particular series that are so interesting intriguing or attractive?</b></p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No favorite Don't watch TV DK NA</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 98 99</p>	<p>→ L06</p>
<p>L04</p>	<p><b>Regarding television, which programs are your favorites? Please state max. three</b></p> <p>Interviewer: If the respondent mentions at least one program, ask:</p> <p><b>What is it about these particular programs that are so interesting intriguing or attractive?</b></p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No favorite DK NA</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 98 99</p>	
<p>L05</p>	<p><b>Do you have a favorite TV or satellite channel? Please state max. three</b></p> <p>Interviewer: If the respondent mentions at least one channel, ask:</p> <p><b>What is it about these particular channels that are so interesting intriguing or attractive?</b></p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No favorite DK NA</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 98 99</p>	
<p>L06</p>	<p><b>Regarding blogs, e-mail subscriber groups and internet websites, are there any sites which you regularly visit, participate in or subscribe to? Please state max. three</b></p> <p>Interviewer: If the respondent mentions at least one channel, ask:</p> <p><b>What is it about these particular blogs, subscriber groups or websites that are so interesting intriguing or attractive?</b></p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No favorite Don't spend time on the Internet or subscribe to e-mails DK NA</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 98 99</p>	

## Work life and the economy

<i>If I could now ask you a few questions related to work life and the economy.</i>			
W01	<b>How do you feel about finding a job after graduating?</b>	Very optimistic Rather optimistic Rather pessimistic Very pessimistic DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99
W02	<b>Which university degree or specialization is most likely to lead to a job?</b>	Chances are equal for all DK NA	1 2 98 99
W03	<b>Which of the following factors is most important in getting a job?</b>	High marks Your degree/specialization Thesis project/ course work Qualification and experience Family Networks Wasta Other: _____ DK NA	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 98 99
W04	<b>If you could choose, would you prefer to work ...</b>	As a public sector employee As a private sector employee As a self-employed person With family DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99
W05	<b>Do you have plans to start your own small business after graduating?</b>	Yes No DK NA	1 2 98 99
W06	<b>Do you think of traveling abroad to work after graduation?</b>	Yes No DK NA	1 2 98 99
W07	<b>In addition to your studies, do you also engage in paid work?</b>	Yes No NA	1 2 99
			→ W10 → W10
W08	<b>How often?</b>	Daily A few times each week Weekly A few times each month Monthly During holidays and breaks Seasonal DK NA	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 98 99
W09	<b>To what extent do you contribute to your family's household income? Is it ...</b>	Weekly Monthly Occasionally Rarely DK NA	1 2 3 4 98 99
W10	<b>How many hours of unpaid work do you engage in either in your household, on family land or in a family business each week?</b>	# of hrs DK NA	 98 99

W11	<b>How has your economic situation changed over the last five years?</b>	Much better (now) Somewhat better About the same Somewhat worse Much worse DK NA	1 2 3 4 5 98 99	
W12	<b>Are you with the economic reform in Syria?</b>	Yes No DK NA	1 2 98 99	
W13	<b>When you think about your future, what are your two primary concerns?</b>	_____ _____ DK NA	1 2 98 99	
W14	<b>Which of the following groups do you trust most? Is it ...</b>	Teachers Medical doctors Lawyers Engineers University teachers Police Military Politicians Religious clergy Bureaucrats Don't trust any of them DK NA	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 98 99	
W15	<b>If you could change one thing for youth in Syria, what would it be?</b>	_____ Wouldn't change any thing DK NA	1 2 98 99	
W16	<b>If you could change one thing for the people of Syria, what would it be?</b>	_____ Wouldn't change any thing DK NA	1 2 98 99	
W17	<b>If you could change one thing for the university, what would it be?</b>	_____ Wouldn't change any thing DK NA	1 2 98 99	

**Background and identity**

	<i>Before concluding the interview, I need to ask you a few basic demographic questions</i>			
B01	<b>What is your age?</b>	Age in completed years	_ _	
B02	<b>What is your gender?</b>	Male	1	
		Female	2	
B03	<b>What is your civil status?</b>	Single, never married	1	
		Married	2	
		Widowed	3	
		Divorced	4	
		Separated	5	
		NA	99	
B04	<b>Where do you live during study?</b>	With family	1	
		Dormitory	2	
		With relatives or family friends	3	
		Rent	4	
		No answer	99	
B05	<b>Which of the following statements best describes your household's overall economic situation?</b>	Our household is well-off	1	
		We are not rich but live comfortably	2	
		We are neither rich, nor poor we have a difficulty meeting our basic needs	3	
		DK	4	
		NA	98	
			99	
B06	<b>What is your father's level of formal education attainment?</b>	Illiterate	1	
		Read and write	2	
		Elementary preparatory	3	
		Secondary	4	
		Intermediate institute	5	
		College/ Bachelor's degree	6	
		Master's degree	7	
		Doctorate/ PhD	8	
		DK	9	
		NA	98	
			99	
B07	<b>What is your mother's level of formal education attainment?</b>	Illiterate	1	
		Read and write	2	
		Elementary preparatory	3	
		Secondary	4	
		Intermediate institute	5	
		College/ Bachelor's degree	6	
		Master's degree	7	
		Doctorate/ PhD	8	
		DK	9	
		NA	98	
			99	
B08	<b>In which academic year are you studying currently?</b>	First	1	
		Second	2	
		Third	3	
		Fourth	4	
		Fifth	5	
		Post graduate	6	
		NA	99	

<b>B09</b>	<b>Which of the following spaces do you identify with the most?</b>	Your city Your home country Syria Arab World Muslim World The World Other: _____ DK NA	1 2 3 4 5 6 98 99	
<b>B10</b>	<b>Apart from the above spaces, of the following, which three are most important to you and your identity?</b>	1) Your religion 2) Your language 3) Your gender 4) Your social class 5) Your political views and ideology 6) Money/ wealth 7) Your educational attainment 8) Your family and clan affiliations 9) Your occupational identity 10) Other: _____ 98) DK 99) NA	1. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

*I'd like to thank you for your time, interest and participation.*

*Would you like to add any thing else? \_\_\_\_\_*

*Good luck with your exams*

