

## Inaugurating The Largest City for Orphans (Sheikha Aisha bint Hamad Al Attiyah City)

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## Editorial

### The Holy Month of Ramadan

The holy month of fasting is approaching and every single day we come closer to the commencement of the month of mercy and plenty. With such promises of forgiveness, abundance and faith bestowed upon us by the holy month, it gives me pleasure to extend, on behalf of Qatar Charity, the best congratulations to our people in Qatar and to the Arab and Muslim nations, praying to Almighty Allah to accept our good deeds and grant us his Ultimate mercy.

To bring unattainable things closer to those needy people and make it obtainable for them so as to alleviate their suffering, or to make a good change in their lives, are deemed to be the best and most honorable works loved by Almighty Allah. Giving is life; on one hand, it gives the benefactors and charity makers a living full of tranquility, comfort, blessing and security. On the other hand, the needy are given the hope of a different decent life that preserves their dignity.

We aspire that the holy month will be an opportunity for us and for all Muslims to come closer to Allah and to seek His satisfaction through charity making and serving those in need.

The ongoing chronic crises and disasters afflicting our nation require more brotherly responsibility to carry out our humanitarian duty. This will be possible only by the concerted efforts of all, each in accordance with its possible capabilities, and none of us should save any effort even if it is a tiny, feeble act of kindness.

Thanks and prayers of forgiveness are for each benefactor, good doer, and for everyone who puts his trust in Qatar Charity. QC's Ramadan campaign "Giving is Life" for this current year 1438 A.H. will come true by your continuous support so as to realize its ambitious objectives represented in extending access to more than two million people from the most needy groups.

May Allah help you to do what pleases Him and achieves His satisfaction.

Thanks are to Allah first and last.

*Chief Executive Officer*

**Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari**

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**Heba aspires to study medicine despite cerebral atrophy (Success Story)**

Although Heba Alwhaidi (15 years) has had a cerebral atrophy since her childhood and she cannot write at all, she has got high grades since she was in the elementary school. She looks forward to joining the medical school and she never gives up.

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**The Mauritanian President Meets  
HE Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser Al Thani**

The President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, met the Chairman of Qatar Charity, HE Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Jassem Al Thani, during a visit where a number of large development projects were opened. Both of them discussed their opinions concerning the humanitarian and charitable work and means of development and support in order to benefit more needy people.

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**Initiatives launched to support the Palestinian people (conference)**

As part of the Humanitarian and Development Forum for Palestine, organizations and other participants at the conference launched initiatives at a cost of QR 100 m to implement developmental projects in Palestine. Sessions and workshops were held in the margins of the conference.

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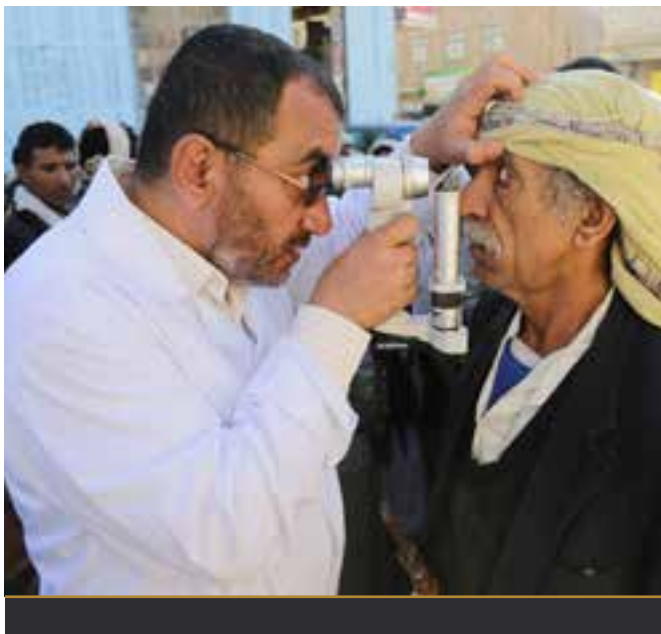
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# Two Remarkable Achievements for Qatar Charity (QC) Pertaining to its Field Intervention



In Burkina Faso: QC has been ranked among the top five major international organizations

In Yemen: QC's office has obtained the membership of the "Core

Group", the health consultant group among 50 local and international health organizations competing for the membership of this significant international group.

The Ministry in charge of following-up and cooperating with non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Burkina Faso, has ranked Qatar Charity among the top five international organizations that aims at fighting poverty and achieving development in Burkina Faso.

According to the concerned ministry, Qatar Charity has played a prominent role in implementing many humanitarian and development projects aligned with the development programs in the country, especially in the fields of health, education, water and sanitation and income-generating projects.

As a kind of showing appreciation for QC's tremendous efforts relevant to health care in Yemen, QC's office there has been selected as a member of the core group of the World Health Organization (WHO) among 50 local and international health organizations.

The UN Group is the central core that structures health according to the group's strategies and policies, where the members of this group determine the priorities of the overall health interventions in Yemen.

QC has been able, in a short period, to get the confidence of key players in the humanitarian work field, especially health care. There were a number of objective criteria that made QC eligible to be selected for Core Group membership, among other 10 organizations in Yemen, such as: the level of activities, capacities and competences; and the considerable efforts exerted to support the health sector in Yemen .

It is noteworthy that Qatar Charity is a key partner in supporting six fields of the United Nations including food security, health, water and sanitation and education. In this regard, this is a remarkable achievement for Qatar Charity Office in Yemen that reinforces its essential role as an international active partner in implementing and supporting health activities and interventions in Yemen.

# “Giving is Living” Campaign Targets Two Million Persons around the World

As Muslims around the world approach the holy month of Ramadan for 1438 AH, Qatar Charity (QC) has launched Ramadan campaign entitled “Giving is Living” hoping that this month would help it to draw close to Allah and seek His forgiveness by implementing charity works, and helping people in need. Accordingly, it has a logo entitled “Be Closer to Allah”

The campaign aims at implementing a range of projects

inside and outside Qatar at an estimated cost of QR30,750,572, targeting 2,047,065 persons.

## Main Projects

The campaign includes three main projects: Iftar tables, Eid clothes, and Zakat Al-Fitr. As well as a range of public and Islamic Da’wa projects implementing inside the state, and information programs broadcasting via the media and social networks.

The estimated cost of the projects

implemented outside the state is QR15million; benefiting 1.1 million persons, while the estimated budget for Ramadan Projects inside the state is QR16 million, benefiting more than 900.000 persons.

The campaign focuses mainly on countries suffering from crises and displacement such as Syrian people, or drought-affected countries such as Somalia. It has a number of new programs, initiatives, and projects.



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# Our Ramadan Projects in Qatar...

The projects implemented inside the state include fast-breaking projects, Soqya, as well as a range of public and cultural programs and challenge projects that allow youth volunteer teams to compete with each other in cooperation with a number of the relevant bodies.

The estimated cost of Ramadan projects inside the state is QR,15 807,100, benefiting 908,010 persons.

The principal projects including:

## **Fast-Breaking Dinners**

QC provides 23 fast-breaking dinners in various parts of Qatar, benefiting unmarried workers, travelers, and low-income people. It also undertakes to provide 20 fast-breaking dinners by itself and financially support three fast-breaking dinners at a cost of QR505 million, to benefit 170,670 persons.

The targeted areas include Al Khor, Simaisma, Al Kharaitiyat, Al Gharafa, Alrayan, Al Shahaniya, Al-Wakrah, Bin Mahmoud, Fereej Abdel Aziz, Al Najma, Mansoura, Bin Omran, Al Matar, Al-Sailiya, Al-Sailiya, Umm Salal Muhammad, Al Ruwais, and Al Kaaban.

## **«From Home to Home»**

Supporting the productive Qatari families through allowing them to prepare dinners for the low-income families by providing 9000 meals throughout the holy month of Ramadan.

## **«Farms Workers Iftar»**

Distributing 600 daily meals to workers in the various farms in Qatar, benefiting 18000 workers.

## **«Industrial Area Workers Iftar»**

Distributing daily meals to workers

in the industrial area by using cars for that purpose, benefiting 12000 workers throughout the holy month of Ramadan.

## **«Ramadan Food Basket»**

The project aims at distributing basic food supplies to -1500low-income families by distributing coupons at the beginning of the holy month to get their food needs from malls.

## **«Mobile Iftar»**

Providing snacks made by productive Qatari families to be distributed to vehicle drivers who missed their Iftar to break their fast, benefiting 15000 fasting.

## **«SoQya, Providing Water to Prayers»**

Distributing water bottles to worshippers during Taraweeh and Qiyaam prayers in 43 mosques,



# Prosperity and Diversity

benefiting 242,000 worshippers throughout the holy month of Ramadan.

## **Public and Cultural Projects** **Youth Initiatives Contest**

Encouraging young people to compete with each other to establish entrepreneurship activities for community service and to support Ramadan and external humanitarian projects, in cooperation with a university student club and community development centers in Qatar. The best initiatives will be selected and honored.

## **«Al Baraha Program for Communities»**

A public program includes Iftar meals and a number of awareness-raising and recreation events targeting foreign communities living in Qatar, benefiting 10,000

persons.

## **«A dialogue with Influential Figures in Ramadan»**

A weekly meeting held in Katara with influential Qatari figures to address an issue of social concern.

## **«Believers»**

An activity encourages community people to follow the Sunnah of the prophet Muhammad and good behavioral habits such as visiting patients, participating in funerals, and feeding the needy.

## **«Cohabitation»**

This event allows non-Muslims to get familiar with customs and traditions of Qatari society, by letting them experience some voluntary activities such as fast-

**908,000 persons**  
**benefiting from our**  
**Ramadan projects and**  
**activities at a cost of QR16**  
**million.**

breaking dinners and visiting majlis.

## **Orphans' Gifts**

Distributing gifts to the orphans ahead of Eid al-Fitr to bring a smile to their faces. QC urges good people to donate to help orphans to make them happy.





# Qatar Charity's Projects outside Qatar during Ramadan

## 1,139,505 People shall benefit from Ramadan projects in 37 countries

### Food assistance for the countries suffering crises and drought

Qatar Charity implements Ramadan projects in 37 countries around the world including the provision of Iftar meals for fasting people, Eid clothing and Zakat Al Fitr. The projects will cost QR15 million and is expected to benefit 1.1 million

people.

### Iftar Meals

The «Iftar Meals» is the largest project in Ramadan at a cost of QR 10,031,451 benefiting 952,889 people with the allocation of 1.5 million for Syrian refugees and displaced people. Further, a large share of funds shall be allocated to Yemen, Somalia, Palestine and Iraq.

In addition, food items would be distributed to 100,000 affected people in Syria and Somalia (flour, bread, food baskets) at a cost of QR 3.2 million.

### Eid Clothing

Eid clothing project aims at filling sponsored orphans' heart with happiness. It is expected to benefit 3786 orphans in 21 countries at a



cost of QR 378,600. Clothes will be distributed before Eid Al Fitr.

### Zakat Al-Fitr

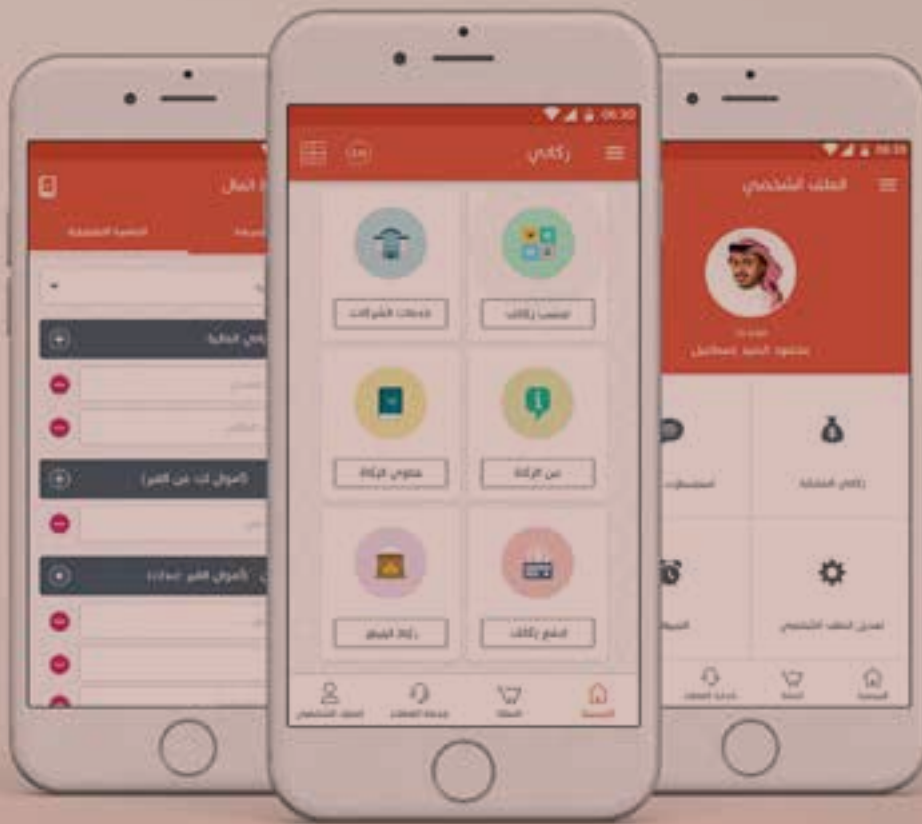
Qatar Charity implements this project with a view to make Muslims much happier at Eid Al Fitr and live decently. It will benefit 82,830 people in 33 countries around the world at a cost of QR

1,242,457.

The targeted countries from “Giving is living” campaign are: Syria, Bangladesh, Niger, India, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Mauritania, Indonesia, Yemen, Ethiopia, Nepal, Palestine, Sudan, Djibouti, Ghana, Benin, Chad, Comoros, Senegal, Kenya, Pakistan, Jordan, Burkina Faso, Mali, Nigeria, Iraq, Togo, United Kingdom,

Lebanon, Morocco, Philippines, Bosnia, Kyrgyzstan, Tunisia, Kosovo, Albania and Turkey

**The projects include providing Iftar meals, Eid clothing and Zakat Al Fitr.**



# Zakat through Qatar Charity

## Easy and Quick Calculation and Donation Services

Qatar Charity helps calculating Zakat for both individuals and companies, gives answers to religious financial issues related to zakat, and facilitates Zakat payment by all regular and electronic means. Qatar Charity has established a special department for Zakat and added two new electronic Zakat services including a website and (ZAKATI) application. The website enables Zakat payers to calculate Zakat via Zakat calculator.

### Zakat Department

The Department of Zakat provides the following services:

1. Calculating Zakat services which include:

A. Calculating Zakat of

(individuals, companies, professions, real estate, etc.)

B. Calculating Zakat that payers have accumulated for several years.

C. Calculating and analyzing the budgets of companies in order to pay Zakat.

D. Calculating zakat of speculative stocks, fixed stocks and stock clearance.

2. Answering the religious financial questions related to zakat.

3. Conducting training courses on (calculation of zakat for individuals, companies and real estate), a course on charities (atonements, vows, sacrifices and Oaths), a course on sacrifices and Zakat Al-Fitr, a

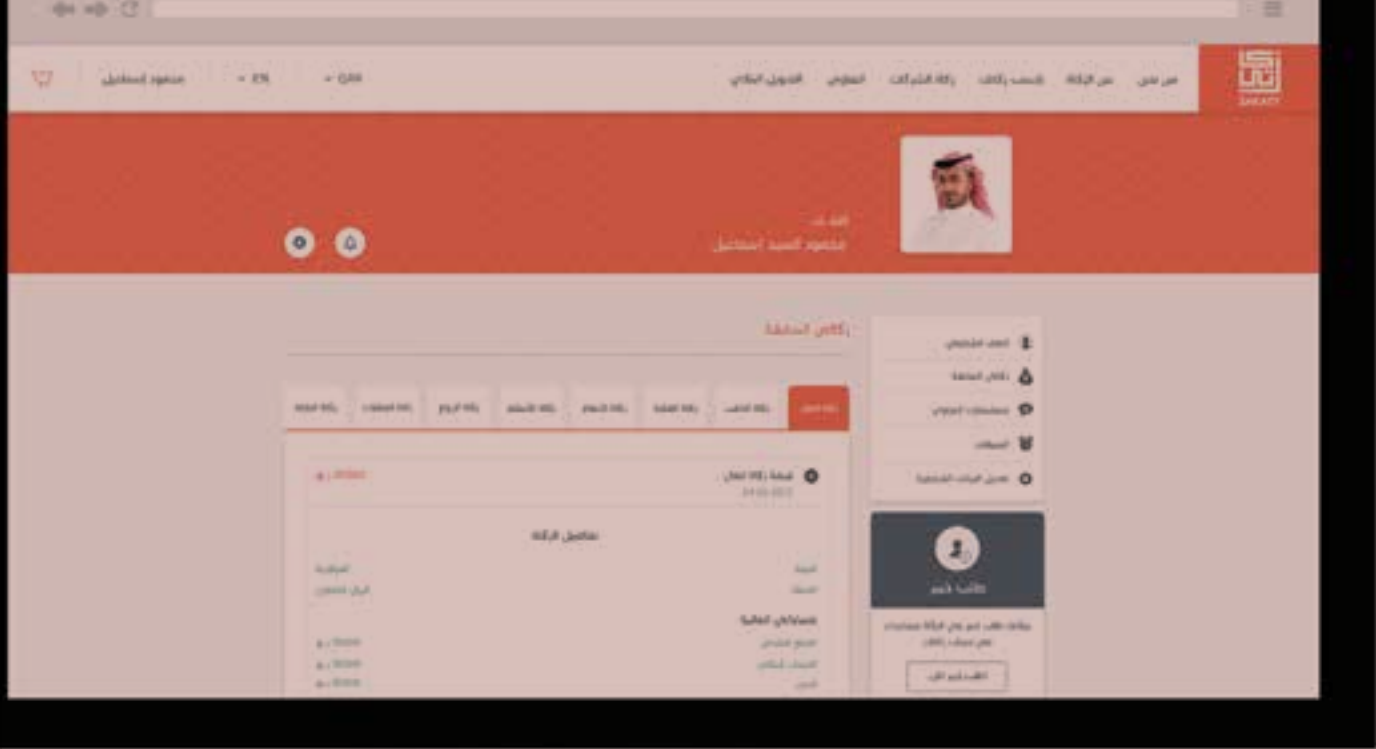
course on pilgrimage (hajj( and Hajj Badal (Performing Substitute Pilgrimage), and courses targeting women.

A Website and Application (ZAKATI)

### The Website

Zakati website answers questions related to Islamic law provisions of zakat. It also provides many services including asking an expert on how to calculate the zakat quorum imposed on each item. The website also supports the direct donations provided to the needy keeping confidentiality of the donor's personal information.

The donor's profile page is available on the website including an information about the donor and



the total value of the paid zakat.

Link: <http://www.zakaty.org>

### Application

Qatar Charity launched «Zakati» application on Android and IOS. The application has the following features:

Friendly using: the application contains many sections that help the user to understand the subject of Zakat, services targeting companies, the possibility of the requesting an expert, as well as how to calculate the quorum imposed on each item

Facilitating the process of donation: the application allows users to donate via the application interface, making the users

experience easier and clearer

Providing a more secure environment during donation to keep the confidentiality of the donor's personal information.

A profile page: The application provides a profile page of the donor, which contains information about the donor and the total value of the zakat paid.

**Application link:**  
<http://qch.qa/q/zakaty>

### Zakat Calculator

Qatar Charity's website provides the service of «Zakat Calculator», to facilitate the calculation of Zakat and pay its due amount imposed on the zakat payer. Zakat Calculator helps calculating zakat, regardless

of its type: money, stocks, livestock or gold.

Link: <https://www.qcharity.org/en/qa/home/zakat>

### To communicate

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# Sheikha Aisha bint Hamad City When orphans' dreams come

As part of Sheikha Aisha bint Hamad Al Attiyah City project implemented by Qatar Charity, HE Sheikh Thani bin Hamad Al-Thani has handed over housing units' keys in Ad-Damir city, River Nile State, located some 287 km north of Sudan's capital Khartoum, to the orphans' families last April.

The handing over took place during a ceremony held at the headquarter of the project in the presence of Mr. Abd al-Rahman Sadiq al-Mahdi - assistant to the Sudanese president, federal ministers as well as ministers from River Nile State. The ceremony was also attended by Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser al-Thani, chairman of the Board of Directors of Qatar Charity, Faisal bin Abdullah al-Mahmoud, member of the Board of Directors, Mr. Yousef Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, Chief Executive Officer of Qatar Charity

and a group of administrators from the head office in Doha and the Khartoum branch.

## Keys' Handing over

In a grand ceremony, HE Sheikh Thani bin Hamad Al-Thani handed over the keys of Sheikha Aisha bint Hamad Al Attiyah City (known as Rufaqa Model City) to Hatim Al-Waseela al-Samani, governor of River Nile State. HE also inaugurated Abu Bakr al-siddiq Mosque, which can accommodate 800 worshippers. In addition, he toured the city, visiting the exhibition that covered all stages of the city's implementation.

## Commending the State of Qatar's Efforts

Governor Al-Samani expressed his deep thanks to the government and people of Qatar for supporting

their brothers in Sudan. He also mentioned the development projects that the government of Qatar and its charitable organizations had contributed to, including Abu Hamad City Electricity Project, besides contributing to solving the Darfur problem through holding a dialogue under Qatari mediation that helped develop the region.

For her part, Sudan's Minister of Welfare and Social Security Mashair Al-Dawalab expressed her appreciation for Qatar and its assistance in Sudan in the fields of health, education and orphan sponsorship. She hoped that other voluntary organizations would follow suit in Sudan and the Arab world.

## Tears of Joy

Mothers of orphans shed tears of joy and extended their thanks to



# Al Attiyah true in Sudan

Qatar Charity. Ms. Ishtiaq Marzouq Abdelhareth stated that her husband died, leaving eight children that were living at her father's house in one room. However, she feels safe now after collecting the keys of her new house and she will let her children join the city's school.

Amani Hassan Khalifa Ahmed, another widow, said that she has three young children living in a rented house and they were threatened with expulsion. Thanks to Qatar Charity, that provided her a new house. She is confident that her children's future will be brighter now.

Rana Thabet Jawad demonstrated that her husband died several months ago in a car accident leaving 11 boys and girls. As a result, she feels distressed and lonely, but Qatar Charity had given hand to her making

her life much happier.

### About Sheikha Aisha City

The city aims at offering the orphans and their families with the means of a decent livelihood through providing comprehensive care and economic empowerment in an integrated social, educational, health and recreational environment. In addition, all the people of the surrounding regions will take advantage of the city's services

### The Importance of the Place

The city of Ad-Damir, the River Nile State was selected for implementing this project, as it is the least developed, lacks the basic infrastructure, and suffers from the low literacy rates and the high rates of employment due to desertification in the region.

### The project's area

The project is implemented on 200,000 square meters region that is in north of Ad-Damir.

### Project Components

- 200 housing units
- 4 schools and a kindergarten with 115 teachers
- a vocational training center (28 teachers and trainer)
- a health center with 18 doctors and nurses
- A total of 192 employees and workers
- a mosque with a capacity of 850
- 3 different playgrounds
- -2000 square- meter park for children
- Agricultural green spaces

## Gaza

# Nada, a child who is an aspirant to study medicine despite cerebral atrophy.

ALLAH has awarded her to be highly successful at school after losing the ability to control her limbs and to speak as well.

She is a -15year-old Palestinian girl living in the west of Gaza City. She has had a cerebral atrophy since her childhood, yet her teachers in the primary and prep schools believe she has a great thinking mind.

The ambition of this girl, whose limbs involuntarily shake, is to reach the medical school and she never gives up. She got %99.8 in the second semester and looks forward to continuing her education until wearing a white uniform.

### With healthy people

The cerebral atrophy is damage and loss of brain cells as a whole, or part of it, in a way that causes losing the ability to carry out voluntary operations and processes of thought and concentration for humans. Knowing it, we will discover that Nada's case is a real miracle. Paradoxically, this child has not gotten less than the level of excellence since she was in elementary school, although she cannot write at all, and the only subject that always affects her score is drawing, because she cannot use colors or paintbrush.

Joining the schools of health people has been impossible for Nada. At the beginning, she was enrolled in the Shams Al Amal School for the Disabled, but the school later decided to let her join the schools of healthy people due to her intelligence.

«I felt very helpless after my brothers joined UNRWA schools without me, and that has caused internal pain for me, but after I joined the same

school with my brothers, I felt very relieved, because I know I am no less intelligent than the students,» Nada says.

### Wheel Chair

Talking about this difficulty, her mother who shares solving it said that she works daily to check her daughter's school notebooks in order to know about the homework and then asks her daughter to do it giving her the answers, while Nada writes them down on her notebooks for each subject.»

As long as Qatar Charity is looking for such humanitarian cases to lend them a helping hand to be successful and to achieve their goals, Nada has been given a wheelchair as part of «Support Project for Health Sector Services in Gaza» GCC-funded project through the Islamic Development Bank. Further, providing Nada with the wheelchair put a shaky smile on her face expressing her delight for getting it to help her move to and from the school, which is more than 200 meters away from her home in Gaza City. Besides, she assured getting very happy with what Qatar Charity offered her.

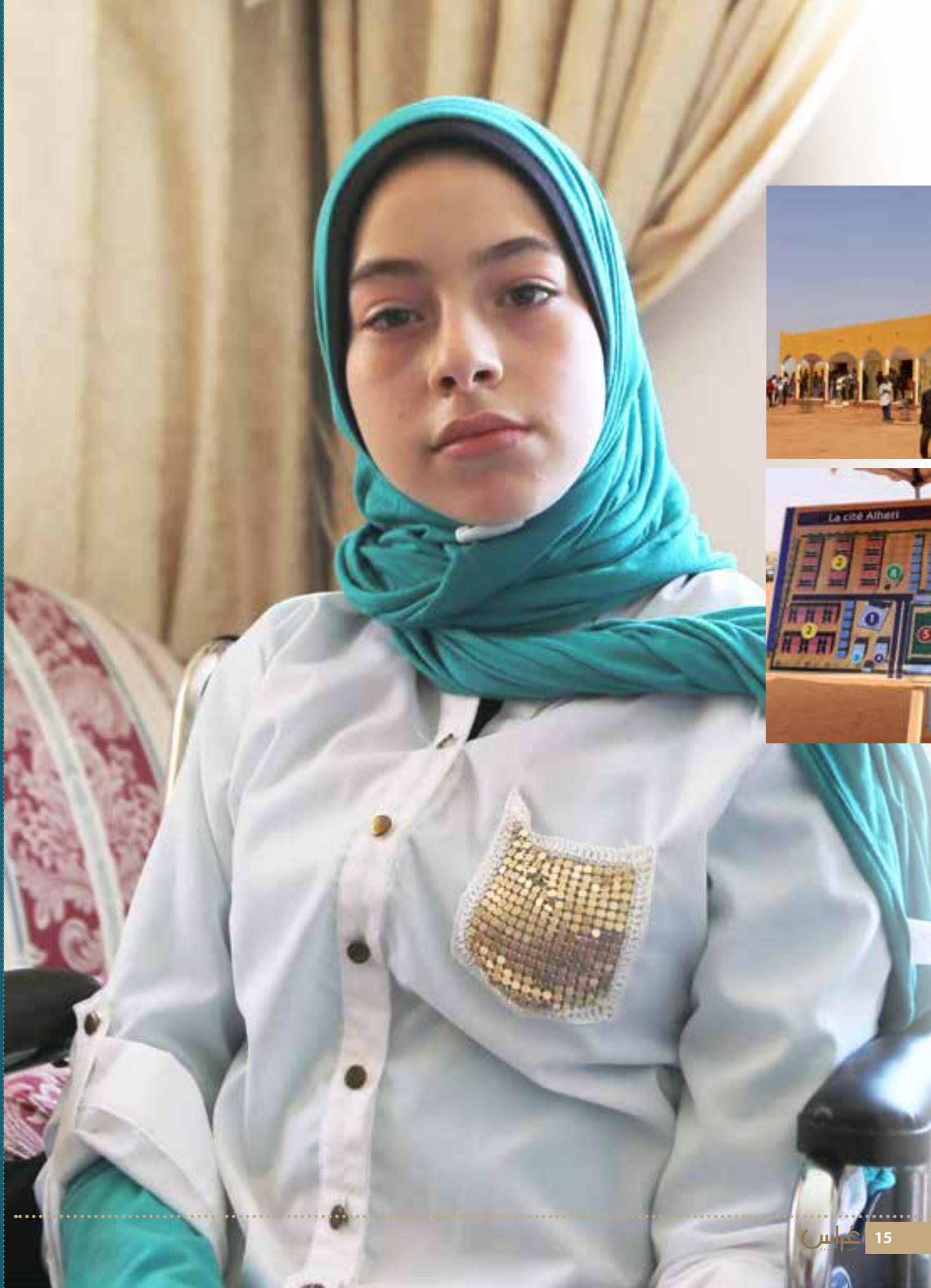
To express her feelings, Nada's mother thanked Qatar Charity for its efforts to help people with special needs, stressing the importance of continuing to serve this community group and enhance the means of integrating it into the Palestinian society.

### Pioneer Project

- The Health Sector Services Support Project, funded by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) through the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), is one of the leading humanitarian projects in the Gaza Strip for providing people with special needs with medical aids. It has a positive impact on this group and improves transportation for them, in addition to reducing complications arising from disability, and enhancing rehabilitation services offered by rehabilitation providers from the private sector.

- The total number of beneficiaries of the project since its inception is more than 2000 disable people. The project was implemented in partnership with 3 specialized local associations, which provided aids for people with disabilities such as electric chairs, wheelchairs, crutches and breathing aids.

- The total number of beneficiaries of chairs with disabilities is 528 people.







## Qatar Charity Combats the Effects

A humanitarian delegation from Qatar charity led by His Excellency Sheikh Hamad bin Fahd bin Abdul Aziz Al-Thani paid a humanitarian visit to Somalia in the first half of April to observe the worsening humanitarian situation there. QC delegation launched large relief projects and met the Somali Prime Minister and local figures.

### Members of the Delegation

The delegation included: Jasem Aljasem, the adviser to the Executive Manager of QC, «Adviser to the International Arbitration» and «General Assembly member

of Qatar Charity Mr. Mansour Dafaq «, Ahmed Saleh Alali, QC's Media Manager, Nayef Alanzy, and other media contributors including: Abdellah Anzy, Ahmed Abdellah, Sayed Hussam Rowhy, Abdullah Helali, and from Marsal Qatar network Yaseen Harsi.

QC inaugurated important relief projects, including opening a kitchen that provides services for 7,000 people, and drilled an artesian well that provides drinking water for about 4,000 in drought-devastated areas.

The visit made a field survey of the

humanitarian situation, completed of the distribution of relief aid and worked on mobilizing donations for sustainable quality projects.

### Camps

Sheikh Hamad bin Fahd bin Abdul Aziz Al-Thani, head of the Qatar Charity delegation, said that the drought in Somalia has had a bad impact on everything there. The livestock upon which many country people depended perished causing them to migrate to the cities looking for safety. Many of the displaced people live in camps and looking for you not to let them



## of Drought ... Face to Face

down.

He praised all those who contributed to the benefit of the affected people in Somalia, and commended Qatar's great efforts in this field. QC's humanitarian projects have been carried out to alleviate the impact of the disaster on our brothers in Somalia. He also expressed his hope that the campaign will continue to support the campaign .

### Final Episode

It is noteworthy that Qatar Charity devoted the final episode of

«Competitors» radio program, broadcasted on the Holy Quran radio station, to collect donations to support relief projects in Somalia. The competing teams participated in this episode, which had a large public of donors, who interacted with the presenter Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Harami, Sheikh Hamad bin Fahd Al-Thani, Mr. Jassim Al-Jassem, and Media Fahd Al-Bishara.

The teams that participated in «Competitors» for Somalia were: Qatar University team, Community College team, Aspire Academy

team, Education City team, North Atlantic College team, Qatar Leadership Academy team.

Qatar Charity has launched a hashtag #hunger\_strikes\_Somalia at the end of March after the deterioration of the situation in the country and the famine has claimed many peoples' lives. This was to raise awareness of the social networking public of the plight of the Somali people and the dangers they encounter.



In the presence of HE Sheikh Hamad Bin Nasser Al Thani

# A number of Vital projects inaugurated in Mauritania

Headed by HE Sheikh Hamad Bin Nasser Al-Thani, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Qatar Charity (QC), a delegation from Qatar Charity including Mr. Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, Chief Executive Officer, has inaugurated various developmental and humanitarian projects during a two-day field visit to Mauritania.

QC implemented housing projects and inaugurated the deaf rehabilitation and education center and two mosques. In addition, it organized a celebration for the orphans sponsored in Mauritania.

## Social housing

During a visit to the country, Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Jassim Al Thani handed over the keys of the third batch of 30 housing units to the needy

families as part of the social housing project amounted to QR 11 million. The total of the houses, which have been delivered are 260 so far.

## Deaf Rehabilitation Center

The deaf rehabilitation center is located in Arafat province, the most inhabited province in Nouakchott. QC's delegation and a delegation from the Mauritanian government headed by the Minister of Social Affairs, Mrs. Maymunah Bint Al-Taqi, have inaugurated the center of Sheikh Nasser bin Jassim Bin Mohammed Al Thani, who is the son of the founder of the State of Qatar, HE Jassim Bin Mohammed Al Thani, may Allah have mercy on them. This center is the official headquarters of the Deaf Rehabilitation and Education Center in the capital,

Nouakchott. The cost of this project was about QR 1 million benefiting nearly 500 deaf students.

The center is of 1000 square meters and consists of several units: a kindergarten for deaf children, play areas, a room for early diagnosis of hearing loss and a primary school consisting of six classrooms totaling 240 square meters for 240 students. Besides, the center includes a vocational training institute of 190 square meters. That institute will enable more than 100 deaf students to learn and practice professions and crafts that will give them an opportunity to professionally take part in the labor market. It also has different clubs for computer, chess, and drawing; a library, and a 100 square meters separated building for the



management comprising a manager's office, a teachers' room, and a library. The center is going to be fully equipped in order to operate efficiently.

#### Donating for the Embassy

Qatar's Embassy in Mauritania has donated a small bus to the Deaf Center to transport the students to and from the center. The donation was made by the Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy, Mr. Fahad Al-Dosari, who attended the ceremony and presided over the opening on behalf of the Ambassador.

#### Mosques

In the presence of a number of senior benefactors, accompanied by a delegation of the Mauritanian government headed by His Excellency the Minister of Islamic Affairs, Ahmed Ould Ahl Daoud and Mr. Mrabbih Rabbou Ould Bounenna, the Governor of South Nouakchott, QC's delegation headed by HE Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Jassim Al-Thani, have opened

Shaikha Wadha bint Jaber Al-Henzab mosque in Nouakchott. It is 405 square meters accommodating 700 prayers. It is fully furnished including a center for teaching the Holy Quran, lodging for the Sheikh of the center and the muezzin. Moreover, it has acoustics, bathrooms, and facilities for ablution.

The delegation has also opened Sheikh Nasser Bin Jassim Bin Mohammed Al Thani mosque in Al-Naim village, 120 km from Nouakchott. It can accommodate 500 prayers and is full-service and well equipped.

#### A ceremony for Orphans

A ceremony attended by more than 300 orphans, who are sponsored by QC in Mauritania and their mothers, was held on the occasion of QC's delegation's visit. Plays that reflect the positive change in the orphans' lives due to QC's support were performed in this ceremony. The ceremony included a welcome anthem and speeches delivered by the orphans' mothers.

#### Meeting the Mauritanian President

The President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, HE Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, met the Chairman of Qatar Charity, HE Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Jassem Al Thani, at the presidential palace in Nouakchott.

Both of them discussed the humanitarian and charitable work and ways to develop and support this field in order to benefit more needy people.

His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Jassem Al Thani expressed his deep thanks to the President of the Republic for his government's cooperation with the charitable organizations and the facilities provided for their tasks to reach the largest number of beneficiaries from the neediest groups. During the meeting, he also presented Qatar Charity's vision of humanitarian work in Mauritania and the efforts exerted owing to the fraternal and religious duty towards the brotherly Mauritanian people.

# “Zhaab” Returns the Favor to the

**Under the patronage of HE Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad al-Thani, Qatar Charity has launched ‘Zhaab’ initiative entitled ‘A Duty, Not a Favor’**

Sponsored by HE Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad al-Thani, Qatar Charity (QC) started ‘Zhaab’ initiative, under the slogan ‘A Duty, Not A Favor’, last Friday to support the Qatari society.

A press conference was held in the presence of QC CEO Yusuf bin Ahmed al-Kuwari and Zhaab Executive Director, Talal al-Kuwari, to address the media about the initiative.

## Priceless

Zhaab is a colloquial Qatari word that refers to a personal object of great value whether it is moral or material, and similarly in this context, it refers to the Qatari society.

Commenting on the significance of launching such initiatives in Qatar, QC CEO Yusuf bin Ahmed al-Kuwari said, “HH the Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and HH the Father Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani have stressed the importance of charitable work, as stated in the Qatar National Vision 2030, which focuses on social development through giving attention to human resources in society.”

## Responsible Society

«Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Joaan Bin Hamad Al Thani, QCy is proud to launch the Zhaab initiative as returning the favor to the Qatari community in all its segments. Our ultimate goal is to create a conscious, responsible and developed society based on equality, fraternity and social justice,“he added.

Zhaab’s Executive Director, Talal al-Kuwari, stated, “While a number of humanitarian initiatives and charity programs are already supporting

**Talal al-Kuwari stressed, “Our work is not just about giving a helping hand to the needy, but also, identifying long-term comprehensive solutions to the challenges they face.”**

poor families and individuals locally and abroad, there has always been an urgent need for a national initiative to provide aid and assistance to members of the local communities in particular.”

## Community Service Culture

“One of our main objectives is to

support all segments of society in addition to safeguarding their rights and values, promoting their participation in social development, and providing them with the means make use of their idle capacities so that they can be self-reliant and get enough income,” he continued.

al-Kuwari confirmed, «Our mission is not only to provide assistance, but to find solutions to the challenges they face in order to ensure the sustainable and inclusive development of society as a whole, with a focus on human rights and the culture of community service through cooperation with various



# Qatari Society

**“We have many objectives to serve the target groups, including a campaign of monthly deductions from the salaries of donors, under the name of ‘Zokhor,’” he said.**

bodies of the country.»

Zhaab initiative has a lot of plans to serve the target groups, including the donation campaign under the name of ‘Zokhor’, which means donating what the person owns, which is a monthly donation plan established through Qatari banks to facilitate the donation process. The program works

to automatically deduct the donor’s allocation from his monthly salary for the initiative in order to make it more convenient to the donor and save expenses and time.

## Evaluation Criteria

To ensure the success of the Zhaab initiative in achieving its goals f: to create a community based on equality, fraternity and social justice, basic criteria have been developed for evaluating applications to benefit from the initiative’s support and in light of which the magnitude and assistance of families and individuals will be assessed and offered.

## To contact us

For more information on how to apply for assistance, or to donate to support Zhaab initiative, please visit or contact Zhaab’s offices at: 44444676 or visit Qatar Charity Offices at: 44667711



Mr. Yousuf Bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari, Executive Director of Qatar Charity and Mr. Talal Al Kuwari, Executive Director of Zhaab during the press conference

# Overview of Qatar Charity Relief Projects in 2016

**•5.3 million affected people have benefited from QC's aids amounting to QR 188 million**

With the escalation of crises in 2016 and the high rates of displaced people and refugees in the neighboring countries, the humanitarian and development assistance provided by QC to dozens of countries has significantly increased.

QC's relief assistance has increased, reaching its peak last year, where the number of beneficiaries was more than 5.3 million people affected by wars, disasters and crises.

In this regard, QC provided aids in various fields including shelter, non-food items, food, health, education, water and sanitation, at an estimated cost of more than QR 188 million.

The cost of projects implemented in the fields of shelter, non-food items in 2016 amounted to more than QR 81 million, benefiting more than 700,000 affected people. Further, the cost of food projects amounted to more than QR 50 million, benefiting more than 2.7 million people, and the Health projects amounted to QR 4.7 million, benefiting more than 360,000 affected people.

The cost of education projects amounted to more than QR 9 million, benefiting more than 80,000 students, and the total relief

costs were up to QR 37 million, benefiting more than 803,000 people. The cost of water and sanitation projects amounted to more than QR 5 million, benefiting about 600,000 people.

Due to the worsening Syrian refugee crisis in 2016, QC implemented relief projects at the cost of QR 150 million benefiting 3,8 million people.

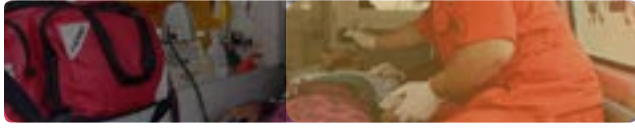
In addition, QC implemented relief projects for the benefit of 850,000 Yemeni people at a cost of QR 16.5 million. QC's projects in Iraq amounted to QR 5.7 million, benefiting more than 145,000 people, and the relief projects implemented in Palestine, amounted to more than QR 3 million, benefiting 91,000 people. The cost of relief projects in Somalia amounted to QR 3 million benefiting more than 176,000 people.

## Beneficiary countries

The following countries have benefited from QC's relief assistance:

Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Palestine, Jordan, Somalia, Pakistan, Myanmar, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Albania, Djibouti, Haiti, Kenya, Niger and Indonesia.





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## Opening two Model Villages in

In January, Qatar Charity (QC) opened two model villages called «Doha Alkhair» in Niger and Djibouti, benefiting thousands of people in both countries.

### The First Village

The first village was implemented by QC's initiative «Atta Alkhair from Doha Alkhair». It includes a large mosque that can accommodate more than 800 people, as well as a primary school, an orphanage for more than 400 students, 30 houses and a solar-powered artesian well. Other facilities will be built in the second phase of the project, including a sewing workshop for girls and women to provide them with a stable income,

and two schools (secondary and prep) benefiting 2000 persons.

His Excellency Mr. Hussein Al-Tenni, Speaker of the National Assembly, His Excellency Mr. Hamani Abdua, Minister of Social Development and Regional Planning, and a number of ministers and officials, members and deputies of the National Assembly of Niger, Mr. Hamad bin Mohammed Al Shahwani attended the opening ceremony.

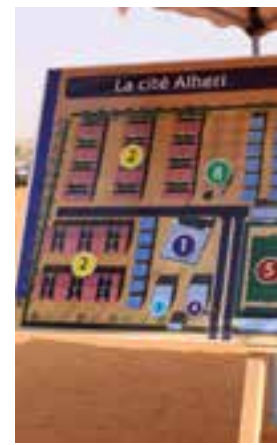
### The second village

Qatar Charity has inaugurated a model village at Damerjog in the Arta Region of Djibouti. The project was funded by «Rohama Qatar» and implemented by the

QC in collaboration with Mercy International Association.

The village, «Doha Al Kheir» comprises 100 houses, a medical center, a mosque, a primary school and a tailoring center, a water network, and a large tank. QC is looking forward to more than 5,000 people in Damerjog take advantage of these facilities. .

The model village, which was built within a year, aims at providing a safe and decent housing for 100 families with more than 1,200 individuals, providing basic health care, and providing educational services to more than 360 students. It also provides potable water to the village, creates job opportunities by



# Niger and Djibouti

**The two villages include multiple facilities such as poor families' houses, schools, orphanages, health centers, sewing workshops, mosques and wells, benefiting thousands of people.**

rehabilitating and providing training to female students in the tailoring center.

The opening ceremony was held under the patronage of Djibouti's Minister of Housing, Environment and Urban Planning Musa Mohammed Ahmed and the chargé d'affaires

of the Embassy of Qatar Mr. Nasser Mohammed Saeed Abu Sala'a, the Qatari delegation that was headed by Khalid Abdullah Al Yafie, Director of QC's Operations Department, the members of «Rohama Initiative» and the members of «Atta Alkhair from Doha Alkhair» initiative.»

Government Commendations Government officials in both countries commended the developmental role of these villages as follows:

«We thank the brothers in the State of Qatar for implementing these large development projects that make a difference in the lives of beneficiaries,» His Excellency Hussein

Al-Tuni, Speaker of the National Assembly of Niger said.

«The village has integrated facilities and will contribute to a sustainable development process through providing educational services and implementing income-generating projects,» His Excellency Hamani Abdou, the Minister of Housing and Development in Niger said.

«The village is a distinctive addition to Djibouti and it addresses the housing problem in the country,» said His Excellency Musa Mohammed Ahmed Minister of Housing, Environment and Urban Planning in Djibouti

## Sponsors and partners

The conference was organized under the patronage of the Qatar Development Fund and a number of Qatar's regional and international charitable partners: The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Palestine, Doctors without Borders Organization, and Welfare Association – Taawon.

# At the conclusion of the forum organized by Qatar Charity Humanitarian and Development Initiatives worth 100 million QR to support Palestinians

The total cost of the contracting works of the organizations and entities participating in the Humanitarian and Developmental Forum for Palestine (HDFP) organized by Qatar Charity in Doha last March was 100 million QR invested to establish and support development projects in Palestine.

More than 160 participants representing 75 local, regional and international governmental and non-governmental organizations working in the field of charitable and humanitarian work took part in the forum, which was held in Doha from 8 to 10 March.

### Recommendations

After extensive discussions on the areas of health, education, economic empowerment and social welfare, a number of recommendations were issued at the end of the meeting.

- Fully appreciating Qatar Charity's initiative to organize an annual conference to serve as a platform for exchanging information and experiences on development and humanitarian issues, and to announce practical initiatives in this regard to enhance the Palestinians' determination and resilience.

- Supporting Qatar Charity's initiative for the conference to ensure its sustainability and effectiveness through the establishment of an effective governance system for this initiative and to expand its participation in the appropriate way, in addition to managing to integrate with the existing coordination and cooperation mechanisms and getting benefits of it.

- The urgent need to engage in coordinated efforts to undertake a deep review of the international mechanisms for supporting development efforts and humanitarian response for the benefit of the Palestinian people, taking into account two important issues:

- o The occupation that prevents real and sustainable development.
- o Supporting the resilience and steadfastness of the Palestinian people.
- Promoting confidence among the various supporters of the Palestinian people on the basis of adherence to the principles of global partnership such as transparency, equality, responsibility, results-based approach and integration.
- Benefiting from partnership and

cooperation efforts to launch initiatives primarily concerned with:

- Preparing and developing Palestinian leaders specialized in development and humanitarian work.
- To better utilize the media in order to support the development and humanitarian issues of Palestine by taking advantage of the positive global atmosphere towards solidarity with the Palestinian people and their just cause.

### The Forum Objectives

The Humanitarian and Development Forum for Palestine focused on supporting the Palestinian people in diagnosing the Palestinian development and humanitarian situation and seeking the best solutions to support the Palestinian people. It also aims to reinforce coordination and partnership opportunities among the various supporters of the Palestinian people and exchange experiences and information related to development and humanitarian work in Palestine. Moreover, mobilizing resources and support for urgent issues of concern to development and humanitarian work in Palestine and launching many developmental and humanitarian



### Sessions and workshops

The two-day forum organized a number of sessions on:

- The reality of development and humanitarian work in Palestine (sustainable development strategies and strategies for humanitarian action).
- Mechanisms of partnership and cooperation to support development efforts and humanitarian work in Palestine
- Experiences and developmental and humanitarian practices in Palestine
- The conference also had a number of technical workshops on education, health, economic empowerment and social welfare.

initiatives for the benefit of the Palestinian people.

#### Opening Speeches

The forum, which was attended by HE Sheikh Hamad Bin Nasser Al Thani, Chairman of Qatar Charity Board, was under the patronage of the Qatar Development Fund and a number of regional and international partners.

In his speech at the opening session of the Forum, Mr. Yusuf bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, Qatar Charity's Executive Director, referred to the centrality of the Palestinian issue and its importance to the Arab and Muslim worlds. He also praised the efforts exerted by various parts around the world to contribute to supporting the Palestinian people due to his just cause.

#### Collective Efforts

On his part, Khalifa bin Jassem Al-Kuwari, Director General of the Qatar Development Fund (QDF), said that the Fund is keen to participate in the Forum, believing that development and humanitarian work in general require a collective effort involving various governmental, non-

governmental and private sectors.

«Over the past five years, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Emir of Qatar, the total support provided by the State of Qatar through the Qatar Development Fund has reached more than 812 million dollars out of over 900 billion dollars spent for the contracting works,» he added.

#### Centrality of the Palestinian issue

Ambassador Hisham Yousif, Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, said that the OIC has held several meetings to shed light on the crises that didn't have any sort of attention. He pointed out that the crises occur again in the Arab countries as part of the famine, mentioning that the disasters and crises have struck the Arab and Islamic nation from Syria to Libya and from Yemen to Iraq.

#### Honoring

His Excellency Mr. Munir Ghannam, Palestinian Ambassador to Qatar, appreciated the generous support provided by Qatar including official, humanitarian and civil institutions

to the struggling and steadfast Palestinian people. «The wise leadership of the State of Qatar places the just Palestinian cause at the top of its agenda and priorities and they are sincerely supporting Palestinians,» said Mounir Ghannam.

He stressed, «The State of Qatar is a pretty good country concerning its active and efficient institutions and bodies, and they have gained a distinguished regional and international reputation. For all Palestinians people and their leadership, Qatar also enjoys great respect and gratitude for their sincere support and offering assistance as well as being keen to support Palestinians' steadfastness against the cursed occupation.

At the end of the opening session, His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Jassim Al Thani, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Qatar Charity, honored the sponsors of the forum in addition to the charitable organization and the Palestinian ambassador to Qatar.



# The Humanitarian and Development Forum for Palestine (HDFP)

## Specialized Sessions and Technical Workshops

As part of the Humanitarian and Development Forum for Palestine, specialized sessions were held to present several working papers by experts and specialists on the development and humanitarian work in Palestine and the mechanisms of partnership and cooperation. In addition, technical workshops were conducted and some experiences and developmental and humanitarian practices in Palestine were reviewed as follows:

### Supporting Development and Humanitarian Work Efforts made in Palestine

**Dr. Tafeeda Jarbawi, Director General of Welfare Association**

Dr. Tafeeda Jarbawi discussed the Arab and foreign funding offered to the Palestinian people. Speaking of the fragmentation of the foreign funding given the difficult conditions that often set by the international organizations, she stressed that the

funding remains piecemeal and insufficient noting that the Arab funding is the only way to support the Palestinian people due to shared concerns, visions and culture.

In addition, she mentioned the most important supporters of Palestine: the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development since its establishment in the 1970s, the Arab Monetary Fund, the Al Aqsa Fund, the Islamic Development Bank, the Qatar Development Fund and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development. She demonstrated that the Arab support did not only play role in providing relief, but rather of supporting long-term development projects and programs that impacted education, housing, infrastructure, health, agriculture and economic empowerment sectors. Jarbawi stressed the role of these funds in providing the Jerusalemites with the elements of steadfastness as they are exposed to the most severe

measures of displacement, distortion of identity, usurpation of property and judaization of the city.

She demonstrated two programs that were implemented and supervised by the Welfare Association, namely the «Orphans Program», which sponsored all the orphans after the 2008 and 2014 aggression (4,000 orphans) and Gaza village reconstruction program (border village).

In conclusion, she pointed out that the reason behind the success of humanitarian and development programs in Palestine is turning the relief programs into a long-term development. Further, these programs should base on strategic partnerships between donors and implementation actors.

### Sustainable Development Strategy in Palestine

**Dr. Bassem Al-Zubaidi**

He addressed three main points:



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- An overview of the development experience in Palestine since the establishment of the Palestinian Authority in 1994
- Defining the current national development strategy / national development plan for 2022-2017
- Challenges and opportunities.

Al-Zubaidi explained that there is a window of opportunity for building up a strategy of sustainable development in Palestine due to the following reasons:

1. The Palestinians' steadfastness and the determination to stay on their land. They also exert hard efforts to achieve development and improve their living and economic conditions (a permanent opportunity).
2. The Palestinians make significant international gains including :
  - a. Security Council resolution 2334, which was adopted last December confirming the illegality of Israeli settlements (an opportunity for development work in areas «C»)

b. UNESCO draft resolution on the «Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls» affirming the importance of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (an opportunity for development work in Jerusalem)

3. Gaza Reconstruction (An opportunity)

4. Palestinian Achievements: Laws, regulations, and development plans in various fields.

### Education in Palestine Dr. Kamaline Kamel Shaat / Chairman of the Board of Directors of Al-Amal Waqf for Education

Dr. Kamaline Kamel Shaath, the Academic and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Al-Amal Waqf for Education, demonstrated the challenges and opportunities relating to the field of education in Palestine. He stated that new educational facilities must be built and equipped, and a motivating learning environment should be created. He stressed the importance of strengthening human resources

training, encouraging scientific research and updating curricula.

### Social Welfare Yousef Saadeh, Adviser to the Takaful for Child Welfare

For his part, Yousuf Saadeh, the Adviser to the Takaful for Child Welfare in Palestine, said that his paper highlights the importance of partnership and networking to improve the efficiency of social welfare programs implemented. He reviewed the experience of Takaful for Child Welfare, especially in promoting networking and partnerships that, in turn, play a role in avoiding conflict of interest and building fruitful relationships.

He emphasized that the issues of social welfare and local communities' development require the engagement and support of many associations and organizations to produce considerable result.



# Qatar Charity inaugurates a Regional office for West African States

Qatar Charity inaugurated a new regional office in Ghana for overseeing the implementation of its humanitarian and development projects in the West African states last March. At the end of 2016, QC opened a branch for its regional office in Gaziantep, Turkey where it aimed at following up the relief projects carried out for the benefit of the Syrian refugees in Turkey or the internally displaced people inside Syria.

## Official Attendance

A high-level delegation from the local authorities in the Republic of Ghana attended the inauguration

including a representative of the Vice President, a representative of the Minister of Social Protection and Children, the Minister of Culture, the Spokesperson of the President of the Republic and the Minister of the Northern Territory in addition to key figures and representatives of local and international organizations.

Mr. Faisal Al-Fahaida, Executive Director of Operations Department, affirmed that the Republic of Ghana has been selected due to its dynamic geographic location, regional status, the international humanitarian activity carried out on its lands, Qatar Charity's large projects implemented on its lands and facilities provided for it.

## Widespread Offices

«This inauguration is part of Qatar Charity's efforts to expand through opening new offices and representations across the world and its desire to supervise the relief and development projects directly, increase cooperation with its international partners and to take advantage of the donors' support,» Al Fahida stated.

In this regard, the representative of the Minister of Social Protection and Children welcomed Qatar Charity and all the guests asserting that Qatar Charity's office is going to play a great role in Ghana, especially in these circumstances where Ghana is



in a dire need of humanitarian aids and interventions.

Moreover, the representative of the minister emphasized the need to support the education sector through the construction and maintenance of schools and school feeding programs and other interventions planned for women and children. She demonstrated that the Ghanaian government supports QC's humanitarian work efforts, which align with the current and future efforts of the government.

### **Qatari Volunteers**

Accordingly, the inauguration of a branch for the regional office in Gaziantep, Turkey will help providing the best services, responding quickly to emergency and disasters, following up the implementation of Qatar Charity projects and facilitating the people's access to high quality services. Therefore, the office has made intensive efforts to provide relief to the displaced people from Aleppo in cooperation with QC's field team inside Syria because the office

is close to the Syrian-Turkish border and for the presence of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in this city.

A delegation of Qatari volunteers attended the opening of this branch, including Mr. Jassim Al Sulaiti, Dr. Ayesh Al Qahtani, Captain Adel Lamy, Mr. Jafal Rashid Mubarak Al Kuwari, Mr. Saeed Mohammed Abdullah Al Marri, Mr. Saif Ali Saif Al-Fresh, Mr. Ali Abdullah Al Nuaimi, Ahmed Khalil Ibrahim Al Khalidi, Mr. Adel Khamis Juma Mubarak, Mr. Abdullah, Mohammed Salem Mubarak, Mr. Mubarak Mustafa Noorallah Fadli, and the Executive Director of Operations, Mr Faisal Al-Fahida. They distributed food baskets and winter bags as part of Qatar Charity's Campaign «Syria... Cold and hunger».

### **8 Countries**

The West Africa Regional Office supervises the implementation of humanitarian and development programs and projects for the benefit of the people of West African

countries as follows:

Senegal, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea, Gambia, Nigeria and Ghana

### **Regional and field offices**

Qatar Charity is currently working in 74 countries across the world. As part of its expansion policy, it increased the number of its field offices to reach 28 in 2016 including 4 new field offices in Yurkey, Kenya, Ghana (West Africa) and Kyrgyzstan.

Qatar Charity has field offices in the following countries: Yemen, Palestine (two offices in the West Bank and Gaza Strip), Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Tunisia, Sudan, Mauritania, Somalia, Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Comoros, Chad, Djibouti, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Britain as well as representations in India and Jordan.



# “Stop Hunger”

## the least we can do for our brothers in Somalia

There are many ways to combat famine

#Hunger strikes Somalia.. is a new hashtag launched by Qatar Charity (QC) After the deterioration of the situation in the country. The famine has claimed the lives of 100 persons within 48 hours, promoting QC to play an active role in raising public awareness on the magnitude of the problem. It has argued people to take part in helping the people of Somalia by putting “Stop Hunger” slogan on their hands, and producing clips and videos and sharing them on social media.

### Immediate Projects

At the country level, QC has intensified its efforts to help Somali people during this particularly difficult time, by implementing a number of new urgent projects including providing food and medical supplies for 19000 famine-affected persons.

Mr. Mohamed Al-Kaabi, QC's Relief Department Director said that QC has taken procedures to encounter famine-stricken territories in Somalia. It launched “Somalia Drought and Suffering” campaign under which several projects were implemented, and the last of which was providing West Somalia with drinking water. Owing to the worsening humanitarian crisis during the last

few days, QC has intensified its efforts and implemented urgent relief projects to help famine-affected people in Somalia. It has argued the philanthropists to donate through #Hunger strikes Somalia” hashtag and to help their brothers.

He pointed out that the new relief project that will be implemented in the next few days aims to provide relief assistant for not less than 1800 affected families, including a one-month food backset containing rice, sugar, flour, cooking oil, dates, dry milk, in addition to facilitating medical conveyes.

### Implemented Projects

Immediate relief projects have been implemented in drought-affected areas by QC under “Save Somalia” campaign that launched in early February. Food parcels and drinking water were distributed, benefiting 1050 families in Puntland, and Galmudug and 500 drought-affected families in Baidoa, not to mention new projects targeting different areas.

### Move to Act

Anyone can donate by QC campaign to encounter famine-stricken Somalia through the following stocks: «Water Supply” QR100 a share, “Food Basket” QR300 a share and “Medical Services” QR500 a share, or by using one of these methods: sending SMS with a

code soa to 92632 to donate QR50, to 92642 to donate QR200, and 92428 to donate QR500.

Anyone can also donate via QC e-mail )qcharity.org(,hotline: 44667711, or via collection points and self-service machines in malls.

### • Depressing Statistics

According to latest reports issued by United Nations agencies and official bodies in Somalia (at the end of March 2017)

- The estimated population in Somalia was 12 million, and half of them are in a dire need for food and water.
- 1.1 million People are in danger of dying from malnutrition.
- A quarter of a million people have fled their homes in search of food and water.
- Nearly 5000 people have sought refuge in refugees' camps in Ethiopia and Kenya.
- Almost 16000 Cholera cases have been registered due to extreme temperatures, shortage of potable water, and large numbers of displaced persons in spontaneous camps, and the number is increasing according to field statistics.
- About 2.3 of the registered Cholera cases are serious, because of the absence of the health system in the country.

# STOP HUNGER

#SaveSomalia

Contribute to the Somalia Famine Awareness Campaign by taking photo with the attached format Then put it into your social media accounts, with a photo of your hand written on it:

**STOP HUNGER**



# Radical increase in water and sanitation investment required to meet development targets

Countries are not increasing spending fast enough to meet the water and sanitation targets under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), says a new report published by WHO on behalf of UN-Water – the United Nations inter-agency coordination mechanism for all freshwater-related issues, including sanitation.

«Today, almost two billion people use a source of drinking-water contaminated with faeces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid and polio,» says Dr Maria Neira, WHO Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health.

«Contaminated drinking-water is estimated to cause more than 000 500 diarrhoeal deaths each year and is a major factor in several neglected tropical diseases, including intestinal worms, schistosomiasis, and trachoma,» added Neira.

The report stresses that countries will not meet global aspirations of universal access to safe drinking-water and sanitation unless steps are taken to use financial resources more efficiently and increase efforts to identify new sources of funding.

According to the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) 2017 report,

countries have increased their budgets for water, sanitation and hygiene at an annual average rate of %4.9 over the last three years. Yet, %80 of countries report that water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) financing is still insufficient to meet nationally-defined targets for WASH services.

In many developing countries, current national coverage targets are based on achieving access to basic infrastructure, which may not always provide continuously safe and reliable services. Planned investments have yet to take into account the much more ambitious SDG targets, which aim for universal access to safely managed water and sanitation services by 2030.

In order to meet the SDG global targets, the World Bank estimates investments in infrastructure need to triple to US 114\$ billion per year – a figure which does not include operating and maintenance costs.

While the funding gap is vast, 147 countries have previously demonstrated the ability to mobilize the resources required to meet the Millennium Development Goal target of halving the proportion of people without an improved source of water, and 95 met the corresponding target for sanitation. The much more ambitious SDG targets will require collective, coordinated and

innovative efforts to mobilize even higher levels of funding from all sources: taxes, tariffs (payments and labour from households), and transfers from donors.

«This is a challenge we have the ability to solve,» says Guy Ryder, Chair of UN-Water and Director-General of the International Labour Organization. «Increased investments in water and sanitation can yield substantial benefits for human health and development, generate employment and make sure that we leave no one behind.»

Additional Findings:

Official development assistance (ODA) disbursements for water and sanitation are increasing, but future investments are uncertain.

Water and sanitation ODA disbursements (spending) increased from US\$ 6.3 to US\$ 7.4 billion from 2012 to 2015. However, aid commitments for water and sanitation have declined since 2012 from US\$ 10.4 billion to US\$ 8.2 billion in 2015. Due to the multi-year nature of commitments, if commitments were to continue to decrease, it is likely that future disbursements would also decrease. Considering the greater needs to make progress towards universal access to safely managed WASH services under the SDG targets, the possibility of future reductions in aid disbursements is at odds with global aspirations.

*Extending WASH services to vulnerable groups is a policy priority, but implementation is lagging.*

*Over %70 of countries report having specific measures to reach poor populations in their WASH policies and plans. However, the implementation of such concrete measures is lagging: few countries indicate that they are able to consistently apply financing measures to target resources to poor populations. Increasing and sustaining WASH access for vulnerable groups will not only be critical for achieving SDG 6, but also for SDG 3 on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages.*

*The GLAAS 2017 report presents an analysis of the most reliable and up-to-date data from 75 countries and 25 external support agencies on issues related to financing universal access to water and sanitation under the SDGs. Safe drinking-water and sanitation are crucial to human welfare, by supporting health and livelihoods and helping to create healthy environments. Drinking unsafe water impairs human health through illnesses such as diarrhea, and untreated sewage can contaminate drinking-water supplies and the environment, creating a heavy burden on communities.*

