PROJECT AIM AND OBJECTIVES
Our aim is to reduce the rates of child marriage among Syrian refugees by using Cognitive Edges SenseMaker and/or other innovative approaches to assist communities in the self-identification of acceptable, feasible and sustainable interventions that will enact change from within. To do this, we require the following four objectives:

1. Provide new insight into the societal, economic, security, religious and psychosocial factors contributing to child marriage during the Syrian crisis.

PROJECT METHODS
In collaboration, ABAAD and Queen’s University, will take an innovative approach to understand child marriage by using SenseMaker to extract meaning from large collections of personal experiences contributed by community members. Twelve trained Syrian research assistants (6 females, 6 males) will collect the data. Interviews will be conducted in Beirut, Tripoli and the Bekaa Valley. All data related materials and tools will be translated into and from Arabic and then reviewed on site.

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PROJECT INNOVATION AND IMPACTS
The project will result in the following outputs and outcomes:

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OUTCOME
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Additional research outputs will include:
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tions and donors
• Two page policy brief for key stakeholders
• Presentation of results at an international conference
• Policy recommendations and advocacy campaigns through ABAAD’s national and international dissemina-
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