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Giving is the secret to happiness

Two million people across the world
benefit from your donations in Ramadan

Sheikh Hamad bin Naser
Al-Thani receives the

«Change Maker» Award
at the "Aid & Trade" conference





Editorial

Welcome to Ramadan, the Month of Innumerable Blessings

The holy month of Ramadan is a symbol of mercy, forgiveness, devotion and celebration. It brings a friendly atmosphere to Muslims all over the world in general and gives hope to those in need in particular. With the advent of the blessed month, a spiritual and luminous environment continues from morning until evening and from evening until morning, which gives sufficient opportunities to store goodness and nurture the faith.

Welcome to Ramadan, the months of philanthropy and generosity and the season of doing good and making charity. On this occasion, we are pleased to heartily and sincerely congratulate Qatari people, residents and Muslim nations across the globe, praying to Allah the Almighty to help us to do what pleases Him and achieves His satisfaction.

With the advent of Ramadan, Qatar Charity's "Giving is the secret to happiness" begins with the aim of drawing attention to the fact that giving is a significant key to human happiness, which means that the pleasure of giving is superior to the pleasure of receiving, especially in the holy month of Ramadan, the season of generosity.

Extending a helping hand to support those in need gives the charity makers and good doers a feeling of happiness and fills their hearts with tranquility, comfort, and blessing, especially, when they see the smile on the faces of the beneficiaries and the positive difference in their lives made by the donations of benefactors.

Now, we are pleased to call upon all the good doers around the world to take advantage of the holy month and strive to taste this happiness by helping needy people, whose numbers have increased in light of crises and disasters, especially in recent years.

Through this campaign, Qatar Charity aims to implement projects in 29 countries in addition to Qatar at cost of QR37mn. The projects include "Iftar Tables, Food Baskets", Eid Clothing, and Zakat al-Fitr and we aim to reach out to about two million people, praying to Allah the Almighty to accept our good deeds.

Here, it is worth mentioning that Qatar Charity has recently been honored for its humanitarian efforts, activities and partnerships at the international level. The most significant achievements are as follows:

- The Aid & Trade conference and exhibition held in London last month honored Qatar Charity with the "Change Maker Award" for its humanitarian services, development efforts and activities in 70 countries. The award was received by H.E Sheikh Hamad bin Naser Al-Thani, Chairman of Qatar Charity.
- At the Aid & Trade conference and exhibition held in London, UNHCR honored Qatar Charity for its efforts, projects and partnerships with UNHCR and the humanitarian service.
- Qatar Charity was granted full membership of 'Start Network' at a ceremony held in London in February.

May Allah benefit us with every good effort.

Chief Executive Officer

Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari



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Qatar Charity's office opened in Sri Lanka

Qatar Charity has opened an office in Sri Lanka as part of its policy aimed at achieving direct supervision of its construction, development and relief projects as well as intensifying more efforts to benefit the people of Asia.

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Qatar Charity outreach helps Palestinian reclaim farmland (A success story)

The farmland of Awad Abu Khater, a 40-year-old Palestinian citizen from Khan Yunis, has been reclaimed within the framework of Qatar Charity's (QC) economic empowerment projects and he is no longer in need of the social welfare aid that used to help him feed his family of nine.

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British Minister: Qatari contributions to global humanitarian efforts are impressive

Alistair Burt, British minister of state for international development, lauded Qatar Charity's role in the international humanitarian arena, saying: "I am impressed by Qatari generous contributions to humanitarian and development efforts around the world."

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Report

Tens of thousands of beneficiaries of Qatar Charity's Relief in Ghouta

More than 31,000 people benefited from Qatar Charity's aid provided to those living under the siege in Eastern Ghouta and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

Also, the charity is preparing to implement a number of projects in the field of food, health and shelter for the newly displaced persons suffering difficult humanitarian and security conditions.

In December 2017, Qatar Charity launched an emergency campaign titled "Ghouta under Siege" for the relief of the Eastern Ghouta

as part of its urgent and repeated responses to lessen the suffering of the people living there in the difficult humanitarian conditions.

Relief for Displaced

During March and April 2018, Qatar Charity distributed emergency aid to those displaced from the Eastern Ghouta to Idlib and the northern Syrian regions with the aim of alleviating their suffering, especially in the bitter winter. The aid included blankets benefiting 23,000 people.

Relief for Those under Siege

Recently, 1,470 families with 8,350 members, affected by the Eastern Ghouta siege, have benefited from QC's aid provided at a cost of more than QR1mn. The aid included ambulances, non-food items such as cloths and blanket, and emergency relief project.

The aid has been distributed in the countryside of Damascus, Eastern Ghouta, Saqba, Jisreen, Kafr Batna, Haza, Zamaleka, Douma, and other nearby villages, neighborhoods, and towns.

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“Giving is the Secret to Happiness”

Qatar Charity (QC)'s Ramadan Campaign





Two million people in 30 countries across the world benefit from Qatar Charity's Ramadan projects at a cost of QR 37mn

With the beginning of Ramadan, Qatar Charity (QC)'s projects for the holy month are launched with the support of philanthropists to benefit two million needy people in 30 countries around the world in order to alleviate their suffering and meet their most important living needs.

QC's campaign for this year aims to draw attention to the fact that giving is a significant key to happiness, which means that the pleasure of giving is superior to the pleasure of receiving, especially in the holy month of Ramadan, the season of generosity.

QC campaign draws attention to the fact that giving is a significant key to happiness.

Main Projects

«Giving is the Secret to Happiness» campaign includes three main projects: Iftar for a Fasting Person, which is "Iftar Tables and Food Baskets", Eid Clothing, and Zakat al-Fitr in addition to social assistance, media programs, and other projects implemented within Qatar.

Places of Implementation

The campaign's projects are implemented in Qatar and 29 other countries around the world.

Cost and Number of Beneficiaries

The total cost of the campaign's projects inside and outside Qatar is QR37mn and it is expected to benefit about two million people.

The estimated cost of Ramadan projects outside Qatar is about QR21mn, targeting more than 1.3 million people around the world. The estimated cost of these projects inside Qatar is about QR16mn, aiming to reach out to 630 thousand people.



QC's Ramadan Projects outside Qatar

Qatar Charity implements Ramadan projects in 29 countries

Qatar Charity (QC)'s Ramadan projects reach 29 countries around the world to benefit 1.3mn people with a focus on crisis and disaster areas, in addition to the poor and the needy. The campaign implements three main projects as follows:

1\ Iftar Project for a Fasting Person

This project is divided into two main categories: Iftar tables for a fasting person and Ramadan baskets, which are implemented at a cost of more than QR15mn to benefit one million people.

a- Ramadan Tables

This serves Iftar meals to targeted people throughout Ramadan.

Cost and Number of Beneficiaries

The cost of the tables is more than QR10mn, benefiting about 820 thousand fasting persons.

Places of Implementation

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Palestine, Turkey (Syrian refugees, and internally displaced persons, and Turks), Burkina Faso, Tunisia, Sudan, Mali, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Ghana, Nepal, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.

b- Ramadan Baskets

This provides parcels containing essential foodstuffs for the month of Ramadan, which are distributed to poor families.

Cost and Number of Beneficiaries

The cost of the project is more than QR5mn for the benefit of 156 thousand people.

Places of Implementation

India, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Togo, Benin, Senegal, Philippines, and Morocco.

2\ Zakat al-Fitr

It is given to low-income families on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr to reduce their financial burden.

Cost and Number of Beneficiaries

The cost of the project is about QR 5.4mn, and it is expected to benefit about 360 thousand people.

Places of Implementation

24 countries

3\ Eid Clothing

This projects provides clothes and shoes to orphans sponsored by Qatar Charity on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr.

Cost and Number of Beneficiaries

The cost of the project is more than QR425 thousand, benefiting 4255 orphans.

Places of Implementation

18 countries





Ramadan Projects in Qatar

Iftar Meals and Social Programs

The list of Ramadan projects implemented within the State of Qatar includes various types of Iftar meals projects for fasting persons, which target workers and community gatherings in addition to distributing Iftar meals and Zakat Al Fitr to low-income families, organizing cultural programs, and supporting voluntary initiatives, in partnership with others.

The cost of these projects is about QR16mn and it is expected that more than 630 thousand people will benefit from them throughout the holy month of Ramadan.

The following are the most significant projects:

A- Iftar Meals Projects

1 – Iftar Tables for Fasting Persons

Number of Iftar Tables: 31 tables will be spread across Qatar and will serve ready meals to fasting persons

Places of Implementation: Al Khor, Dhakhira, Simaisma, Kharttiyat, Al Gharafa, Al Rayyan, Al Shahaniya, Al Wakrah, Al Wukair, Muaiter South and North, Al Sailiya, Bin Omran, Bin Mahmoud, Umm Salal Mohammed, Al Kabaan, Al Aziziyah, Izghawa, Old

Al Ghanim, Al Montazah, Ain Khalid, Al Shamal, Freij Abdul Aziz, Al Hilal, Rawdat Rashid, Al Jamiliya, and Barzan
Cost: The estimated cost of the tables is more than QR7.5mn

Number of beneficiaries: 225,000 people, mostly workers, are expected to benefit from the tables.

2-Iftar Meals for Single Workers

The project focuses on single workers and serves Iftar meal to them.

Places of Implementation:

Al-Ghuwariyah, Simaisma, Al Khor, Al- Khuraib, Al Shahaniya, Abū Nak lah, Al- Wakrah

Cost: QR 548000

Number of Beneficiaries per month: 18,000 people

3-From Home to Home

As part of this project, Qatari families prepare and serve Iftar meals to low-income families with the aim to meet some of their needs.

Cost: QR 255,000

Number of Beneficiaries: 200 people per day - 6000 people per month.

4- Iftar Meals for Industrial

Zone workers

This project distributes Iftar meals to workers through special vehicles at the various locations of the Industrial Area, which are daily changed to cover the largest number of workers during the month.

Cost: QR 265,000

Number of Beneficiaries: (400 people per day) 12,000 people per month.

5-Ramadan Supply

This project provides parcels containing essential foodstuffs for the month of Ramadan, which are distributed to families on limited incomes via coupons gifted by Qatar Charity at the beginning of the holy month.

Cost: about QR1.4mn

Total Beneficiaries: 2000 families.

6-Mobile Iftar

This involves the distribution of snacks prepared by Qatari productive families to motorists who were not able to reach their homes for Iftar.

Cost: QR 382,000

Total beneficiaries: (500 people

per day) 15,000 people per month.

7-Providing Water to Congregations

The project is to be implemented in 43 mosques in cooperation with the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs in order to distribute water bottles to congregations while they are performing the Taraweeh and night prayers

Cost: QR 285,000

Total beneficiaries: 242,000 people throughout the holy month.

B -Social Programs

a- Ramadan Gift

This is financial aid provided to low-income families registered with Qatar Charity before the beginning of Ramadan to meet the living needs in the holy month.

Cost: QR 1mn

Total Beneficiaries: 1,000 families

b- Al-Aqraboon

This is an initiative implemented by Qatar Charity for the third consecutive year with the start of Ramadan, in which a number of media figures and social media influencers will participate, with the aim of providing financial aid to the needy families, who may not visit charities for help as well as supporting difficult cases within the country.

Cost: more than QR 1.1mn

Number of beneficiaries: 150

families.

c- Zakat ul Fitr

It is given to low-income families on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr.

Cost: more than QR 1.1mn

Number of beneficiaries: 1,000 families

d- Eidi (Gift) for Orphans

It is a gift distributed to the orphans sponsored by Qatar Charity, before Eid al-Fitr, to bring pleasure to them.

Number of beneficiaries: 324 orphans.

C- Cultural and Public Projects and Initiatives Baraha

This project supports the Iftar tables of many communities residing in Qatar to enhance interaction and cohesion among their members, especially in the month of Ramadan. It includes a number of cultural and recreational programs for the participants and their families.

Cost: QR 317 thousand

Total beneficiaries: 7,500 people

Youth Initiatives Competition

This encourages youths to compete in establishing initiatives and organizing activities, to serve the community and contribute to supporting the Ramadan projects. The best initiatives will be selected according to specific criteria,

to be honored at the end.

Humanitarian Action Event:

It is a public event involving a group of thinkers, social media stars and some « stand-up comedy» celebrities. On this occasion, the achievements of celebrities in the fields of humanitarian work, will be highlighted as well as entities and personalities, who have participated in and supported the charitable work, in addition to those having the voluntary and humanitarian initiatives, will be honored at the event.

Al-Siddiqiyoon

This is an activity aimed at familiarizing the members of society with doing a number of voluntary works such as visiting the sick, feeding poor people, following the funeral processions, and fasting.

You're not alone

This is an event, organized by Qatar Charity in cooperation with a number of youth initiatives, to pay visits to patients and elderly people in hospitals and Ehsan during the holy month with the aim of instilling the values of volunteerism and compassion.

Moaayashah (Coexistence)

This is an activity aimed at introducing the customs and traditions of Qatari society to non-Muslims by holding a special day in Ramadan to engage them in volunteer activities such as Iftar tables.

Smart E-Services for Zakat Calculation and Payment through Qatar Charity

Calculate and Pay Zakat for Individuals and Companies



Qatar Charity (QC) is keen to facilitate the calculation and payment of Zakat, and to respond to Zatat-related questions through the "Zakaty" website and app as well as by calling or visiting the Zakat Section at QC's headquarters.

In conjunction with the holy month of Ramadan, QC's Zakat Section increases its working hours and QC's branches, collection points and collectors become ready to receive Zakat, alms, and charities from philanthropists, who want to double their rewards in the holy month of Ramadan.

1-Zakat Section

The section does the following through Rabea Mohamed Mojahed, an expert in the field of zakat:

- Respond to Zatat-related questions and calculate Zakat (for individuals,

companies, liberal professions, self-employment, and real estates, etc.), and analyze the company's budget to pay its Zakat

During the holy month of Ramadan, Zakat section has extra working hours after Taraweeh prayer and it is open until 2 AM after midnight in the las ten days of the month.

Also, Zakat expert can be reached through the phone or by visiting the office at QC's headquarters.

• Organize training courses for Qatar Charity's collectors and for employees from private, governmental, semi-governmental organizations as well as for students and teachers. The most important courses held recently are the following:

- Calculate Zakat for Individuals
- Calculate Zakat for Companies (two courses)

- Zakat on Stocks (a course for collectors)
- A course on Alms (Sadaqat)
- A number of courses for teachers and students at schools

2- Website (Zakaty)

The website provides a number of services to meet the different needs of Zakat payers. You can use the Zakat Calculator available on the website or contact the Zakat expert for further information or enquiry.

The website also provides Zakat service to companies and a user can donate directly and easily through the website to help needy people across the world. Moreover, it maintains the privacy of personal information of the user.

The website also includes a donor profile page, which contains all the

donor's information and the total amount of Zakat he paid.

Some of the website services have been developed and the most important of them are:

- Automatic reminder of Zakat due date
- Biometric Login
- Pay zakat according to its channels

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

3- App

Zakaty app help a user understand Zakat. It provides services to individuals and companies as well. You can request a Zakat expert to calculate your Zakat using this app as well as it is easy to donate through it.

The app also includes a donor profile page, which contains all the donor's information and the total amount of Zakat he paid.

Some of the app services have been

developed and the most important of them are:

- Pay Zakat according to its channel
- Zakat in kind Tab
- Biometric Login
- Automatic reminder of Zakat due date
- Zakat Distribution Channels

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

4- Branches and Collection Points

Qatar Charity's branches, collection points, and collectors also provide Zakat calculation and payment services in addition to the charity's website and app.

A - Branches

Qatar Charity has 25 branches, including 16 branches for men and 9 branches for women across different areas of the country.

These QC's branches are located in Al Azizia, Al Markhia, Al Kharaitiyat, Al Ruwais, Al Wakrah, Al Rayyan, Al Khor, Al Gharafa, Muaither, Al Nasr, Al Hilal, and Abu Hamour.

Working Hours in Ramadan:

Headquarters: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM (midnight)

Branches: 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

8:30 PM – 12:00 AM (Midnight)

B - Collection Points: Qatar Charity has 92 collection points in markets, malls and hospitals.

It also has 1,477 donation boxes, 162 collectors, and 64 electronic donation machines across the country.

5- Home Collector

Qatar Charity's mobile app has a service to request a home collector and upon the request, the charity sends its representatives to the donor's place to collect donations.

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Partnerships, Co-operation Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding

Qatar Charity has signed a number of partnership and co-operation agreements with several government agencies concerned with humanitarian and development work as well as with local and international organizations and UN agencies to implement strategic projects across the world and support the humanitarian effort. The following are the most important agreements:

With the Somali Government

A co-operation and partnership agreement has been signed between the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia and Qatar Charity in the capital Mogadishu (at the end of 2017) to regulate their co-operation in the humanitarian and development fields, in coordination with the ministries concerned with the various sectors of intervention.

Signatories:

- Jamal Mohammed Hassan, Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development in the Somali Government.
- Mohammed Ali Al Ghamdi, Executive Director of International Cooperation Department at Qatar Charity.

In the presence of Khalifa Jassim Al

Kuwari, Director General of the Qatar Fund For Development (QFFD) and Hassan Bin Hamza Asad Mohammed, Charge d'affaires of the Qatari Embassy in Somalia.

Terms

- Determine the general framework for cooperation between Qatar Charity and the Somali ministries concerned with humanitarian and development affairs to serve the priorities of the Somali Government in the transition from the humanitarian response to supporting the development and the stability efforts in Somalia.
- Support the QC's interventions to achieve sustainable development efforts of the Somali Government, with the concentration on supplying drinking water, facilitating the voluntary return of refugees and displaced persons, and reviving the local economy based on the economic empowerment and reconstruction mechanism.
- The Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia pledged to facilitate technical co-operation between Qatar Charity and the concerned ministries and coordinate joint planning efforts to translate the

co-operation into specific plans and initiatives.

With UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency

Qatar Charity and UNHCR signed an agreement in October 2017 in Geneva to reintegrate Somali returnees, internally displaced people (IDPs) and receiving communities through the construction and rehabilitation of public infrastructure in the water, education, shelter, and sanitation sectors with a budget of over 9\$ million, which will approximately benefit 100,000 people.

Signatories

- Yousif Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, CEO of Qatar Charity.
- Khalid Khalifa, UNHCR's Regional Representative to the GCC States.

Terms

- Enable Somali returnees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and receiving communities to have access to education; and reintegrate them through the establishment of a public infrastructure that will assist in rehabilitation and construction in order to promote peaceful coexistence and self-reliance.



- Provide access to basic services in the areas of return; so that Somali returnees, displaced persons and receiving communities can achieve appropriate conditions of stability.
- In line with the commitments of the Somali Government, the project will focus on reintegration, education and shelter within the overall framework of response to the refugee situation, and will target Puntland, Somaliland, south and central Somalia.
- The project will start in January 2018 and will continue until December 2018.

With Al Ahli Sports Club

Qatar Charity has signed a partnership agreement in the field of humanitarian and development work with Al Ahli Sports Club, whereby the club will allocate incomes of sports matches for humanitarian and charitable activities and will support the QC's «Rofaqa» initiative for orphans around the world.

Signatories

- Chief Executive Officer of Qatar Charity, Yusef bin Ahmed Al Kuwari.
- President of Al Ahli Sports Club Sheikh, Ahmed bin Hamad Al-Thani.

Terms

- Strengthen the linkage and bridge between sports activities and charitable and volunteer work to support charitable initiatives and promote humanitarian projects.
- Allow the participation of club representatives in local and international humanitarian journeys.
- Implement projects on behalf of the club, which are financed by its donations.
- Qatar Charity shall organize events, courses, workshops and awareness lectures to enhance the charitable and volunteer work spirit of the club's employees and athletes in particular.
- Al-Ahli Sports Club shall provide all the necessary facilities to hold events and activities and promote humanitarian projects in general, and the QC's «Rofaqa» initiative for orphans in particular.
- The club shall provide suitable venues to host the QC's voluntary funds and collection machines and cooperate to provide the club's playgrounds and facilities for Qatar Charity's annual activities.

With Qatar Pharma

Sponsored by Qatar Fund for

Development, Qatar Charity and Qatar Pharma signed a partnership and co-operation agreement worth 1\$mn to supply medicines and medical consumables for the humanitarian response in Syria.

Signatories

- Qatar Charity's CEO Yusef bin Ahmed al-Kuwari.
- Qatar Pharma Chairman Dr. Ahmed bin Mohamed al-Sulaiti.

In the presence of Khalifa Jassim Al Kuwari, Director General of the Qatar Fund For Development (QFFD)

Terms

- Qatar Pharma shall supply medicines and consumables up to 67 pharmaceuticals, which will be distributed by Qatar Charity to hospitals and health centers in North Syria to cover the need of these health facilities.
- More cooperation between the two parties to serve the humanity in a number of countries where there are humanitarian crises.
- Qatar Pharma shall give better rates to Qatar Charity as it is a charitable organization under the framework of this partnership and cooperation agreement.



Orbis UK and Qatar Charity continue efforts to “Reduce Blindness”

Princess Sophie, the Countess of Wessex visits the headquarters of Qatar Charity for the second time in the support of “These Hands” campaign and affirms the strengthening of partnership with the charity.

For the second time, Princess Sophie, the Countess of Wessex visited the headquarters of Qatar Charity in Doha, Qatar in December, 2017, in her capacity as Global Ambassador for the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and Patron of Vision 2020, The Right to Sight.

The visit was paid to support “These Hands” campaign implemented in

“These Hands” Campaign

The campaign brought Qatar Charity and Orbis UK together through the partnership, under which, the charity will mobilize support for the campaign, and Orbis UK will implement the project as it has the continuous experience of more than 15 years in the prevention of blindness in Bangladesh.

Figures

There are 7.4 million blind and visually impaired people in Bangladesh.

- Nearly 10 per cent of the Bangladeshi population have diabetes, and the number of people going blind from the disease is set to double by 2030.

partnership between Qatar Charity and Orbis UK, in order to reduce the blindness in children in Bangladesh.

Memorandum of Understanding

The campaign aims at examining around two million Bangladeshi patients and performing 50,000 eye surgeries.

In March 2015, Qatar Charity and Orbis UK signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to combat blindness and restore sight, focusing initially on Bangladesh, which has 7.4 million blind and visually impaired people. Under the MoU, the charity will raise more than QR 4 million to reduce blindness in the country.

Achievements

More than %50 of the joint project

has been completed in the regions of Dhaka, Jalampur, Nagaon, and Barishal, which resulted in the training of 79 doctors, 481 eye care workers (non-doctors), conducting initial tests of about one million adults and more than 200,000 children, and providing the necessary treatment to more than 716,733 adults and 146,802 children.

A team of ophthalmologists has been trained for cataract operations, the high quality medical devices have been provided to carry out a large number of surgeries, the administrative capabilities of specialized hospitals have been upgraded, and the quality standards of 3 hospitals have been improved.

Both parties pledged to move forward in the areas of cooperation in order to provide medical services to the eye patients of Rohingya Refugees living in Bangladesh, especially children.

Other Doors

Princess Sophie praised the partnership between Orbis UK and Qatar Charity and confirmed that Orbis UK is ready to open other doors for cooperation with the charity outside of Bangladesh.

Mohammed Al-Ghamdi, Executive Director of the QC’s International Development expressed the charity’s desire to expand its partnership with Orbis UK, which has long-standing experience in combating blindness.

He added that Qatar Charity is ready to harness all the capabilities and experiences of its field offices around the world to achieve the goals of the joint cooperation, stressing the importance of building strategic partnerships to meet the humanitarian challenges in the world.

Flying Eye Hospital

The State of Qatar has paid a visit to the Orbis Flying Eye Hospital, which is a state-of-the-art training facility and fully equipped.

The number of QC's offices around the world has risen to 28

Qatar Charity opens its offices in Kyrgyzstan and Sri Lanka

Qatar Charity has opened a regional office in Kyrgyzstan and a field office in Sri Lanka in the presence of a number of ministers, local officials and ambassadors during the past few months to directly oversee the implementation of its construction, development and relief projects

Ministers and Ambassadors

The opening ceremony of the Kyrgyz office in the capital Bishkek was attended by the Minister of Labor and Social Development (MLSD) of the Kyrgyz Republic, Taalaygul Isakunova, Minister of Health, Talantbek Batyraliev, the deputies of the Parliament Torobay Zulpukarov, Almazbek Baatyrbekov and others.

The opening ceremony was also attended by the chargé d'affaires of Qatar's embassy in the Kyrgyz Republic, Rashid bin Ojan Al-Khayarin, and executive director of QC's Executive Management of International Operations Faisal al-Fahida.

In his speech at the ceremony, Al-Fahida said "We are opening offices across the world to directly oversee our projects, increase opportunities

for co-operation with our international partners, and benefit from donor support and funding. He also thanked the Kyrgyz Republic Government for its cooperation with Qatar Charity in opening its office in Bishkek.

The Minister of Health of the Kyrgyz government thanked the people of Qatar and expressed the hope for more support from the charity to cover various health field.

For her part, the Minister of Labor and Social Affairs thanked Qatar Charity for its support to the Kyrgyz people in the field of social work.

Signing Two Agreements

At the end of the ceremony, a cooperation agreement was signed between Qatar Charity and the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Affairs to cooperate in the management of health and social projects implemented by Qatar Charity for the benefit of the Kyrgyz people.

Sustainable Development

Also, Qatar Charity opened its office in the capital Colombo, Sri Lanka in

Al-Fahida:

We are opening offices across the world to directly oversee our projects, increase opportunities for co-operation with our international partners, and benefit from donor support and funding.

the presence of many prominent Sri Lankan figures, Arab diplomats and representatives of national and international organizations,

The opening ceremony attended by Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction, Mohammed Fawzi Abdul Hamid, Minister of State for National Integration and Reconciliation, Abdu Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry & Commerce, Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply, Rashid bin Shafi Al Marri, Qatari Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Faisal Al-Fahida, executive director of QC's Executive Management of International Operations.

Speaking at the ceremony, Faisal Rashid Al Fehaida introduced Qatar Charity and its humanitarian mission, which is supporting the vulnerable communities and empowering them to achieve sustainable development goals throughout the world.

He stressed the need to open up to other international organizations working in Sri Lanka and to explore the possibility of entering into qualitative and strategic partnerships with them, especially with the United

Nations agencies as well as with donor countries, in line with the QC's policies and systems and the Sri Lankan strategies.

Gifts for Orphans

On this occasion, Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction expressed his pleasure and praised the Qatar Charity's humanitarian interventions around the world, pointing out that it is a global organization well-known for quality planning and implementing humanitarian and charitable projects.

He added that his ministry is ready to cooperate with the QC Office in Colombo in planning, marketing and implementing housing and construction projects for the needy and poor people in Sri Lanka. He also announced the establishment of a special division within his ministry to coordinate with Qatar Charity in this regard.

At the end of the event, Al Fehaida presented Qatar Charity Shields to Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction, A.H.M.Fowzie, Minister of State for National

Integration & Reconciliation and Rashid bin Shafi Al Marri, the Qatari Ambassador to Sri Lanka as well as many gifts were given to outstanding students sponsored by Qatar Charity.

With the opening of the Qatar Charity Office in Sri Lanka, the number has risen to 28 offices across Europe, Asia and Africa.

Achievements & Upcoming Projects in Kyrgyzstan

Over 300 thousand people benefited from the projects implemented by Qatar Charity in Kyrgyzstan at cost of more than 3 million dollars in co-operation with local partners in the past years.

The charity now sponsors more than 2,000 orphans and provides health, education and social services to them. It has supported 4 educational centers, dug more than 54 water wells, implemented more than 52 economic empowerment projects and built a number of homes for the mothers of orphans, as well as 8 medical centers.

The QC's plan for the first half of 2018 includes the implementation of educational, health and social projects through multi-service centers, the support of a book printing press in cooperation with the Iman Fund, the implementation of an emergency relief during winter with the Kyrgyz Red Crescent, and the provision of winter aids to orphans.

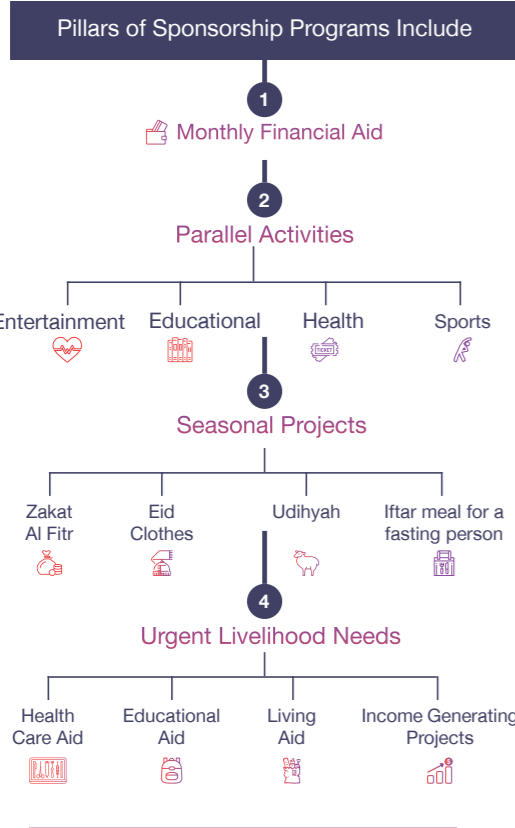
The charity also plans to raise the number of sponsored orphans to 3,500, build a new medical center in co-ordination with the Ministry of Health during the first half of 2018. It is estimated that these projects will cost more than 3\$ million.

Achievements and Projects in Sri Lanka

The QC's humanitarian intervention in Sri Lanka started in 1993, when it used to work in coordination with local charities, and implemented its projects in the past at a cost of more than QR 14 million.

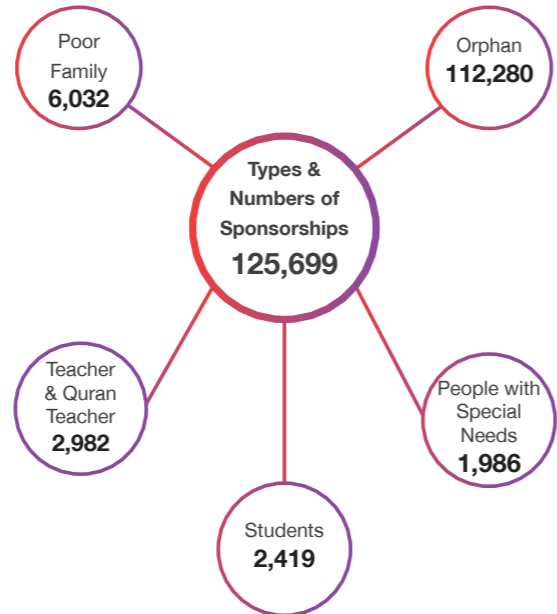
Qatar Charity sponsors more than 1,000 persons, most of whom are orphans. A number of different development projects are currently being implemented in the country at an estimated cost of about QR 13 million. The charity has completed the final arrangements for the opening of the five multi-service centers at a cost of more than QR 5 million.

Sponsorship and Social Welfare Programs of Qatar Charity



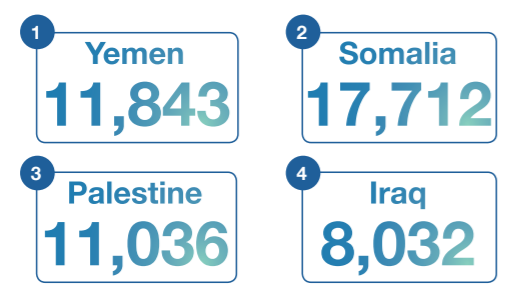
125,699

Currently Active Sponsorships (April, 2018)
(90% of those sponsored by QC are orphans).



QC Sponsorships cover 40 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe.

Top Countries Enjoying QC Sponsorships



15,000

New Sponsorship.. The Average Annual Increase in the Number of Those Sponsored by Qatar Charity.

Social Welfare and Sponsorship Programs of Qatar Charity received several awards, including:



“Al Sanabel Award for Community Responsibility in Orphan Care Institutions of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) for the year 2015”



In coordination with UNHCR

Qatar Charity provides shelter cost to hundreds of displaced Yemenis

At the end of last year, Qatar Charity, in coordination with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), has given the cost of shelter to 750 internally displaced Yemeni families with 5250 members in ten Yemeni governorates at a cost of 250,000\$, due to the ongoing crisis, aiming to provide them with safe shelters, that preserve their human dignity and protects them against risks.

Protecting Those Affected

The displaced families benefited from the rental subsidy in the governorates of Aden, Amanat Al Asimah, Amran, Dhamar, Ibb, Hajja, Al Hudaydah, Lahij, Taiz, and Sadaah.

The subsidy has been distributed within the framework of cooperation and partnership between Qatar Charity and UNHCR, which is evolving to a strategic level through the agreement on joint action in a number of countries experiencing humanitarian crises.

At the end of last year, Qatar Charity had allocated an amount of 250,000\$ to provide relief assistance to IDPs in Yemen and UNHCR implemented the

program. Faisal Al-Fahida, executive director of QC's Executive Management of International Operations, said "as the wave of mass displacement continues and enormous humanitarian needs are not met, most of the displaced persons are now struggling to survive. In this situation, cash assistance remains the most effective way to help and protect those affected by conflict.

Safe Shelters

He added that beneficiary families were selected after conducting field assessments in coordination with UNHCR, the QC's field partner, which responds to war-affected populations, pointing out UNHCR staff visited around 35,000 families and shelters for displaced people all over the country.

He noted that the beneficiary families had received rental subsidies of YR 100,000 (about US 300\$) between July and December 2017, which covered their shelter needs for three months.

Al-Fahida stressed that the rental subsidy helped the beneficiary families have access to safe and decent

accommodation and live in a better environment, in which their children can continue their school education, which confirms that the project has achieved its targeted results.

High Rates of Displacement

The humanitarian situation in Yemen has escalated to alarming levels in 2017, which forced 85,000 people to flee their homes in recent months. The western coast of Yemen remains the biggest source of new displacement, with hundreds of people fleeing daily.

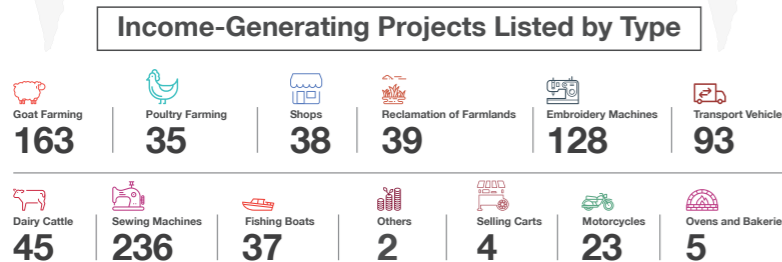
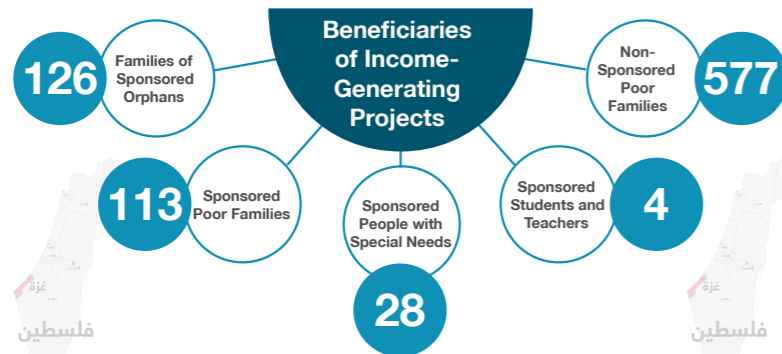
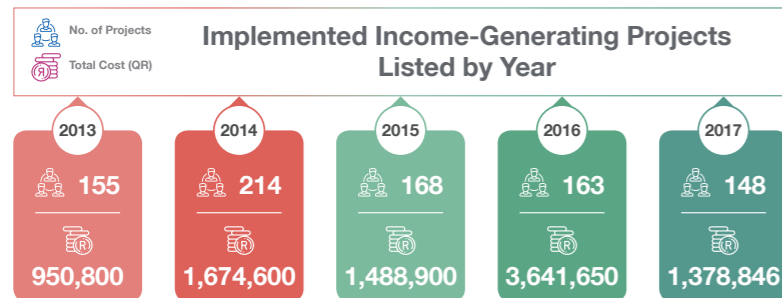
The number of new IDPs who have fled to the southern governorates has also doubled over the past months, as families fled to Lahij, Al Mahrah, Aden, Hadramout and Shabwah. UNHCR has also noted an upsurge in new displacements, with more than 10,000 people fleeing elsewhere in Al-Jawf and Al Hudaydah.

Qatar Charity outreach helps Palestinian reclaim farm land

The farmland of Awad Abu Khater, a 40 Palestinian citizen from Khan Yunis, has been reclaimed within the framework of Qatar Charity's (QC) economic empowerment projects and he is no longer in need of the social welfare aid that used to help him feed his family of nine.

His ground remained undeveloped and isolated for a long time for not having money to invest in reclaiming the land. However, Abu Khater benefited from an income-generating project funded by the Qatar Charity office in the Gaza Strip.

Income-Generating Projects Implemented in the Gaza Strip during the Period (2013-2017)



After receiving QR11,000 from Qatar Charity, he was able to reclaim his bare ground. Recently, he set up a tomato farm over seven dunums of his land, which provides a good source of livelihood to cover the needs of his family in order to lead a dignified life.

Saving for a Better Cause

After paying off all the debts, Abu Khater is now saving money to purchase a laptop for his eldest son, who has achieved excellent results in the final examinations of the first semester for the 2018-2017 academic year.

"My dream came true through Qatar Charity with the support of philanthropists in Qatar who extended their helping hand to make all this happen. Once again, my farmland got its life back and agricultural activities were resumed. Now, I am taking care of my family without the need of any financial support," said Abu Khater, thanking His Highness the Emir, the government and people of Qatar for their generosity and philanthropy.

Abu Khater Is Not Only One

Abu Khater is not the only one who has managed to achieve the dream of leading a decent life. As many as 147 Palestinian families have benefited from the economic empowerment projects implemented by Qatar Charity at a cost of QR1.4mn donated by people in Qatar, which contributes to alleviating the economic and social pressures faced by poor families.

Since the beginning of this year, the charity has implemented 137 other income-generating projects in various governorates of the Gaza Strip to contribute to the transition from the need for help and care to sustainable development and advancement.

Most of the beneficiaries are families of those sponsored within the social welfare and sponsorship programme of QC, in addition to a number of non-sponsored poor families of the Gaza Strip.

The QC's sponsorship programme includes categories such as orphans, poor families, people with special needs and others.



16 Million Syrians benefit from Qatar Charity's Relief Projects during 2011-2017

Qatar Charity (QC) has said its relief projects for affected Syrians benefited more than 16.2mn displaced people and refugees in the areas of food, shelter, health and education between April 2011 and the end of December 2017.

These projects were carried out at a cost of about QR544.5mn.

Such relief projects received a lot of attention in the said period in order to support displaced and affected Syrians.

Areas of Relief Intervention

The number of beneficiaries of food supply projects, which included providing food baskets and relief items and running bakeries, reached 8,584,755 during the 2017-2011 period.

As many as 2,012,704 people benefited from housing and non-food projects, which included setting up villages for displaced persons, providing tents, blankets, mattresses, fans, kitchen utensils, cleaning appliances, refrigerators and washing machines, as well as paying housing rents.

Also, QC supported 2,769,085 people through its health projects, which included treating the sick and wounded, providing medical equipment, supplies and ambulances, etc, while its educational projects (repairing and running schools, printing school curricula, training teachers and others) benefited some 2,841,046 people.

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Beneficiaries of its relief projects in the countries of asylum (Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, other countries) accounted for over 28% of the total beneficiaries of relief projects for Syrian displaced and refugees, accounting for 4,538,126 beneficiaries.

2017: The Year of Greater Intervention

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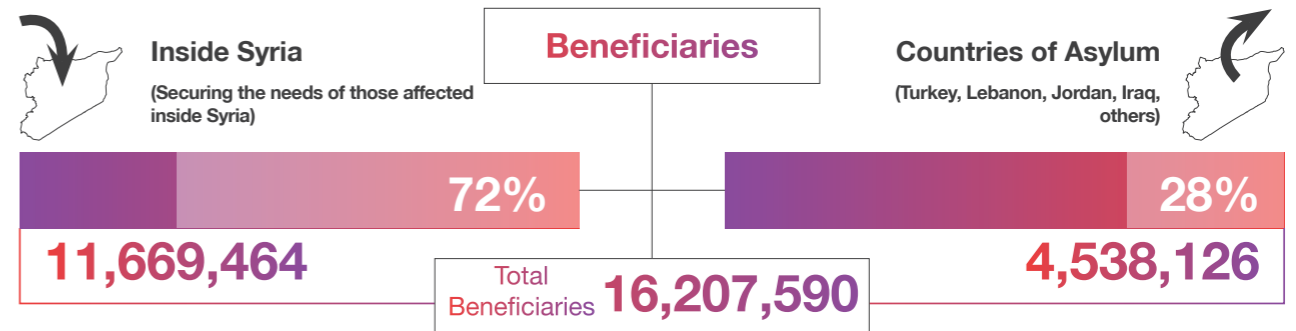
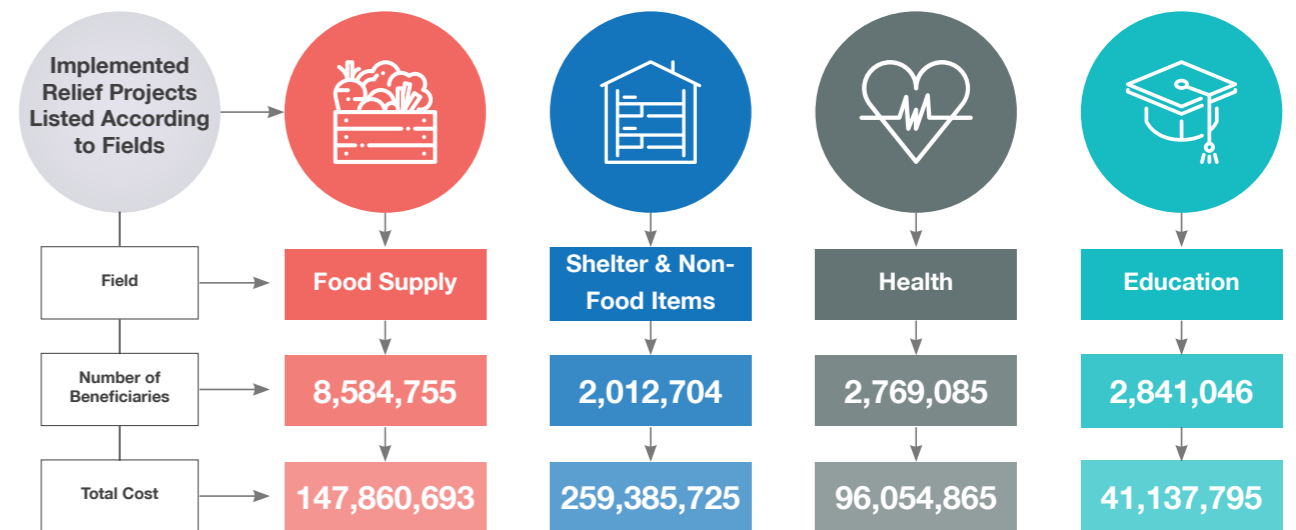
health and education projects reached 4,609,751, accounting for more than 28% of the total number of beneficiaries of the QC relief projects implemented to benefit the Syrian people during the said period. The projects implemented in 2017 cost QR189,634,600, which accounts for about 35% of the total value of projects implemented by Qatar Charity for the benefit of the Syrian people in the April -2011December 2017.

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Qatar Charity Projects for the Relief of the Syrian People

From April 2011 to December 2017



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The center has a capacity for 15 thousand people per month (approximately 200 thousand people per year), and includes specialized clinics and equipment available for the first time in the camp.

Qatar Charity Opens Qatar Medical

In January, a delegation from Qatar Charity opened the Qatar Comprehensive Medical Center at Zaatari Refugee Camp in Jordan, in the presence of a number of Jordanian officials, to meet the medical needs of Syrian refugees living in the camp.

The center, which is one of the largest medical centers in Zaatari camp, includes various medical clinics, a pharmacy and a laboratory for analysis, with 40 medical and technical staff.

Call of Duty

Mr. Yousif bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, Executive Director of Qatar Charity

and Head of the delegation, said «The center launched in co-operation with the Arabian Medical Relief (AMR), is a response to the call of duty towards Syrian refugees who have been suffering for more than seven years from the scourge of war, displacement and asylum as well as it is a support to our brothers in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, who welcomed the refugees and provided them with all the assistance.

He pointed out that Qatar Charity has already launched several campaigns and implemented a number of projects to benefit Syrian refugees in Jordan. The charity provided

them with food and health aid and winter kits as well as sponsored more than five thousand orphans and contributed in the construction of camps.

He noted that Qatar Charity has strengthened its humanitarian presence in Jordan as of last year, through the establishment of a representation in the Kingdom, as it is well aware of the challenges, which the Jordanian people are facing as a result of the situation in the region, especially the large influx of Syrian refugees.

Qatar Charity has implemented a number of projects through a series

Facilities of the Center

The Center includes the following:

- Specialized clinics, including clinics established for the first time in the camp, such as eye, skin and heart clinics
- Two emergency rooms, including one for women
- Diagnostic radiography, which is the only one of its kind in the camp
- Laboratory, pharmacy and dental clinics
- Nutrition clinic for child malnutrition and motherhood and childhood center
- An ambulance

Zaatari Camp

- A refugee camp in Jordan to host Syrians fleeing the violence in the ongoing Syrian conflict that erupted in 2011.
- The camp is located about 20 km east of Mafraq city in the northeast of Jordan in Mafraq Governorate.
- It is the largest refugee camp in the Middle East, with around 81,000 Syrian refugees.



Center in Zaatari Camp

of programs for Jordanian families across the kingdom at a cost of more than five million Jordanian dinars, in cooperation with its partners in the country, particularly the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization, the Jordanian Hashemite Fund For Human Development and the King Hussein Cancer Foundation, Al Kuwari added.

Infrastructure

For his part, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Health, Jordan, Dr. Lail Fayez said it is very difficult for many developed and rich countries of the world to bear the size of the burden borne by Jordan as a result of the

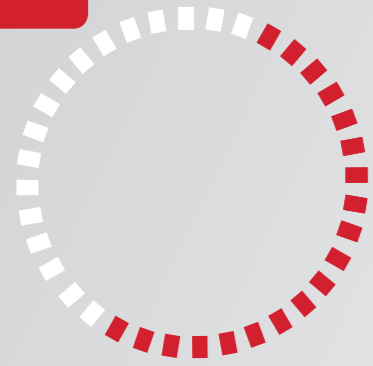
Syrian crisis and its aftermath.

He added that enormous challenges placed by the Syrian crisis and its consequences have pushed Jordan, its health sectors and the Ministry of Health to expand the medical infrastructure and equip it with appliances and other necessities imposed by the increase in the number of visitors to hospitals and health centers, in addition to enhancing them with medical, nursing and technical staff in order to provide care to refugee and alleviate their suffering

Qualitative Addition

Chairman of the Arabian Medical

Relief (AMR) in Jordan Dr. Awni Al Basheer said the center is the result of a partnership with Qatar Charity under the supervision of the Jordanian Ministry of Health, the Directorate of Refugee Affairs and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), hoping that the center, which covers an area of 1,000 square meters, will constitute a qualitative addition to various medical specialties, as it has a capacity for 15 thousand people per month, namely approximately 200 thousand people per year.



START NETWORK

Start Network welcomes Qatar Charity into its full-membership

In February, the UK-based Start Network presented its full-membership certificate to Qatar Charity as a welcome to the organization following approval of the full-membership.

The ceremony was attended by Start Network's Vice Chairman Matthew Carter, Director Sean Lowrie, and a number of its managers and officers as well as a delegation from Qatar Charity headed by its CEO Yousuf Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari.

Commitment to the Human Values

In his welcome speech, Sean Lowrie, Director of Start Network said: "We welcome Qatar Charity and the fresh perspective and expertise it will bring to the Start Network, as we lead for change in humanitarian aid. We are a growing movement with a shared belief that the current system is not fit for purpose. Our newest member and its commitment to internationally recognized humanitarian values are central to the Start Network's ethos and the driving force behind our work to improve the international aid system."

Added Value

Yousuf Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, Chief Executive Officer of Qatar Charity expressed his gratitude following the approval of the organization's full-membership and said that this

reflects the keenness of the Start Network to open up, cooperate and coordinate with humanitarian organizations outside the European Community and, in particular, with the humanitarian organizations in the South, as many of them, including Qatar Charity, have a lot of capacities, capabilities, skills and experiences that will constitute an added value to any alliance they join.

He stressed that Qatar Charity is keen to be an active and effective member of this alliance, in cooperation with the rest of its members in order to develop and improve humanitarian work, and enhance coordination and cooperation, especially in the crisis areas.

He noted that Qatar Charity has the experience of more than a quarter of a century in the field of humanitarian work. It operates in more than 60 countries worldwide through its 27 field offices as well as in partnerships with the United Nations agencies, pointing out that QC made 42 cooperation agreements with UN agencies.

"Qatar Charity also actively works with many international humanitarian organizations and institutions, which resulted in the signing of more than 93 partnership and cooperation agreements so far"

Al-Kuwari Added.

Qatar Charity joined Start Network in February 2016 as observers, and in November 2017, it was granted full membership by the Start Network Board of Directors on the basis that all membership conditions are met. Membership is a recognition for the vital role played by Qatar Charity, as well as for its capabilities and experiences that it has at the regional and international levels.

The Start Network is made up of 42 aid agencies across five continents, ranging from large international organizations to national NGOs and provides quick and effective humanitarian assistance to those affected in the areas of humanitarian crisis.

Qatar Charity is a member of the following organizations:

- UN ECOSOC (1997)
- International Organization for Migration (2006)
- Organization of Islamic Cooperation (2014)
- Start Network (2017)



One million people benefits from Qatar Charity's "Affected by Winter" campaign

More than 906,000 displaced persons and refugees benefited from the "Affected by Winter" campaign till the end of February, which was implemented by Qatar Charity to alleviate the suffering of the affected people of Syria, Rohingya, Iraq and Palestine.

With the generous support from the philanthropists in Qatar, the charity has distributed winter aid to needy people at a cost of more than QR 64 million within the framework of the campaign, aiming to lessen their suffering in the bitter winter.

Aid Materials

The aid included tents with accessories, winter clothing bags, food baskets, heaters and fuel. The comprehensive relief packages included school bags, blankets, family and individual bags, cleaning materials, household appliances, sleeping bags, heaters and food baskets.

The "Affected by Winter" campaign mainly focused on the conflict-affected persons in Syria as well as it targeted the Syrian refugees in neighboring countries.

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Al-Rastan Bakery

Qatar Charity has supported Al-Rastan Bakery to secure the provision of bread on a daily basis to about 60,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Homs Governorate, Syria.

The project aims at providing basic food through delivering bread to the largest possible number of displaced people and affected families without any charge in order to lighten their financial and psychological burden in the harsh cold, and reduce the spread of diseases resulting from malnutrition.

Qatar Charity has sought to help the Syrians at home with the food, as their suffering was worsening more

in winter, due to the absence of basic food, medicine and clothing.

Qatar Charity thanked all donors, both citizens and residents of Qatar, who supported this campaign to help the most affected people in the targeted areas.

UNHCR's Concern

Qatar Charity implemented the "Affected by Winter" campaign, in conjunction with the concern expressed by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency over the funding situation for refugees and other displaced families in the Middle East, where only a quarter of families were likely to receive adequate support to prepare for the approaching winter.

It is estimated that there are nearly 15 million refugees and internally displaced people in Syria and Iraqi and as many as 4 million people are in the extreme risk category and need

Qatar Charity Rehabilitates Thousands of Flood and Cyclone Victims in Somalia



Qatar Charity Office in Somalia rehabilitated many thousands of the flood and cyclone victims through its early recovery programs, contributing to the restoration of basic services and environment and social life, providing livelihoods and shelter, and reintegrating displaced populations. The QC's Somali Office greatly supported victims of flood that hit the Middle Shabelle region and as well as those affected by cyclone that swept across the Puntland region in

order to rehabilitate them through its early recovery projects, which are considered as the bridge between the emergency relief and the sustainable development.

Education and health

Qatar Charity managed to rehabilitate 3 schools, equipped with study tools, materials and aids and reconstructed 4 health centers, supported with the required health equipment, which benefited 92,776 persons affected by

flood hit the Middle Shabelle region in 2013 and 2014.

Agriculture

Aiming to empower agricultural families to benefit from the river water permanently, Qatar Charity provided 10 irrigation generators to small-scale farmers in the Middle Shabelle region, rehabilitated 10 km of irrigation canals and supported 250 agricultural families, giving them agricultural seeds and manual tillage

QC Launches Early Recovery Programs in Somalia

QC Rehabilitates Natural Disasters Victims in Somalia



tools, which helped them reclaimed 250 hectares of the farmland.

Economic Empowerment

Qatar Charity also distributed 150 dairy cattle to 150 agricultural pastoral families and 750 goats to 150 pastoral families, aiming to economically empower them to start a decent life again as well as it helped 58 families by providing them with income-generating projects, which include 20 shops, 20 vehicles

to transport goods and water and 18 sesame mills.

QC office in Somalia rehabilitated 7 artesian wells, increased the depth of wells and repaired the associated facilities such as water supply pipes, generators and electric pumps in addition to the construction and rehabilitation of reservoirs and ponds for watering animals.

Important Outputs

Qatar Charity also implemented its Early Recovery Project in the Puntland region to benefit as many as 86,275 persons affected by the hurricane and the tropical storm in the beginning of 2014.

Qatar Charity provided 6000 livestock to 300 families and gave 25 fishing boats to 100 families, aiming to economically empower them through providing them with the sources of income.

Qatar Charity also supported 4 mobile health clinics operating for 5 months to help affected families with access to basic health services and to raise health awareness in rural communities in addition to rehabilitation of 2 clinics damaged by the cyclone in Puntland.

Furthermore, 10 artesian wells have been rehabilitated to benefit pastoral and Bedouin families and two schools have been reconstruction by Qatar Charity.

It is worth to mention that cyclone and flood hit Somalia in 2013 and 2014 claimed hundreds of lives and destroyed a large number of homes, service centers, roads, schools and health centers, causing displacement of thousands of people.

Families, ranging from 4000 to 5000, have lost 60 to 70 percent of their livestock due to the cyclone that hit the Puntland region, while the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates that about 300,000 livestock have been lost in the affected areas.

Qatar Charity Significantly Contributes to End Water Problems in Sudan

The Qatar Charity Office in Khartoum has implemented a large number of water projects in many places of Sudan to put an end to the water problems in the country.

The implemented water projects, which include establishing water plants, drilling artesian and surface wells, and providing a drilling unit to dig deep wells, benefited hundreds of thousands of people.

Director of the QC's Office in Sudan Hussein Kermas said "by providing safe drinking water, Qatar Charity aims to improve the public health of poor communities and to control

diseases, which spread through the use of contaminated water».

Providing safe drinking water is one of the most significant areas of the QC's work in order to help poor and needy people with safe potable water free of contaminants and diseases that harm both human and animal health, Kermas added.

4 Nile Water Purification Plants

In cooperation and partnership with Munazzamat Al-Da'wa Al-Islamiyya and the Qatar Red Crescent, Qatar Charity set up 4 water purification plants in many villages scattered along the Nile

River, at cost of QR 7.5 million, to cover the needs of more than 87,000 people for clean drinking water.

These water purification plants have production capacity ranging from 500 to 2,800 cubic meters per day as well as they are equipped with tanks, service and administrative facilities, and laboratories for water analysis.

Water Plants Under Construction

A water plant project is currently being implemented in Wad Hamid, in the Nile River State at a cost of QR 2 million, which will have production capacity

of 1,800 cubic meter per day, and will benefit 25,000 people approximately. There is also a plan to set up 20 water plants with different capacities in six other states, at an estimated cost of about \$ 12 million.

A Project in the Darfur region

As part of its partnership with the Qatar Fund For Development (QFFD), Qatar Charity has also started the implementation of other water projects in South and Central Darfur at a cost of about QR 11 million under the framework of Qatar's Darfur Development Initiative and they are expected to be completed

by the end of April 2018 and will provide clean water sources to a number of localities in the region.

The projects include drilling 255 wells equipped with hand pumps, setting up 3 large water plants with overhead water tanks having a capacity of 50 cubic meters and equipped with an energy source (generator / solar energy), and establishing 11 medium water plants with 30 m³ overhead water tanks equipped with energy sources in addition to the distribution of maintenance kits for hand pumps, and the formation of wells and water plants management committees.

Well Drilling Unit

In 2013, Qatar Charity brought a drilling unit from Germany to dig deep wells in multi-layered geological areas of Sudan to reduce the cost and managed to dig 100 wells in several areas of North Kordofan, South Darfur and Gedaref.

Water Harvesting

Since its opening in 1994, Qatar Charity implemented a large number of water projects so far, which include more than 500 surface and artesian well and more than 650 water coolers to benefit more than 302,000 people.

Food crises continue to strike, and acute hunger intensifies

124 million people in 51 countries experienced high levels of food insecurity, warns new report

A new report out today sounds the alarm regarding surging levels of acute hunger. Some 124 million people in 51 countries were affected by acute food insecurity during 2017 — 11 million more people than the year before — according to the latest edition of the Global Report on Food Crises.

The report defines acute food insecurity as hunger so severe that it poses an immediate threat to lives or livelihoods.

The increase is largely attributable to new or intensified conflict and insecurity in Myanmar, north-east Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan and Yemen. Prolonged drought conditions also resulted in consecutive poor harvests in countries already facing high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition in eastern and southern Africa.

Produced each year by a group of international humanitarian partners, the report was presented

by the European Union, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) at a briefing for UN member nations in Rome.

It finds that food crisis are increasingly determined by complex causes such as conflict, extreme climatic shocks and high prices of staple food often acting at the same time.

The situation revealed by the Global Report highlights the urgent need for simultaneous action to save lives, livelihoods and to address the root causes of food crises, the partners said.

Conflict and climate change key culprits

Conflict continued to be the main driver of acute food insecurity in 18 countries — 15 of them in Africa or the Middle East. It is the primary reason for most of the world's cases of acute food insecurity, accounting for 60 percent of the global total, or 74 million people.

Climate disasters — mainly drought — were also major triggers of food crises in 23 countries, two-thirds of them in Africa, and were responsible for pushing some 39 million people into acute food insecurity.

Conflict, climate disasters and other drivers often contribute to complex

crises that have devastating and long lasting consequences on the livelihood of people.

Entire communities and more children and women are in need of nutritional support compared to last year, and long lasting solutions are needed if we want to revert this trend.

A difficult road ahead

Conflict will likely remain a major driver of food crises in 2018, affecting Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, north-eastern Nigeria and the Lake Chad region, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen as well as Libya and the central Sahel (Mali and Niger), according to the report.

Yemen will mostly likely continue to be the largest food crisis by far. The situation there is expected to deteriorate, particularly because of restricted access, economic collapse and outbreaks of disease.

Meanwhile, the impact of severe dry weather on crop and livestock production is likely to heighten food insecurity in pastoral areas of Somalia, south-eastern Ethiopia and eastern Kenya, and in West African and Sahel countries including Senegal, Chad, Niger, Mali, Mauritania and Burkina Faso.

Responses that matter

The Global Report on Food Crises brings together regional and

national data and analysis from multiple sources into one document to provide a clear comprehensive picture of food crises and acute food insecurity in affected countries.

By providing evidence-based analysis, the report demonstrates that as well as critically needed humanitarian aid, development action needs to engage much earlier so as to tackle the root causes of extreme vulnerability, therefore building resilience.

The Global Network against Food Crises launched by the European Union, FAO and WFP at the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016 is expected to increasingly become the engine behind the humanitarian, development and peace nexus, promoting increased coordination between humanitarian and development agencies.

From the site of the World Food Programme(WFP)





Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) and Qatar Charity (QC) announced a joint agreement with UNHCR to provide 9\$mn in financial support for Rohingya refugees.

Qatar Charity honored with 'Change Maker Award' at Aid & Trade Conference and Exhibition

The Aid & Trade conference and exhibition held in London honored Qatar Charity (QC) with the "Change Maker Award", for its humanitarian services, development efforts and activities in 70 countries. The award was received by H.E Sheikh Hamad bin Naser Al-Thani, Chairman of Qatar Charity.

The Aid and Trade London conference is the largest annual conference held in London aiming at providing quick

humanitarian assistance to affected areas around the world.

At the end of last April, Qatar Charity, in cooperation with a number of international organizations, participated in organizing Aid & Trade conference and exhibition in London, UK, under the slogan «Invest in Humanity». This is an international event involving global organizations, UN agencies, and private sector institutions.

During the conference, UNHCR also honored Qatar Charity for its efforts, projects and partnerships with UNHCR and the humanitarian service. The award was received by Qatar Charity Chief Executive Officer Yousef bin Ahmed Al Kuwari.

The conference witnessed Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) and Qatar Charity (QC) announcing an agreement with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to provide

9\$mn in financial support in order to offer basic services to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

The conference also witnessed the launch of a joint campaign by QC and UNHCR to reintegrate Somali refugees and internally displaced people into Somalia, and provide them with a better life. The campaign aims to raise 10\$mn and reach out to 100,000 affected people.

Qatari Delegation

The Qatari delegation led by H.E Sheikh Hamad bin Naser Al-Thani, Chairman of Qatar Charity, included its CEO, Yousef Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, and a number of executive managers and experts, as Qatar Charity and Qatar Fund For Development (QFFD) were strategic partners of this international event.

In his speech at the opening ceremony, H.E Sheikh Hamad bin Naser Al-Thani stressed the importance of this conference for humanitarian and development work. "The current humanitarian and development disasters and crises happening in the world, call for more coordination and concerted efforts of humanitarian and development workers", he said.

Speaking at a high-level session, Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari highlighted the role of humanitarian organizations in achieving development in the third world countries and stressed QC's commitment to work according to international standards and to strengthen its current partnerships and cooperation, especially with UN agencies. Also, he considered that this conference is an opportunity for further cooperation, building relations, and looking for new partnerships with actors in the field of humanitarian and development work.

WRS Initiative

During the conference, the initiative of 'World Refugee School' (WRS), of which Qatar Charity is a founding member, has been announced. The initiative seeks to provide quality education to refugee and displaced children around the world through e-learning techniques as well as it gives solutions for education in conflict areas.

Qatar Charity along with Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), and Education Above All Foundation organized a key session on "Education in Crisis", aimed at coordinating

and partnering to provide quality education using modern e-learning applications to serve displaced persons and refugees around the world.

Education and Social Harmony

Qatar Charity also organized a side event on the role of education in promoting social reconciliation and achieving social harmony in conflict-stricken areas. At the event, Mr. Mohammed bin Ali Al-Ghamdi, executive director of QC's international cooperation along with speakers from the Save the Children and Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) highlighted the vital role of education in promoting a culture of peace and social harmony.

QC' Pavilion at Aid & Trade Exhibition

Though its pavilion at Aid & Trade exhibition, Qatar Charity has highlighted its roles, efforts and humanitarian and development interventions around the world, as well as it demonstrated its technologies used in all its activities. The pavilion also included an exhibition on the World Refugee School initiative launched during the conference.



British minister lauds the efforts of Qatari charities

Alistair Burt, British minister of state for international development and for the Middle East and North Africa at Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, praised the role played by Qatar and its charitable organizations, including Qatar Charity (QC), in the international humanitarian arena.

This came during his visit to QC's headquarters along with a high-profile delegation from the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), in March, 2018, aimed at reviewing QC humanitarian and development efforts across the globe and discussing co-operation and co-ordination.

The delegation included Alistair Burt, British minister; Ajay Sharma, UK ambassador to Qatar; the DFID's regional representative and other prominent figures.

Burt invited QC officials to visit DFID in the UK to discuss co-operation, co-ordination and partnership.

The visiting delegation was received by Mohamed al-Ghamdi, executive director of QC's international co-operation; Yousef al-Hammadi, director of the institutional development department; and a number of Qatar Charity officials.

Al-Ghamdi stressed QC's keenness to co-operate and co-ordinate with international development agencies and international organisations working in the humanitarian field, aiming to alleviate the suffering of those affected by humanitarian crises around the world.

During the visit, a brief presentation was made about Qatar Charity, its efforts and international standing among international humanitarian organisations.

Financial Tracking System

The minister also listened to QC's financial tracking system as part of its approach to integrated management, which enables it to document all

its processes, procedures, systems and mechanisms and supports the institutional regulatory role, by introducing a new work methodology, working according to the latest adopted international standards, and concentrating on customer satisfaction.

Also, QC's live financial tracking system was reviewed, which calculates all incomes of the charity, made by any means, according to QC's areas of work. Analysis of these revenues provides indicators that help the executive management take appropriate decisions.

Also, the system of live follow-up and monitoring of QC's field offices, located in 27 countries around the globe, was reviewed, which enables the charity to track the projects, amounts, expenses and balances and provides statistics on a number of completed projects, projects under implementation and the number of current sponsored persons, which are updated automatically around the clock.