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This issue highlights the vast improvement in the quantity and quality of Qatar Charity projects; its activities and achievements, which have seen us take the lead in several areas and receive tributes, awards and accolades from the international community. Qatar Charity was named a global leader for relief to Syria, Lebanon and Somalia. It also became the first organization to prepare and stage a humanitarian forum to support the Palestinian people. It also began its 'Search' project in Gaza, organizing and sponsoring a number of conferences and forums that serve the Syrian people and actively helped in the preparation of the World Humanitarian Summit 2016.

We continue to encourage competition in charitable work, striving for constant improvement in quality, serving communities in need, in the areas of relief and development, as quickly and efficiently as possible. This mission has helped to create a positive image of the people of the State of Qatar, who have been famed for their love of good since ancient times.

This issue contains our regular success stories, with individuals such as orphan Iman Abu Wakid, who refused to allow her difficult life to detract her from success and going on to become a spokeswoman for the children of Palestine. Another success reported in this issue is the Munshi Ghang School, which had a massive impact in Bangladesh. We also met elderly Jeju from Somalia, whose story helps poignantly highlight human suffering, which, with your help can be lessened. The magazine also includes a number of interviews with a variety of experts and specialists, who work tirelessly in support of humanitarian work.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to send thanks to all Qatar Charity staff and volunteers for their consistent and sincere efforts which have helped us to achieve such outstanding results. We offer particular congratulations to Qatar Charity ambassador Mohammed Hosni, who won first place in the 'Stars of Science' program. We are sure he will have a bright future in the service of his country and his community.

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Qatar Charity Raises QAR 100 Million During the First Humanitarian Forum to Support the Palestinian People

Qatar Charity raised QAR 100 million (USD 27.5 million) during its First Humanitarian Forum to Support the Palestinian People.

In addition to the financial pledges, recommendations were made to establish institutions for education, development, humanitarian action and economic empowerment for the benefit of the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank and the diaspora.

The forum held a special charity evening attended by Dr. Yusuf Al-Qaradawi, Dr. Tarek Sweidan and a range of Islamic and scientific personalities, in addition to the participants in the forum. This evening culminated with pledges from internal and external institutions and philanthropists, amounting to approximately QAR 100 million (USD 27.5 million). This included a donation of QAR 20 million (USD 5.5 million) from Islamic Development Bank, QAR 20 million (USD 5.5 million) from Qatar Charity, QAR 10 million (USD 2.7 million) from Mercy International - Kuwait, in addition to donations from national institutions, Gulf, Arab and Islamic figures and European and global bodies.

The event included the showing

of a number of films relating to the Palestinian people who live under siege and bombardment - particularly those in the Gaza Strip - highlighting their most important needs, in addition to an introductory film regarding the achievements of Qatar Charity in Palestine.

Kind Patronage

The forum was held in Doha, Qatar, under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Bin Nasser Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Interior from 29 to 31 October 2014, under the slogan 'Palestine we are all with you', and involved the attendance of more than 70 humanitarian organizations, local, regional and international associations from 30 countries and over 400 personalities interested in the humanitarian work from the Arab and Islamic Worlds.

The participants thanked the State of Qatar, its Emir, government and people, for their humanitarian support for the Palestinian people during the days of discussion regarding the reality of the Palestinian people in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, Jerusalem and the diaspora.

The opening session was attended

by: His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Ghaith Mubarak Kuwari, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs; on behalf of His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Bin Nasser Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior; His Excellency Sheikh Hamad Bin Nasser Bin Jassim Al-Thani, Chairman of Qatar Charity Board of Directors; His Excellency Hassan Bin Lahdan Mohannadi, Minister of Justice; Qatar Charity Chief Executive Officer Yousef Bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari and a number QC officials.

Ibrahim Zainal, Qatar Charity Deputy Executive Director for International Development; gave thanks to all the participants, institutions and agencies that contributed to the success of the conference, via generous donations or by providing initiatives, papers and studies that highlighted different aspects of the Palestinian reality and the most important needs of the people. Important Recommendations At the end of the conference, the following recommendations were made:

The need to work on mobilizing a global alliance to pursue injustices inflicted on the Palestinian people in the International Criminal Court, in respect of humanitarian issues,



particularly harm to children, women and the elderly. Encouraging charities operating in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to join forces in working with and coordinating their work amongst themselves and with others including the United Nations organizations. Also recommended was the enabling of the Palestinian people through the work of partnerships between municipalities, educational and health institutions and Palestinian, Arab, Islamic and international counterparts. Arab and international humanitarian institutions were urged to launch an international humanitarian information campaign to support the Palestinian people, especially in regards to violations against Al-Aqsa Mosque, urging these institutions to work on the preparation of a comprehensive strategy in support of Jerusalem. The need to strengthen the presence of Palestinian women in various arenas was also called for, with the provision of centers for rehabilitation, training, psychological, and educational support for Palestinian women and children was also recommended as was the need for thoroughly considering ways and means of legal protection for the projects which will be implemented in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The forum appealed to governments, international humanitarian organizations and non-profit organizations to carry out their duties and responsibilities and intensify their efforts to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people. In addition, it was recommended to work on the establishment of development projects for the advancement of the Palestinian individual and to develop

mechanisms to lift the blockade on the Gaza Strip. The participants recommended the establishment of specialized international organization of Education, Culture and Arts, and the establishment of a fund for education to meet the immediate and urgent educational needs; an academy for humanitarian work, in addition to the need to establish a women and children's capabilities development association. The meeting also recommended the need to enable the Palestinian community and take it from the sponsorship stage to the empowering stage through community development projects.

New Initiatives

A number of initiatives were developed, including the 'Al-Aqsa Waqf Initiative' by Mohamed Bin Ali Al-Ghamdi, Qatar Charity Executive Director of International Development; the 'Fraternity Initiative' by Dr Tawfiq Wadjaja, Chairman of the Wafaa International Group for Capacity Building in Indonesia. Other initiatives developed were the 'Supporting Education Initiative' by Dr Moain Shabib, Director General of the Palestinian Educational Aid Foundation; the 'Rehabilitation of the Gaza Strip Initiative' by Abdel-Qader Hafez, Member of the Executive Bureau of the Popular Organization for the Support of the Gaza Strip; and an initiative to build the capacity of individuals and humanitarian organizations by Ahmed Yousef Al-Mulla, Qatar Charity Local Development Consultant. The initiatives were preceded by a lecture given by Dr Tarek Sweidan,

Chairman of Gulf Innovation Companies; which highlighted the importance of workshop outputs and benefiting from them to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people. A number of papers were also presented, including one on 'The Role of Civil Institutions in Supporting the Palestinian Humanitarian Work' presented by Ibrahim Zainal, Qatar Charity Deputy Executive Director for International Development; 'The Humanitarian Consequences of the War on the Gaza Strip' by Jawad al-Ahmad, Director of the Center for Middle East Studies (Jordan); 'Critical Readings in the Standard of Living Between the Palestinian and Israeli Individual' by Wael Saad, a researcher at the Zaytuna Center for Studies; 'The Human Reality for Women and Children in Palestine' by Dr. Mona Al-Lahham, education specialist; 'The reality of Jerusalem and the Aqsa Mosque Under the Occupation' by Professor Yasin Hammoud, Director General of the International Jerusalem Foundation and 'The Reality of Food Security Challenges in Palestine' by Rami Bergosh, Vice President of the Governing Body of the Arab Society for the Protection of Nature (Jordan). Qatar Charity's First Humanitarian Forum to Support the Palestinian People involved the participation of more than 70 humanitarian organizations, local, regional and international associations from 30 countries and over 400 of the most influential figures in the humanitarian field, including representatives of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the Islamic Development Bank and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.



Sessions and Working Papers

Presented by Researchers and Specialists During the Palestine Forum

A number of papers were presented during the forum; highlighting the most important aspects of the suffering of the Palestinian people and their needs. These papers included a variety of statistics and studies as well as proposals for the provision of appropriate solutions.

Qatar Civil Action

The papers included, 'The Role of Qatari Civil Institutions in Supporting the Palestinian Humanitarian Work' presented by Ibrahim Zainal, Qatar Charity Deputy Executive Director for International Development. This addressed the aspects of support that Qatar civil organizations can provide for the Palestinian people and mechanisms for the development of their work to serve the Palestinians in the most critical areas.

Consequences of the War on Gaza

Jawad Al-Ahmad, Director of the Center for Middle East Studies (Jordan) presented 'The Humanitarian Consequences of the War on the Gaza Strip'. This paper was a multi-faceted reflection on the suffering of the Palestinian people (particularly the people of Gaza) as a result of the

three wars on Gaza from 2008 until July 2014 which has amounted to a humanitarian disaster involving massive destruction, including high numbers of dead and wounded in addition to the destruction of economic, commercial and cultural infrastructure.

Living Standards in Palestine

'Critical Readings in the Standard of Living Between the Palestinian and Israeli Individual' by Wael Saad, a researcher at the Zaytuna Center for Studies sought to highlight the living standards of the Palestinian individual by comparing statistical indicators on the economic, health and educational level, in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, in order to show the differences in living standards. An average annual Palestinian individual's GDP is approximately USD 2,700, while the average Israeli's exceeds USD 36,000.

Woman and Children

The education specialist Dr. Mona Al-Lahham, presented 'The Human Reality for Women and Children in Palestine' which showed the true human reality of education and health for Palestinian women and

children in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza, as well as the Diaspora camps in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria; particularly after the recent aggression. She also presented shining examples of the Palestinian women's lives, such as the 'Mrabotat of Al-Aqsa' and the female prisoners and their situation, as well as the reality of child prisoners.

Reality of Al-Aqsa

'The reality of Jerusalem and the Aqsa Mosque Under the Occupation' by Professor Yasin Hammoud, Director General of the International Jerusalem Foundation addressed the displacement suffered by Jerusalemites through the occupation and demolition of their homes. Also covered was the suffering caused by the separation wall and the deterioration of economic, educational, health and other services.

The final paper, 'The Reality of Food Security Challenges in Palestine' by Rami Bergosh, Vice President of the Governing Body of the Arab Society for the Protection of Nature (Jordan), focused on food gaps and coping mechanisms amongst Palestinians.

Qatar Charity Hosts Inaugural Meeting for OIC Consultative Organizations

Qatar Charity has played host to the inaugural meeting of the organizations awarded consultative status with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

The two-day meeting was held in Doha, Qatar on 14 and 15 December 2014 and involved the participation of seventeen humanitarian organizations from a number of Islamic countries, under the supervision of the OIC and chaired by HE Ambassador Hesham Youssef, OIC Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs.

The meeting comes after an invitation from the OIC's Department of Humanitarian Affairs for these organizations to hold a meeting to discuss the arrangements of formation of their own board, based on a ministerial decree issued by the session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of Member State Organizations, held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, and an OIC Ministerial Decision for the 41st Session of the Council held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, which discussed the granting of consultative status of the OIC to a number of non-governmental humanitarian organizations. The consultative organizations include: Qatar Charity, RAF, Eid Foundation, the Organization of the Islamic Dawa, Islamic Agency for Relief, Sudan's Zubair Corporation, the Turkish IHH, the International Islamic Relief Organization, the World Assembly of Muslim Youth of Saudi Arabia, Islamic Relief Worldwide of the UK, Zamzam Charity of Somalia, Al-Amin for Development of Morocco, Imam Khomeini Foundation of Iran, the International Islamic Charitable Organization of Kuwait, the Hashemite Charity Organization of Jordan, Cooperation Organization of Palestine and the Mali Association



for Peace and Salvation. The meeting involved the agreement to document the basic features of the Statute of the Council, also the creation of a number of working groups within the framework of future activity. The groups are as follows: Islamic issues and international humanitarian law group, headed by Qatar Charity; Humanitarian diplomacy group, headed by IHH and Imam Khomeini Foundation; Informatics, studies and research, headed by International Islamic Relief Organization; Media group, headed by Al-Amin for Development; Capacity building and skills development group, headed by RAF and a working group concerned with issues related to orphans, headed by the International Islamic Relief Organization and Zubair Foundation. The working groups will be temporary, pending the completion of the Statute of the Council, and each group was granted a six-week period to submit their own conceptual papers. It was also agreed that Qatar

Charity in partnership with RAF will prepare the Statute of the Council within three weeks and the approval will be gained through correspondence or in the next meeting of the Council. OIC's Hesham Youssef said: "This meeting is of great importance, and will involve, for the first time, the establishment of this special council of organizations winning consultative status with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, in order to strengthen and develop humanitarian action especially in OIC's member states." The meeting also decided to create a body of the Council of the Consultative Organizations, composed of representatives of all of these organizations. An elected organization will lead the council for one year. The meeting also decided to create an executive office consists of a chairman, deputy chairman and a financial affairs officer; in addition to a secretariat and committees established by the board as needed.

Elderly Jeju:

Defying the Horrors of Disaster and War



Seventy year old Jeju Albu clung to life even when it seemed death was stalking her. Coping with incredibly difficult circumstances, including several humanitarian tragedies that befell her country because of wars

and natural disasters, she is responsible for the welfare of four of her grandchildren, and they live together 30 km from the capital, Mogadishu. Her suffering began at an early age when she moved with her family, from the city

of Rabtwi in the far south-western border of Somalia with Ethiopia, to the town of Afgoye, after her home town was hit by drought. Jeju got married, began her family and adapted to city life and was living well-enough



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until the death of her husband leaving her with two small children.

The family had a modest home that provided little protection from the cold winter or summer heat and before long another tragedy befell Jeju when her daughter died.

In time she moved in with her son, but life was hard, as a series of adversity struck, in the shape of wars and natural disasters, which claimed the lives of three of her grandchildren, who died of starvation. The family's humble home was destroyed by the flooding of the Lower Shabelle River and the next tragedy was the death of her son, leaving her with four children to care for without a breadwinner.

Harshness and bitterness are etched in the face of Jeju, but Qatar Charity helped put a smile back in her face by involving her in an income-generating project. Jeju was given a dairy cow, helping provide a source of income for her and her grandchildren. Now she is on the way to ensuring her grandchildren have a better life than she had herself.





Iman Abu Wakid... Defending Children's Rights in Words and Image

Being an orphan didn't stop Iman Abu Wakid from speaking out in favor of the children of Palestine from a very early age; defending their rights and documenting the crimes of the occupation against them as well as highlighting the suffering of the people of the Gaza Strip affected by siege, war, poverty and unemployment. She never let her situation hold her back and went on to become a successful spokesperson, a consummate orator at events, an expert in radio and television presenting, acting in dramas and documentaries, writing for newspapers and editing books. Iman is a university student, who is currently in the third year of an English language degree at Al-Azhar University, Gaza Strip. She is also a writer and involved in the production and presenting of children and youth radio and television programs. Her talent in presenting and acting was discovered when she was just nine years old. At this time she became involved in festivals and events for orphaned children, when she was a Qatar Charity sponsored orphan herself. Over the following years she appeared in a number of plays, including:

'Trial of the Children's Killer'; and events like 'O World, Wake Up and Do Justice for Us' in Bahrain. She also won a number of drawing and writing competitions throughout high school.

Eight years ago, she became known as the main media spokesperson on behalf of the children of Palestine and the title still follows her. She was also appointed head of the Parliament of the Palestinian Children, which allowed her to defend the rights of Palestinian children through various media. She has participated in a number of local and international conferences, demanding rights for Palestinian children and contributed in the preparation of a series of documentaries that highlighted the suffering of the Palestinian child, including taking the leading role in the films: 'The Princess of Palestine and the Three Ambassadors' and 'Princess in Picture' by Human Appeal International-UAE.

Iman also offered a series of educational, social, cultural and recreational programs on radio and television, most notably the educational program 'Dardash ya

Dardush', which aimed at children under the age of fifteen with each episode being based around a different child's story and including advice and wisdom as well as the program 'Tosbihoon ala Watan', which raised the issue of life on the Palestinian streets.

In the field of documentaries, she has recorded a number of stories of children who were the victims of the occupation in her book 'Young Ambassadors', which was released in 2009 on the first anniversary of the Battle of Al-Furqan.

Iman still remembers fondly her visit to the State of Qatar in 2013 at the kind invitation of Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser Al-Missned, who invited Iman after she became aware of 'Young Ambassadors', which had been given to her as a gift during her Highness's visit to the Gaza Strip. Iman's dreams and aspirations know no limits. She told us, "My dream in life is to win the Nobel Peace Prize and to quench the thirst of every wounded orphan and all the poor and the destitute. I have experienced being an orphan and poverty and I know just how painful it is."



Qatar Charity Sends Winter Convoy to Syria

Qatar Charity has sent a relief convoy 'warmth' to the Syrian interior comprised of 11 trucks of food aid, clothing and milk for children, expected to help 5000 families and 6800 children face the winter cold.



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The convoy is valued at QAR 2 million (USD 550,000) and includes 110 tons of winter clothing and food items such as sugar, lentils, flour, beans, oil and pasta.

The project aims to lend a helping hand to displaced Syrians inside Syria, with a focus on areas not covered by aid from other organizations and associations, and on women and children, providing them with food, clothing, mattresses, blankets and other winter related items.

Qatar Charity previously sent a convoy of 104 trucks carrying various relief assistance to the Syrian interior, as part of its 'I need you to live' campaign.

The convoy was sent in April 2014 from the city of Mersin in southern Turkey, entering through the border with Syria and distributing items for over 264,000 refugee Syrians over a period of three months. The convoy comprised food items including rice, lentils, flour, oil, milk and biscuits for children.



Qatar Charity launches 'Syria Winter' Campaign

Qatar Charity has launched its latest campaign to help Syrians cope with the winter cold. As in previous years, this shall benefit displaced Syrians and those living as refugees in neighboring countries, by providing them with food and winter requirements such as clothing, blankets, heaters and fuel.

The campaign comes in light of the fact that the severe cold, rain and snow significantly increases the suffering of millions of Syrians.

The project and its slogan 'before they freeze' urges all generous

donors and philanthropists in the State of Qatar to help provide aid via donations of between QAR 50 and QAR 1000, to help alleviate the suffering of their Syrian brothers and sisters.

Easy Options for Donations

Qatar Charity has made it easy to donate for specific components of the project. 'Winter Family Bag' worth QAR 1000 (USD 275) includes clothes, shoes and wool coats for a whole family. 'Winter Children's Bag' worth QAR 500 (USD 137) is dedicated to children's clothes, shoes and wool coats. 'Family Food Basket' worth QAR

500 (USD 137) includes basic food supplies such as canned meat and oil.

'Heat' worth QAR 300 (USD 82) includes a heater and its required diesel fuel.

'Blanket' provides blankets worth QAR 100 (USD 28).

'Family Bread' valued at QAR 50 (USD 14) aims to provide bread to a family for a period of one month. 'Winter Clothes Share' provides QAR 100 (USD 28) as an open donation for a share in the purchase of winter clothes.



Two Million Syrians Benefit from QAR 172 Million Worth of Qatar Charity Projects

Two million Syrians benefited from Qatar Charity projects valued at QAR 172 million (USD 47.2 million) during the period from April 2011 to October 2014. The projects covered shelter, food aid, health and education with more than 56 % of the projects located inside Syria at a cost of approximately QAR 97 million (USD 26.6 million) and the remainder going to Syrian refugees in neighboring countries. In Lebanon 18 % of the projects were carried out, in Jordan 15 %, in Turkey 10 % and in Iraq 1 %.

Shelter

In the area of shelter and non-food items, Qatar Charity spent approximately QAR 43 million (USD 11.8 million) for the benefit of 296,000 refugee and displaced Syrians. The projects included the establishment of three

model villages for the displaced, each comprising 100 residential units consisting of prefabricated homes equipped with mattresses, blankets and kitchen utensils, as well other facilities such as a school, a mosque, a children's play area and a communal kitchen. This is in addition to providing rental homes for thousands of refugee families in Jordan and Lebanon and the provision of home furnishings, utensils and other non-food items.

Food Aid

In the area of food aid, Qatar Charity implemented projects valued at QAR 61.3 million (USD 16.8 million) for the benefit of 1,288,500 people. These projects included a convoy of food aid comprised of 104 trucks to the Syrian interior and the operation of a number of bakeries

distributing bread to tens of thousands of displaced Syrians on a daily basis.

Health and Education

In the area of health, Qatar Charity provided treatment for thousands of wounded and sick Syrians, as well as providing medical disposals, medicines, general supplies and ambulances to transport the wounded and the sick to health centers. The cost of these project amounted to approximately QAR 53.6 million (USD 14.7 million) for the benefit of more than 337,000 displaced and refugee Syrians.

In the area of education, Qatar Charity provided educational support for a number of schools for Syrian refugees in Turkey, at a cost of more than QAR 14.3 million (USD 3.9 million) benefitting more than 104,000 students.



Qatar Charity to Carry Out 2000 Additional Open-Heart Surgeries in Yemen

Qatar Charity has announced the launch of a new phase of its open-heart surgeries program which will involve 2000 operations for the benefit of heart patients in Yemen at a cost of approximately QAR 30 million (USD 5.5 million). The program is implemented under the supervision of Sheikh Abdul-Aziz Bin Jassim Al-Thani, member of the Qatar Charity General Assembly and General Supervisor of Quality Projects in Yemen. The program focuses to help those who could not otherwise afford the cost of the procedures.

The previous phase of the program involved 1000 open-heart operations. The new program will plan for approximately 170 heart surgeries to be carried out per month over the next year.

Over the last 12 months Qatar Charity has provided for the carrying out of 600 cardiovascular stents for needy patients, 200 open-heart bypass surgeries,

300 open-heart heart valve replacement surgeries and 100 special heart surgical procedures for the most serious cases. Additionally, 500 diagnostic cardiac catheterizations were undertaken. 300 of the open-heart surgeries were for orphan children and children from poor families.

Qatar Charity will also provide essential medicines free of charge to the patients receiving operations, who come from a number of provinces and are of a variety of ages.

Specialized Team

In order to ensure access to treatment to as many patients as possible, Qatar Charity will again commission a specialist team to oversee the registration and preview of cases, and submit lists of eligible patients after sorting and checking the status of each patient's health and physical conditions.

In order to cover as many

different regions and varieties of people, Qatar Charity has contracted with several hospitals and centers specialized in the field who then conduct the operations.

The project is directly overseen by Qatar Charity Yemen in order to best ensure its success.



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Qatar Charity Projects to benefit 10,000 People in Qatar in 2015

Qatar Charity's Executive Management of Local Development Team has carried out projects and programs in the fields of education and self-development and culture for the benefit of 10,000 people in Qatar.

The programs reflect Qatar Charity's desire to contribute to the development of Qatar society.

Cooperating for Greater Impact
 Qatar Charity announced the news regarding the projects during a press conference in which the organization signed a cooperation agreement with the Abdullah Abdul-Ghani Foundation for Cultural Understanding.

Salman Abdullah Al-Ghani, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Abdullah Abdul Ghani Foundation for Cultural Understanding and Ali Abdullah Atiq, Director of the Qatar Charity Department of Local Development, signed the agreement. The agreement focused on the mutual desire of both organizations to cooperate with respect to common services and common areas in which the two organizations work.

Varied Programs

The first phase of the implementation of the cooperation, which will last from now until mid-May 2015, will include several programs, including:

My Quran: a program that focuses on the promotion and dissemination of the principles and values of the Islamic religion, and make this the core value of community work, which helps to create

a contemporary personality compliant with the guidance of the Quran and Sunnah. This program includes a 'home-memorizer' which is a program that helps teach the Quran at home using new and developed methods, and some lectures and seminars, in addition to the '1000 Flower' program honoring servants in society.

My Character: a program that helps build the personality according to a thoughtful approach prepared by accredited trainers, and aims to build an effective, influential and leading figures in the community. It includes workshops, seminars and training curriculum.

My summit: a program in the field of self-discovery through internal and external trips and camps that help achieve the program goals through the exchange of experiences.

Summits: (program for Qatari students abroad): This program provides support to Qatari students abroad, by setting up meaningful events and gatherings for student studying in countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom Egypt and the United Arab Emirates among other countries.

The second phase of this program begins in mid-May 2015 and continues until early November of 2015 and includes:

Qatar Charity Humanitarian Action Diploma: this is a diploma awarded after training sessions to build the

institutional capacity of humanitarian workers.

Brotherhood center program: This program works to integrate Arab and non-Arab communities in the society through active participation and rehabilitation.

'Asalum': seeks to consolidate the values and principles derived from the popular traditions of Qatar.

'Comfort': aims to promote the culture and behavior of the individual in the sports and health field.

Language Courses

The third and final phase of the programs begin in early November 2015, and includes:

Qatar Charity's break for children: This program aims to provide nursery and child care in all centers that implemented the curriculum, in order to involve children.

My language program: this initiative seeks to launch training courses in the Arabic language to non-native speakers and training courses in English at Qatar Charity's centers.

Volunteering program: this program aims to organize volunteer work within Qatar Charity and to launch volunteer projects in Qatari society and brings together voluntary initiatives and projects within the framework of the services of Qatar Charity's community development centers.



Qatar Charity Wins Praise Indonesia, Pakistan and

A number of government agencies, academic institutions and international organizations in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan and Palestine have praised the quality of Qatar Charity (QC) projects implemented there.

Bangladesh

The Government of Bangladesh ranked QC as 'model' NGO in light of the quality and quantity of their projects and the importance of the geographical areas and sectors in which they were implemented, calling on other organizations to follow their example.

This honor came in an official letter from the Government of Bangladesh's Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief sent to Qatar Charity Bangladesh, in which they stated the government considers QC the Model NGO in the country and gave thanks to QC for all its efforts.

Indonesia

During a visit by a delegation from Indonesian ministries to QC projects that have been implemented in the country, Agus Saleh, Director of the International Relations Committee in the Indonesian Ministry of Religions said that he wished all humanitarian and charitable institutions would operate as QC do, in terms of the importance of their projects and the quality of their work. Saleh also praised the transparency with which QC operates and its efforts to create meaningful projects.

Mohammed Yusuf, representative of the Indonesian Ministry of

Foreign Affairs explained that the government delegation that visited the QC projects and met with staff in the Indonesia office had been aware of the importance of QC's work and the extent of their efforts, but had been unaware of the quality that they had now witnessed.

Renewal of confidence

The government delegation comprised ten figures representing the Ministries of Finance, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Religions, and State Affairs were reviewing the projects in order to consider the renewal of QC's charity license in Indonesia for the next three years.

During the visit, the delegation was briefed on the projects and achievements carried out by QC in Indonesia over the past nine years, which have covered a number of important geographical areas and sectors that have had a significant effect



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on the lives of the beneficiaries.

Approximately 5,000 projects have been carried out in this time and the visited projects were selected due to the extent of their importance and the quality of the work that was done.

Pakistan

A delegation from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) also praised the efforts of QC's projects in Pakistan, particularly those implemented in poor and remote areas in the southwest of Punjab province where QC and UNICEF collaborate on a number of activities in the field of education and the provision of safe drinking water and sanitation.

The comments came during a visit by the delegation to Rajanpur governorate of Punjab province, headed by Mr. Tomotegrev, Mrs. Sabahatambrin, UNICEF representative in Punjab province, and engineer Tufail Khan.

As part of its commitment to provide clean water sources for the people of this region, QC has, since the beginning of this year, through its Pakistan office, drilled 130 wells in Rajanpur province and is currently implementing 70 projects to provide drinking water by drilling shallow wells in addition to constructing bathrooms in public areas.

Palestine

The Islamic University in the Gaza Strip commended the efforts made by QC in promoting creative research in the service of society and linking it to the Palestinian market.

Assistant Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, Dr. Nizam Al-Ashqar, commended the efforts of QC and its interest in supporting creativity in the Gaza Strip for various segments of the community of scientists, researchers and students.

He particularly praised the care with which QC had embraced quality projects that contribute to the development of creativity and innovation among individuals and institutions for the benefit of society.

The projects included the 'Search' project, which was funded by the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, for the reconstruction of Gaza, and in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank, in order to support 70 outstanding research projects at a total cost of QAR 7.3 million (USD 2 million).

The aim of the project is to provide financial and technical support for the implementation of 70 scientific and applied research projects for researchers, academics and undergraduate and graduate students, via financial support ranging up to QAR 50,000 (USD 13,700) depending on the project and its quality and importance.

**Essam Yousef, Head of the Global Body
for the Reconstruction of Gaza, Talks to Ghiras**

The Palestinian People are Still the Focus of the Humanitarian Actors

Dr. Essam Yousef, Head of the Global Body for the Reconstruction of Gaza, has striven to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people since the early 1980s when he founded or co-founded a number of associations and charity events, including the Relief Fund in Britain as well as sending ships to break the siege on Gaza. In this interview with Ghiras we are given his assessment of the performance of the charities serving the Palestinian people, the best ways to mobilize Western public support and how to gain sympathy with the humanitarian suffering of the Palestinians and his opinion on the priorities needed to support the population of Palestine through poverty, occupation and siege.

How did you begin your humanitarian and charitable work?

My interest in humanitarian and charitable work began in the early 1980s during the Sabra and Shatila massacre in Lebanon, as the Palestinians suffered and continue to suffer within the Palestinian territories and outside. I began to work with others through organizations and institutions, including the Palestine and Lebanon Relief Fund. Then in 1987 came the first Intifada uprising during which around 350,000 were wounded and we witnessed all kinds of unthinkable torture and murder at the hands of the occupation forces.

I established the Relief Fund in Britain that was far reaching and continued its work until the end of the 1990s, when I joined forced with other humanitarian organizations including the 'Union of Good' and operating in Palestine.

**The whole of
Palestine is under
siege... and convoys
must continue to try
to break it**

Support Priorities

What is your assessment of the performance of humanitarian and charitable institutions in the Arab and Muslim world, particularly towards Palestine?

Humanitarian and charity work in the Arab and Muslim world has witnessed a remarkable development and achieved great successes in recent years. It features many large organizations, bodies and associations, which have invested a lot of money in implementing large-scale projects. These particularly come from the Gulf region and even at the level of Muslim communities in Europe and the Americas, which together have produced Qatar Charity, the International Relief Organisation, the Committee of Muslims of Asia, the UAE Red Crescent, Islamic Relief and others.

However, the humanitarian landscape is no longer a priority for decision-makers in the Arab and Islamic countries. This has caused a great injustice to this field and its workers, for internal and external political reasons which have had an adverse impact on the performance of charitable and humanitarian organizations. That said, the Palestinian people remain at the center of attention for all actors in the humanitarian field in the Arab and Muslim world.

What are the current priorities for Palestine?

The priority areas are health, education, shelter and food, providing job opportunities and economic empowerment. The Palestinian citizen, whether at home in the Gaza Strip or the West Bank, or in the diaspora, needs considerable help because of his prosecution by the occupation.

Utilization of the Media

How can we mobilize the support of Western public opinion on humanitarian issues in the Arab and Muslim world, particularly the issue of Palestine?

We address the humanitarian rights in terms of what they are; regardless of culture, race and religion. We address the pure human nature (disposition), «the disposition in which Allah created mankind», focusing on the human love for good and hatred of injustice. With Westerners we need focus only on reality and truth, without distortion or lies, and appeal to the passion of the people. If we can manage to tap into peoples' emotions we can manage to persuade them and explain the true picture of what is happening in Palestine, the result will be significantly positive.

In this regard it is important to invest in media and guidance to the truth. When any disaster or other significant incident occurs, the media will be there and it is only a matter of directing them in order to take advantage of the exposure. This is what happened in the last three wars on Gaza.

I saw large rallies in Europe and the Americas, where millions came out to denounce this continuous aggression against the people of Palestine, especially



Conveying the suffering of the Palestinians honestly through the media is the best way to win the Western public opinion

in Gaza.

Have you participated in convoys to break the siege on Gaza? Do you intend to do more in this regard?

We have participated and engaged, and we will continue to participate in all efforts to break the siege on Gaza, and the convoys will continue, God willing, and should continue as long as the blockade is imposed on the Gaza population. We have organized many convoys and campaigns and they form a lifeline, in all their stages, being carried out in coordination with the International Committee to Break the Siege on Gaza. We will continue these efforts in cooperation with all good people from all over the world. These efforts must continue by land, air and sea, as long as the Palestinian people are exposed to the siege, and occupation, and they must continue for all Palestinians, not only the besieged Gaza Strip. The occupation prevents access to the most important and basic needs, such as food, medicine, shelter and other support. In this regard, I always say, we will consider ourselves trapped as long as this occupation prevents us from importing even a sewing needle.

Qatari people are top in charitable and humanitarian work

You took part in the 'Qatar Charity First Humanitarian Forum to Support the Palestinian People'. What is your assessment of this forum and its outputs?

Anyone who witnessed the huge turnout and participation in this important forum, which involved the participation of around 70 institutions and organizations from 30 countries, realized the magnitude of its success. In particular the commitment of QAR 100 million (USD 27.5 million) to fund emergency projects in Palestine, relating to education, health and shelter, areas which are almost non-existent during the occupation. Since Qatar Charity named this event "the first", it means that there will be a second and third, and others, and we hope this event will be a good omen and a light of hope for the Palestinian people. We

hope that the efforts and care that we have seen from humanitarian organizations and institutions in the Arab and Muslim world will continue, until the suffering of the people of Palestine ends.

How do you see the performance of national humanitarian organizations, including Qatar Charity?

Whoever witnesses the efforts by Qatar Charity in these days can only bless the Qatari people for their charitable and humanitarian focus, and express happiness for this wonderful performance. I express my sincere thanks to Qatar, Qatar Charity, its media professionals and institutions.

Is there anything you would like to say to Qatari and Arab youth in general?

They are solid young people and the future of all the work and all the effort, particularly charitable and humanitarian work. They should go to the field to help the needy and to provide a real picture to other Muslim youth of the needs of others. They must also be trained within the framework of humanitarian work.

Qatar Charity Launches 'To Build Palestine' Campaign

Qatar Charity has launched its 'To Build Palestine' campaign, in order to help the Palestinian people inside and outside of Palestine.

The campaign, launched under the slogan 'hand in hand to build Palestine' will involve the financing and implementation of large development projects, valued at more than QAR 197.6 million (USD 54.3 million) and is expected to benefit 1,147,000 people.

The projects include education, health, shelter and economic empowerment for Palestinians in Jerusalem and its environs, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, in addition to the Palestinian refugees who are in refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan. The campaign comes in response to the conditions experienced by the Palestinians, particularly those in the Gaza Strip, in light of the devastation inflicted on them by the recent Israeli aggression which led to the deaths of more than 2000 people, injured 11,200 people and displaced thousands of families after the destruction of their homes. In addition to the destruction of thousands of homes, vital infrastructure such as roads, hospitals, schools and factories facilities was also destroyed. All these combined with the the siege has caused significant poverty and unemployment, particularly among young people.

Housing

Over QAR 48 million (USD 13.2 million) has been allocated for the implementation of projects focusing on building and renovating homes, providing home furniture and kitchen supplies and financial support to families in camps with around 49,000 people expected to benefit.

Relief

'Family Winter Bag', hygiene requirements, heaters and food baskets valued at 14.8 million (USD 4.1 million) will benefit 121,000 people.

Health

These projects involve the rehabilitation and maintenance of health centers, the provision of medical equipment to twenty health centers, contributing to the building of artificial limbs and provision of wheelchairs for people with disabilities and the provision of ambulances and generators for health centers. These projects are valued at more than QAR 43.3 million (USD 11.9 million) and are expected to

benefit 366,200 people.

Education

More than QAR 34.5 million (USD 9.5 million) is for the rehabilitation and furnishing of schools and the provision of school bags, as well as the implementation of the 'masatib' program, which are Quran learning and Prophets biography sessions in the Al-Aqsa Mosque as well as a fund for the support of undergraduates. These projects are expected to benefit 120,000 people.

Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

Qatar Charity also carried out the digging of wells, rehabilitation of sewage pumping stations for water and the paving of agricultural roads at a cost of QAR 21.5 million (USD 5.9 million) for the benefit of 447,500 people. Economic Empowerment Additional projects valued at QAR 29.1 million (USD 8 million) , benefiting 47,000 people, will focus on employment creation, economic development, and small businesses.

Al-Quds Program

A special program will be carried out for Palestinians in Jerusalem, including a project for lending to build houses in Jerusalem for the benefit of 50 families, at a cost of approximately QAR 11 million (USD 3 million).





Qatar Charity Launches Applied Research Project in Gaza

Qatar Charity has launched an applied research project in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank. The funding worth USD 2 million will be used to support 70 distinct research projects. The 'Search Project' aims to provide financial and technical support for the implementation of scientific research and applied projects for researchers, academics and undergraduate and graduate students, via grants of between USD 3,000 and USD 50,000 depending on the project's quality and relevance.

The projects will be environment-friendly, creative and unique, using materials, equipment and capabilities available in the Gaza Strip or are easily supplied to the area. The projects must be viable and contribute to enhancing the quality of products or services, or contributing to solving social and

economic problems in the local or regional community, who will work on the project, thereby also helping create new jobs.

The research will take the form of applied research projects and all researchers, whether they are students, academics or researchers in universities, the government or the private sector, may apply for the grants. The project will also help meet the needs of the besieged Gaza Strip by finding scientific solutions in the areas that have suffered most in the private sector, health, water, environment and agriculture.

All submissions must fall within the national priorities for science and participants must agree to discuss their policy orientations with Qatar Charity. The initiative contributes to the 'Search' project by investing in the development

of Palestinian research and scientific capabilities, including improving the quality of life of the community and contributing to overcoming the problems and obstacles faced by the Palestinian people.

Qatar Charity began taking applications from those wishing to participate in the project (researchers, academics, professionals and others) on 12 November and will continue until 12 January 2015.

A group of consultants from different scientific disciplines and expertise will be assigned to review and evaluate the initial applications and final projects for researchers.

For more information, visit www.ibhath.ps

Qatar Charity: First Relief in Palestine,



Qatar Charity has been named first in the world in terms of the provision of relief for Palestine, Somalia and Syria from international non-governmental organizations (INGOs). The announcement came in the financial tracking of international relief of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and refers to the organization's performance over the last three years. Qatar Charity projects in Palestine amounted to around QAR 170.8

million (USD 46.9 million) of which QAR 145.0 million (USD 39.8 million) went towards projects in the Gaza Strip, while in Somalia QC spent QAR 25.5 million (USD 7.0 million) on projects which benefited more than 680,000 people. Qatar Charity projects valued at over QAR 185.4 million (USD 50.7 million) were carried out for the benefit of more than 2,100,000 displaced and refugee Syrians, including QAR 62.5 million (USD 17.2 million) on food, for the benefit of approximately

1,400,000 Syrians, QAR 45 million (USD 12.4 million) on shelter and non-food items, QAR 60.6 million (USD 16.6 million) on health projects and QAR 17.6 million (USD 4.8 million) in the field of education. Over half of these projects were directed inside Syria. The projects all focused on ensuring the most basic necessities of life, in terms of food, medicine and shelter, in addition to income-generation in order to provide job opportunities for the unemployed, orphan sponsorship

in the World for Somalia and Syria



and disaster relief.

FTS

The Financial Tracking Service (FTS) is a global database managed by OCHA which records all contributions to international humanitarian aid, including non-governmental organizations and their contributions, covering bilateral and in-kind aid and private donations. FTS focuses on strategic response plans (SRPs) and response plans for refugees (RRPs) which cover all major humanitarian crises. FTS is managed by OCHA using

data provided by donors and beneficiary organizations.

International Partnerships

Qatar Charity is characterized by a large number of international partnerships and a wide field presence made possible due to its eighteen field offices on three continents. The partnerships include eight with various bodies of the United Nations as well as a number of other international organizations, specialized organizations and charities, including 25 non-

intergovernmental and three banks and development funds, as well as local government ministries in the countries where it operates. These number some 150 partners, in addition to Qatar Charity's work with approximately 350 local non-governmental organizations. Qatar Charity works in sixty countries on three continents, through its offices where present, or via its partners in the countries where it does not have offices.



Qatar Charity Signs Agreements with ISESCO for Projects Across Africa

Qatar Charity has signed agreements with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) for the implementation of a number of projects in Africa.

The projects are valued at QAR 26 million (USD 7.1 million) covering literacy, teaching Arabic to non-native speakers, vocational training, economic empowerment, promoting Islamic culture outside the Islamic World and writing the languages of Muslim communities in Africa in the Quranic calligraphy.

The implementation will begin in 2015, with the projects lasting from two to five years depending on the nature of the project.

These are the first agreements of their kind between the two institutions and were signed by Qatar Charity Chief Executive Officer Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari and ISESCO Director General Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri at the ISESCO headquarters in Rabat, Morocco in the presence of Qatar's Ambassador, HE Abdullah Bin Falah Bin Abdullah Al-Dosari.

The projects will be implemented over the next five years in a number of Muslim countries, members of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and other countries where Muslim minorities live, and include:

Arabic language education programs for non-native speakers in African countries: This project is being implemented over the next three years at a total cost of QAR 1.1

million (USD 302,000).

The Quranic character development project in order to use it in writing the languages of the Muslim African peoples:

This project is being implemented within the five-year plan starting from next year until the year 2020 at a total cost of around QAR 11 million (USD 3 million).

Training program for the rehabilitation of women leaders to upgrade and manage micro-income-generating projects for women in Africa: The project is valued at a total cost of QAR 700,000 (USD 192,000) whereby Qatar Charity and ISESCO will work in coordination to organize the training and supervision of the program for the benefit of 250 women in 2015 and 2016 in Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Mali and Senegal.

Training program for leaders of literacy in the ISESCO Regional Center in Niger: This program will be implemented over three years and is valued at around QAR 1.3 million (USD 360,000). The project involves ISESCO providing annual financial support to its regional center for training in the field of literacy. The funding will cover administrative and educational expenses as well as associated costs of providing accommodation for beneficiaries, the provision of travel tickets, monthly grants and health coverage for beneficiaries. Qatar Charity is committed to making a financial contribution to the annual budget of the ISESCO Regional

Center's training frameworks in the field of literacy, participating in supervision, coordination and cooperation with ISESCO and implementing programmed activities under the program for the years 2017-2015.

Literacy and vocational training for women's groups: The project is valued at over QAR 1.3 million (USD 360,000) and the beneficiary countries proposed are: Benin, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Mali and Senegal although other African countries with Qatar Charity offices may be added. The projects will be implemented for two years starting in 2015.

Strengthening mechanisms of Islamic cultural action outside the Islamic World: This project is valued at over QAR 1.1 million (USD 360,000) and sees the parties cooperating in the implementation and financing in light of the arrangements set out in the signed agreement.

Training imams and guides outside the Islamic world: This project is valued at a total of QAR 1.5 million (USD 420,000) and aims to train imams and guides outside the Islamic World on the acquisition of legal knowledge, the culture of human rights in the host countries, techniques to communicate with young people and different social and age groups, addressing stereotypes and the convening of the World Forum of Imams and religious guides outside the Islamic World under the slogan 'imams are peacemakers'.



Leading Flood Response in Morocco

Qatar Charity was the first non-Moroccan humanitarian organization to provide aid to the flood struck country. It provided aid including 300 food parcels, 600 mattresses, 600 blankets and the restoration of 128 houses for the benefit of 2000 Moroccans affected by the floods of December 2014.

The value of the assistance per household was between Moroccan Dirhams 3,000 to 10,000 (QAR 1,500 to 4,500; USD 412 to 1236), allocated according to the extent of the damage and amounting to a total of QAR 400,000 (USD 109,000).

A Qatar Charity delegation led by the Head of the Disaster Preparedness and Response, Mohammed Aderdor, traveled to Morocco immediately after the disaster. Given the severe damage to local infrastructure, they were able to access the stricken areas of Guelmim Province after fifty hours of challenging travel. The group inspected the condition of the affected, and carried out a needs assessment on the ground, before distributing aid to the most

vulnerable.

Further Work in Morocco

Qatar Charity and Qatar Red Crescent then also implemented a joint project for flood relief in the Rashidiya region of Morocco which benefited 120 families. This flood relief intervention represents the first fruits of the strategic alliance that was signed between the two organizations in November 2014.

The total cost of this joint project was QAR 200,000 (USD 55,000), co-financed equally by both organizations and administered by Qatar Charity. The project included the distribution of food, blankets, medicines and hygiene items for 120 families in affected districts and villages including Tarika Al-Qadima, Klema, Aghbalou Nkerdos, Tidugust and Madghara.

Huge Damage

The floods affected the areas of Sidi Efni, Tiznit, Agadir, Souss Massa, Ouarzazate, Rashidiya, Tinerhir and Guelmim in the south of Morocco, where heavy rains and strong winds led to high water

levels followed by flash floods. The floods led to the deaths of at least 36 people and caused significant damage to hundreds of residential buildings, infrastructure such as bridges and roads, crop damage and the death of a large number of cattle, prompting the Moroccan authorities to declare the region a disaster area.

Qatar Charity: The Leading Relief Organization

International reports and UN Statistics confirm that Qatar Charity is at the forefront of non-governmental organizations around the world in providing emergency and disaster relief. It ranks first globally at the level of non-governmental organizations in providing support to Palestine, Somalia and Syria over the past three years, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs ('OCHA') Financial Tracking Service 'FTS' reports.

Qatar Charity Organizes for World Humanitarian

Qatar Charity has held its latest preparatory workshop for the World Humanitarian Summit 2016 in collaboration with Humanitarian Forum.

More than thirty humanitarian organizations active in Syria, took part in the workshop held in Gaziantep, Turkey to help participants prepare for the international summit to be held under the auspices of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Action (OCHA) in Istanbul, Turkey, in 2016.

The workshop was held in

the context of Qatar Charity's efforts to build the capabilities of Syrian charities, in order to enable them to carry out professional humanitarian work.

The World Humanitarian Summit is a humanitarian initiative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon which seeks to improve the performance of humanitarian work. The United Nations consultations will last for two years, and the final conference aims to build a more comprehensive and versatile system and find

innovative ways to make humanitarian action more effective.

The event also hopes to develop stronger partnerships and seek innovative solutions to new and continuing challenges. In light of the current situation this makes the participation of Syrian associations in the consultative meetings that will shape the future of humanitarian work across the world, essential.

The summit will focus on four general areas to determine the course of the discussions: the



Workshops in Preparation Summit 2016

effectiveness of humanitarian action, reducing vulnerabilities and risk management and transformation through innovation, in order to meet the needs of communities in conflict.

Qatar Charity held a number of workshops and training sessions that focused on raising the capacity of Syrian humanitarian associations. Qatar Charity has previously sponsored a number of practical conferences and meetings with a view to improving the capabilities of Syrian humanitarian

organizations, improving their projects in terms of output and format and providing them with support. The most recent of these meetings was the Qatar Charity-sponsored 'First Conference on Development Response in Syria' which was held in Istanbul, Turkey in October 2014, organized by Sham Islamic Organization.

Qatar Charity also sponsored 'The Second Conference to Study the Situation of the Syrian Refugee in Lebanon' which was organized by the Union of Relief and Development

Associations for the Welfare of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon, in collaboration with the Turkish IHH Association. This was held in February 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey where a number of working papers were presented and workshops held.

In May 2014, the first consultative workshop in preparation for the World Humanitarian Summit was organized in cooperation between Qatar Charity, Qatar Red Crescent Society, Humanitarian Forum and OCHA and held in Doha, Qatar.

