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This issue comes at an important time for Qatar Charity. Last month, in May, we celebrated our 30th anniversary, and this month we will welcome the holy month of Ramadan. Both occasions call for a moment of reflection and thanksgiving, as we consider our successes over the years, which would not have been possible without the efforts of our loyal supporters and throughout this month we will give thanks to them and to God almighty, and pray that they continue to give generously, allowing us to provide on-going support to the vulnerable. I wish all our benefactors 'Ramadan Mubarak'.

**Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari**, *Chief Executive Officer*



Qatar Charity has worked for 30 years in the service of humanity, in partnership with around 500 local, Arab and international organizations. We are committed to this kind of networking and cooperation, which promotes Qatar charity's presence, and increases its status, helping in the professional development of our services, work and performance.

**Mohammed Al-Ghamdi**, *Executive Director of International Development Department*



Qatar Charity continues to develop electronic systems and strives to apply state of the art techniques in our work. This is particularly true in terms of donations, which we have made easier and clearer, giving the donor significant choice as to which country and project they wish to donate to and the exact amount they wish to donate. They can do this in a variety of ways, including automated coupon, SMS, Qatar Charity's website, or through applications on smart phones and other devices.

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Qatar Charity are extremely proud of its astonishing team of staff and volunteers and their efforts and creativity have led to great achievements during our 30-year march in humanitarian work and service, we hope and trust that their devotion continues, God willing.

**AbdulNasser Mohammed Al Yafei**, *Executive Director of Support Affairs*



As Qatar Charity enters our 30th year in the service of humanity and the number of people we have helped reaches more than 80 million, we ask Allah to reward all those who have contributed their time, money and effort in providing urgent relief, or facilitated the completion of a development project which contributed to alleviating the suffering of the affected and helped change the lives of needy communities.

**Faisal Rashid Alfehaida**, *Executive Director for Operations Department*



Qatar Charity has established 138 Islamic centers, in Europe, Canada and America, which work to introduce the civilization of Islam, encourage dialogue between different peoples and preserve the identity of Muslim communities. Your support allows this to continue.

**Salah Al Hammadi**, *Executive Director for Major projects*



The 'Your Giving Saves Lives' campaign incorporates a number of initiatives supporting strategic projects and uses a variety of creative marketing tools.

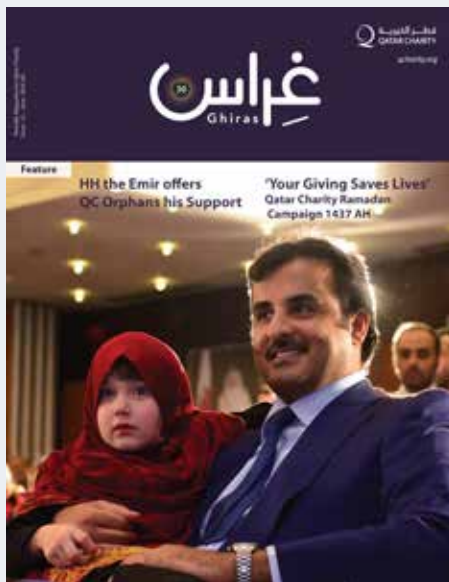
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'Your Giving Saves Lives' is the slogan of our Ramadan campaign for 1437 AH. We ask Allah almighty to shower His blessings on all the good people in our beloved country who give to charity, saving lives in Arab and Islamic countries and across the world and watering the arid ground in order to revive its people. During this special month we promise you a variety of projects, programs, competitions and radio and television programs that will illuminate Qatar within the framework of this campaign and consolidate our commitment to the development of individuals and families in various fields. May Allah accept all our good deeds.

**Ali Atiq al-Abdullah**, *Executive Director Local Development Department*





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### Bosnian Orphans thrilled by royal visit

His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, met a number of QC sponsored Bosnian orphans at a special concert held in Sarajevo. The Prince took time to chat with the children, who thanked him for his generous care and support.

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### Walid and Ahmed ... From Sponsored to Sponsors (Success Story)

One of QC's latest success stories tells of Walid and Ahmed in Sudan, two orphans from the same family, who went on to become sponsors themselves. Their story holds inspirational details.

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### Field survey of the damage caused by the Yemeni crisis

Earlier in the year QC completed a special survey in order to assess the damage caused by the Yemeni crisis in various sectors and to identify the basic needs of those affected across the country. The results represent an important source of information for those working in the humanitarian field.

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# QC Sponsors Over 8,000 Bosnian Orphans Over 20 years

His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, has attended a special ceremony for Qatar Charity orphans in Bosnia.

The event was held in the Bristol Hotel in the capital of Sarajevo, on January 30, and was also attended by QC Chief Executive Officer, Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari and Executive Director of Operations, Faisal Alfahidh.

The Emir was briefed on QC's work in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina through a documentary, and entertainment was provided by children

performing Islamic songs.

The Emir made special efforts to speak with all the participating children, who expressed their sincere thanks and gratitude to him, the State of Qatar, its leadership, government and people, wishing health and happiness for His Highness and further progress and prosperity for the Qatari people.

QC currently sponsors some 2,500 people in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2,150 of whom are orphans, while the remainder are needy families and students. The organization has spent over

QAR 178 million on sponsorships over the last ten years, with QAR 5 million spent in 2015.

Since 1994, a total of 8,500 Bosnian orphans have been sponsored, many of whom have now graduated from university and are successfully employed in a variety of occupations.

QC sponsorship includes comprehensive care in the areas of education, health and recreation, in addition to monthly financial support.





## “Your Giving Saves Lives”...

### **Qatar Charity Ramadan campaign for the year 2016 1437 AH**

Qatar Charity launched its Ramadan campaign for this season under the slogan «Giving life». The total cost of the projects it intends to implement during the month of Ramadan 1437AH, inside and outside Qatar, exceeds 32.2 million QR. QC is expected to reach more than 2,131,000 beneficiaries.

The campaign, which comes under the slogan «Giving life» has seen a qualitative leap in Qatar and abroad with regard to diversity and expanding the circle of beneficiaries, as the number of beneficiaries increased by around 88,000 people from last year. Also, a number of high quality projects will be implemented within Qatar for

**QC implements big projects for internally displaced and Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries**

the first time.

The value of Ramadan projects outside Qatar is around 14 million QR, spread over breakfast for fasting people, Eid clothing and Zakat al-Fitr. It is expected that 1,152,896 people will benefit from these activities. On the other hand,

the cost of Ramadan projects inside Qatar will be more than 18 million QR and is expected to benefit 978,110 people.

#### **Call for participation**

The Ramadan campaign this year is also characterized by a special focus on the Syrian people through the allocation of a large share of funds for refugees and displaced Syrians, as well as giving a share of the funds to countries suffering from exceptional circumstances during the holy month.

The CEO of Qatar Charity, Mr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al Kuwari urged Qatari benefactors, philanthropists and residents to donate money





Report

**More than 2,612,000 people will benefit from Qatar Charity Ramadan projects inside Qatar and abroad**

for Qatar Charity development and relief projects inside and outside Qatar, including the relief of the Syrian people, sponsorships of orphans and needy families, educational projects, health and income-generating projects, and

water projects. He pointed out that the campaign «Giving life,» is based on the words of Allah Almighty, «He who saves life saves all mankind» (Surah al Ma'idah-ayah 32). He made clear that this campaign creates awareness about the fact that donating to projects implemented by Qatar Charity will help make a difference in the lives of its beneficiaries, especially the afflicted, the poor and the needy who lack the basics of life.

**Ramadan projects outside Qatar**

The total value of Ramadan projects outside Qatar is about 14 million QR, and is expected to benefit 1,152,896 people.

The «Giving Life» campaign is divided into several projects, the most important of which are:

**Iftar tables**

It is expected that Iftar tables will benefit 1,043,136 people, at a cost of about 11.870 million QR, of which about 1.4 million QR is allocated for Syrian refugees and displaced population.

Targeted countries are: Syria, Bangladesh, Niger, India, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Mauritania, Indonesia, Yemen, Ethiopia, Nepal, Palestine, Sudan, Djibouti, Ghana, Benin, Chad, Comoros, Senegal, Kenya, Pakistan, Jordan, Burkina Faso, Mali, Nigeria, Iraq, Togo, United Kingdom,





## “Your Giving Saves Lives”...

**Allocation of 14 million Qatari Riyals for Qatar Charity Ramadan projects in 36 countries, which will benefit approximately 1.153 million people.**

Lebanon, Morocco, the Philippines, Bosnia, Kyrgyzstan, Tunisia, Kosovo and Albania.

### **Eid Clothes**

The Charity aims to bring joy to sponsored orphans by providing them Eid clothes. It is expected that 1960 orphans in 22 countries will benefit from this activity.

### **Zakat al-Fitr**

Qatar Charity allocated an estimated amount for the Zakat al-Fitr of about 1,617,000 QR. The project is expected to benefit 107,800 people in 34 countries.

### **Projects inside Qatar**

This season's campaign has developed qualitatively in the framework of QC projects and programs inside Qatar. New programs have been developed in the cultural, educational and entertainment fields; such as various competitions and projects which will be held in «Katara» and «Aspire». Sports competitions will also be held in addition to electronic applications on the mobile phone.

The most important of these projects include:

### **«Iftar tables»:**

This project aims to reach 173,400 fasting persons through the provision of breakfast at 24 collective tables. These will be distributed in various regions of the state. This activity targets bachelors, passers-by and low-income workers. Its total cost is around 6,825,822 QR. It is noted that there is an enormous increase in the number of beneficiaries of around 17,400 fasting persons as well as the number of tables and allocated sums compared to last year.





# QC projects for Syrians since 2011

**Qatar Charity projects have benefitted 7,770,181 Syrians since 2011, at a cost of \$ 120 million.**

The projects have covered the areas of food, non-food, shelter, health and education, with around %68 carried out within Syria and the remainder for the benefit of those living as refugees in neighbouring countries.

Projects inside Syria have been valued at \$ 81 million, while \$ 39 million has been spent on refugees living outside their home country.

Around \$ 30 million has been spent on food aid, benefiting 3,700,450 people, \$ 61 million on shelter and non-food items, benefiting 1,340,752 people, \$ 20 million on

health, for the benefit of 2,186,625 people, while educational projects amounted to around \$ 9 million, benefitting 542,354 people.

Aid for Syrian refugees in Lebanon amounted to approximately \$ 21 million, in Jordan around \$ 11 million, Turkey \$ 5.2 million, Iraq, \$ 662 thousand, Qatar \$ 82,000, Morocco \$ 273 thousand, \$ 274 thousand in Austria and Hungary, and 8\$ thousand in Albania.

The projects included the distribution of food and the construction and operation of bakeries, the creation of villages

and other shelter for the displaced, distributions of blankets and household appliances from refrigerators and fans to gas ovens, toiletries, Eid clothing and rent payments. In the health field QC have covered the cost of treating the sick and wounded, provided medical tools and supplies and ambulances, and educational services have been provided within Syrian villages and in refugee camps.

QC continues to strive to provide relief for the Syrian people at home and abroad.



**Qatar Charity celebrates three decades of charitable work**

# “30 Years in the Service of Humanity”

Qatar Charity launched a campaign entitled «30 Years in the Service of Humanity» to mark three decades since its establishment. It also organized a press conference on this occasion to highlight its most important activities and initiatives, and to review achievements inside the State of Qatar and across the world through its development and relief projects, points of excellence and leadership in humanitarian work. It identified the Charity's future vision and anticipated the milestones of the next phase.

## Our work areas

Qatar Charity is one of the most prominent and oldest charitable organizations in the State of Qatar and the Arab region. It is known for its ability to achieve sustainable social welfare, promote economic empowerment efforts and decent livelihood, and support education efforts for the benefit of communities in order to achieve development and contribute to social harmony and co-existence. It has been successful in enhancing the role of Qatari society

in interacting with development and humanitarian issues, both domestically and internationally. QC has been able to build the capacity of local partners and strengthen its institutional structure as an international non-governmental organisation.

Qatar Charity has paid great attention to its external activities and projects because of the suffering, poverty, disasters and wars being witnessed by the Arab and Muslim world. Its projects and activities cover many humanitarian and development sectors in education, health, water and sanitation, social welfare, cultural development, economic empowerment, and social housing.

## 75 countries

Mr. Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, CEO of Qatar Charity said that more than three decades have passed since the establishment of Qatar Charity, and that its work covers more than seventy-five countries in different continents of the world. The work carried out by QC tackles the most important areas of development in addition to responding

to disasters and crises throughout the world.

He added that Qatar Charity believes in the importance of partnership and cooperation, and that it possesses ties of cooperation with more than 500 international and local partners during the implementation of its projects.

## Strategic Partnerships

Al-Kuwari said that Qatar Charity enjoyed fruitful cooperative relations with most of the specialized organizations of the United Nations, such as the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the World Food Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. He added that this cooperation has strengthened Qatar Charity's consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 1997, adding that QC also received consultative status in the Organization of Islamic cooperation since 2014, and joined many humanitarian bodies and institution





that are signatories to the code of Conduct, in addition to its membership in many regional and global networks. New strategic international and local partnerships were created in addition to the existing ones. The most important partnerships for QC were with Qatar Development Fund, the Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief/ Turkey (IHH), the Qatari Red Crescent Society, Silatech, Education Above All Foundation, the Islamic Organization for Education, Science and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), the International Medical Corps/IMC, the Organization for food and Agriculture, the United Nations Children's Fund, and the Islamic development Bank.

#### **Futuristic Vision**

Mr. Yusuf Al Kuwari explained that the futuristic vision of Qatar Charity is based on increasing its resources in the coming years, and increasing the number and value of executed projects as per the expected increase in resources. The vision includes increasing QC's geographical presence internally and externally through the opening of new branches and offices, and the search for eligible implementing partners. It also aims to increase funding from existing and new donors, and to strengthen its international presence through active participation in the most important regional and international

initiatives, whether developmental or humanitarian. QC aims to use the best global applications for financial, administrative, analytical and regulatory systems and to develop its ability to make the most from Information Technology and take advantage of the automation of various operational programs. Finally, the vision aims to invest in the human element in terms of attracting the best talent, especially Qataris, and take care of building the capacity of the staff, and improving the work environment.

#### **Three generations**

A press conference was organized in a non-stereotyped, new format, where the dialogue was moderated by Mr. Ahmed Al Ali, Director of the Information Department, Qatar Charity at Jazeera Network Cafe at Katara with officials from Qatar Charity who represent the first generation, the veterans as well as youth. These are respectively: Mr. Jassim Abdullah Jassim, Director of the Department of Social Welfare, Mr. Yusuf bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, CEO of Qatar Charity, Mr. Ali Atiq al-Abdullah, Executive Director of the Executive Department of local development, Qatar Charity.

#### **Achievements in numbers**

- Operates in more than 73 countries.
- Has 27 offices around the world.
- Has more than 500 international partnerships.
- More than 80 million beneficiaries to date.
- Sponsorship for more than 95 thousand orphans, the highest number in the world.
- 25 million Qatari Riyals were spent on social assistance within the State of Qatar (orphans, widows and the needy).
- More than 20 million Qatari Riyals were spent on solving the issues of debtors over the past year
- 4000 male and female students benefited from our activities and programs intended for Qatari students studying abroad since the establishment of the Qimam Club.
- Enabling 540 young Qataris (male and female) to get married during the past three years, through the «Zawaj» program.
- 9 centres for community development carried out more than 1,600 effective events within Qatar during 2015.
- 82 thousand beneficiaries from the activities of local development administration within Qatar during 2015.
- More than 350 thousand followers from all over the world on Qatar Charity platforms in social networks



# Great Achievements in Difficult Circumstances

**Since the Inauguration of the Yemen Office in 2012 until the end of 2015**

In total, 4,182,293 people benefited from Qatar Charity projects in Yemen, while the total cost of the projects over the past three years has reached nearly 180 million Riyals.

Qatar Charity office was inaugurated Yemen in 2012 becoming a hub for major service and development projects that meet the urgent needs of a significant segment of the Yemeni people.

## Education and health

In the field of education, six elementary schools were opened, as well as five schools for teaching the Holy Koran, benefiting 10,405 students in total. In the health sector, five hospitals and health clinics were built in addition

to three health camps in Sana'a, Taiz, Hodeidah and Socotra, Marib, Aden, assisting 35,619 people. 15 water tanks have been established in Sana'a, Taiz, Ibb, Hajja and Socotra, to be utilized by 5120 people, and 20 artesian wells were drilled in areas of Dali and Shabwa, Sana'a, benefiting 3220.

## Malnutrition

Acute and chronic malnutrition leading to mortality and disability among children under five years of age is the target of a project in Yemen which also aimed to improve the health and nutritional status of pregnant and lactating mothers during the year 2015 2014-.

Services were provided for the treatment of 2496 children who

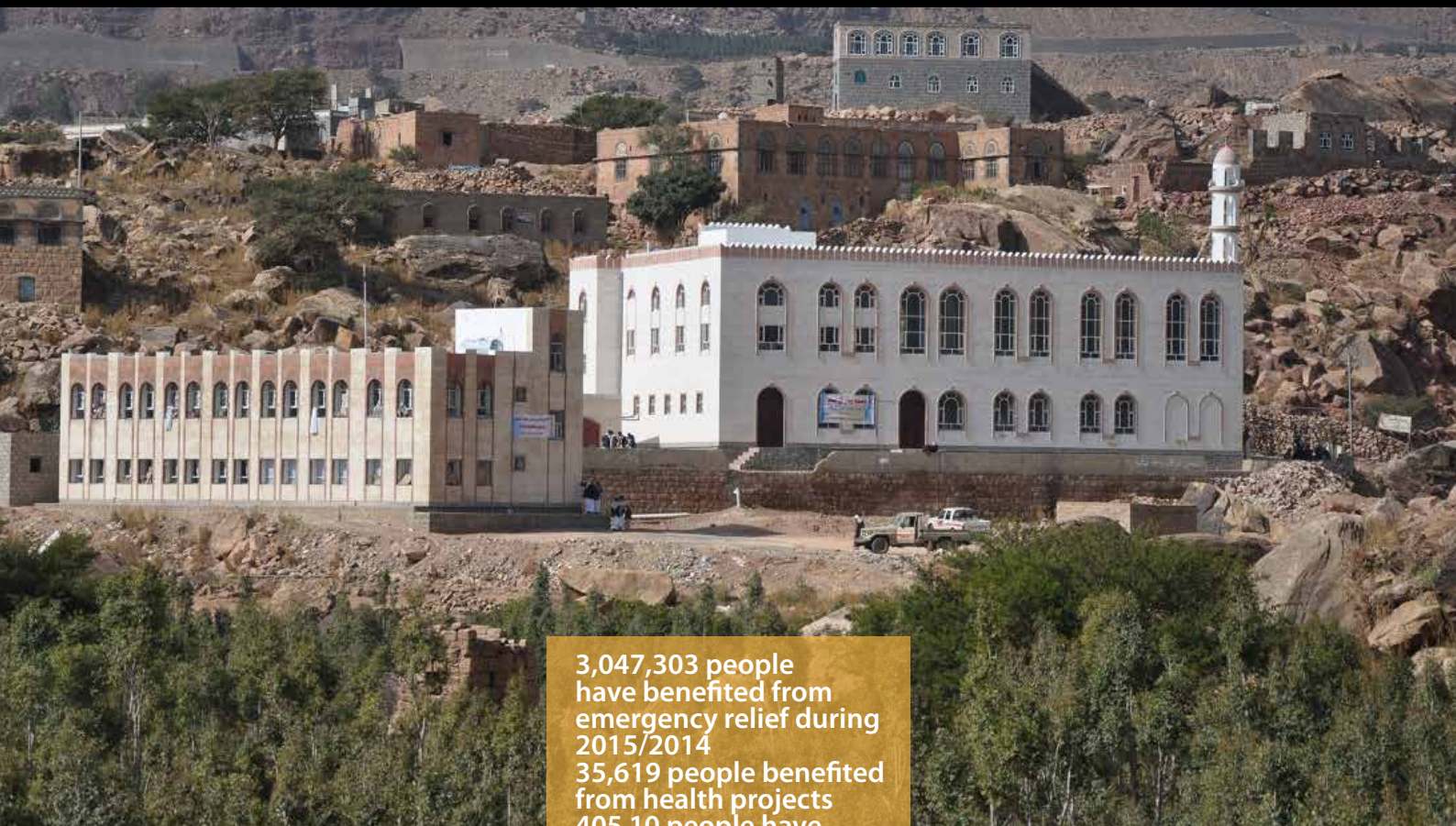
suffered from acute, and 7,000 who suffered from moderate malnutrition. In addition, 5,000 children were treated with preventive care for malnutrition. Curative and improved preventive nutrition was delivered to 11800 pregnant and lactating mothers affected by malnutrition in the area.

## Sponsorships

Qatar Charity sponsors 10928 orphans in various regions of Yemen. It also sponsors 636 families, and has built 458 houses for families with members who have special needs in the areas of Ibb and Dhamar and Sana'a, benefiting 3206 people. It carried out a series of seasonal projects that assisted 151,315 people.

Income-generating projects Qatar Charity is investing in income-





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educational projects  
7340 people have  
benefited from water  
projects**

generating projects as an opportunity to improve the situation of needy families by providing them with permanent sources of income for a decent living. QC was able to create 363 income generating projects, assisting 3886 people in Sana'a, Aden, Hodeidah and Hadramout , Socotra, Ibb, Dhamar and Shabwa.

The projects included the distribution of sewing machines, grain mills, fishing boats and motorcycles, honey apiaries, cattle breeding and vehicles.

### **Open Heart surgeries**

Despite the difficult conditions in Yemen, the open-heart program proved to be a success story that exceeded all expectations. This is the first venture of its kind in charity work in the region in terms of funding, which totaled more than 12 million Qatari Riyals. It included the carrying out of 1376 heart surgeries, a number exceeding its target by %138, and by an increase in the success rate of operations by %97.

The project aimed at carrying out 3000 life saving heart operations on

patients in its second phase, especially the needy who cannot afford expensive operations or travel abroad for treatment. The program also aims to build the capacity of the Yemeni medical staff and establish a database on heart disease in the country. It focuses on needy groups of children with birth defects, children with acquired heart disease, adults who are in need of procedures to fix and change their valves and those who need cultivation of the heart arteries.

### **Emergency relief**

Because of the difficult conditions experienced by the Yemeni people, urgent relief played a major role in alleviating their suffering. Emergency relief was provided in 2014 at a cost of 3,272,157 QR, benefiting 914,191 people, while this number increased significantly during the year 2015 due to the war, whose adverse effects

caused the cost of urgent relief to reach 34,838,631 QR. In total the relief effort assisted 2,133,112 people.

### **Other Accomplishments since the nineties**

Qatar Charity's presence in Yemen dates back to the beginning of the 1990's. Since 1992 it has cooperated with Yemeni associations and charities in the implementation of charitable, humanitarian and development projects in the field of health, education, water and income-generation. Until mid 2012, Qatar Charity implemented more than 324 projects worth up to 124 million Qatari riyals. It sponsored more than 8 thousand poor families, orphans, persons with special needs and students at an estimated cost of 16 million Qatari Riyals per month.



# Walid and Ahmed - from being Sponsored ..to Sponsoring Orphans.

The family of the late Abdel Moneim Mohammed is a real success story, as its two sons, Walid and Ahmed went from being sponsored orphans to sponsoring orphans themselves.

Ahmed began sponsoring orphans since he was a college student, while his brother did the same after his graduation. As part of a typical Sudanese family, their success story is very inspirational.

Their father died early, leaving young children (four sons and a daughter). But with the Grace of Allah, the Office of Qatar Charity took care of the family through the sponsorship of two of its children, Walid and Ahmed, under its project of orphans' sponsorship.

## Early Intent

Having matured into a young man, Walid entered university, and studied French, graduating with honors. He left Sudan to work for a company in the Gulf, in search of a better livelihood for himself and his family.

The support Walid received as a

sponsored orphan had a great impact on him, not only with regard to improving the situation of his family, and enabling him to continue his education at the school and university, but also in making him appreciate the value of helping others. He thus decided to become a sponsor of orphans himself in the future.

After leaving the Gulf to study in France at postgraduate level, Walid was able to achieve his dream of sponsoring orphans. He sponsored several orphans, one of them through Qatar Charity, in addition to providing aid to poor families periodically. He then returned to work in the Gulf, and continues his sponsorship of orphans in more than one place.

## Collective Project

Walid's brother, Ahmed, graduated as an engineer last year (2015) from University with honors. Ahmed tells us about his experience saying: "I started since I was a university student. It was a collective project .. I had an idea of saving an amount from

our monthly allowances with several colleagues. Then we gave the money at the end of each month to families of orphans in our region, to ease their suffering. The project gained acceptance and responsiveness, and remained constant even after we graduated from college. I also coordinate with my brother Walid to provide assistance to other needy families".

## Important Words

Ahmed believes that being an orphan meant that he tasted the bitterness of orphanhood, and being deprived of the love and security of parents., He believes that the transition from being sponsored to providing sponsorship himself is due to Allah's Grace. He said,»It's our turn now to sponsor orphans and pay back the good that we received from Qatar Charity.»

As part of this year's celebration of the World Day of Orphans by Qatar Charity office in Sudan, the experience of these two brothers was presented as an important success story that can be emulated.





# Tailoring Skills for Female Refugees in Lebanon

Qatar Charity has initiated a sewing project in Sidon, Lebanon, providing sewing skills for 25 Syrian and Palestinian refugee women and girls every 9 months, and providing work opportunities for 40 women.

The project aims to enable the participants to secure appropriate employment opportunities and is being carried out under the slogan 'A career in hand insures against poverty', in collaboration with the Islamic Welfare Association, the Association of Imam Hussein Mosque in Al Baramiya, Sidon, and


Human Appeal International-UK.

The project will also include the creation of a charity market to provide clothing to needy displaced Syrian families and incorporates a productive workshop, a sewing school and a showroom, showcasing the items that have been produced and storing donated items, both new and used, after sorting and packaging, a laundry and ironing space.

The project will cost a million dollars, co-financed with \$ 350,000 (around 1.3 million Qatari riyals)

from Qatar Charity, which will establish the workshop and the sewing school.

Qatar Charity is working to help the Syrian people through humanitarian relief and sustainable projects both within Syria and in neighboring countries with high numbers of refugees. These projects cover education, via support for schools, in addition to income-generating projects and food security.



The proportion of people living below the poverty line in Yemen has exceeded %60 as a result of the current humanitarian situation. This represents an increase of %35 compared to before the crisis. This important survey will provide a wealth of qualitative information to humanitarian actor in Yemen, information about the extent of damage that occurred in various sectors such as health, education, shelter and water.

# Qatar Charity Conducts a Field Survey of Damages Resulting from the Yemeni Crisis

Earlier this year, Qatar Charity conducted a comprehensive survey to assess the damage caused by the crisis and explore the essential needs of the affected people in the different governorates of Yemen. It was carried out in the framework of preparations for the conference.

The survey was publicized in «Humanitarian crisis in Yemen

..challenges and prospects of humanitarian response», a study organized by Qatar Charity and 13 international and regional organizations last February. It represents an important source of basic information for humanitarian actors in Yemen, helping them to ascertain the extent of damage in the areas of health, education and shelter amongst others in various Yemeni provinces. It provides

vital information about specific requirements in each sector, helping humanitarian workers to prioritise and meet the basic needs of those affected.

## The Worst Crisis

The situation in Yemen is seen as one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world, given that the number of people affected has exceeded %80 of the population of around 26





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million. According to UN estimates, the proportion of people living below the poverty line had reached %60, an increase of %35 compared to the situation before the crisis.

#### **Quantitative and qualitative aspects**

The study relied on the questionnaire and personal interviews for its quantitative data from the respondents. It also utilised documents and forms from previous studies in this area. For its qualitative data, the study was based on focus group discussions (FGDS) and field observation as important research methods.

#### **Study Team**

The study was conducted by a field team under the supervision of a technically professional team from Doha, consisting of a main researcher, 14 supervisors, 133 researchers and 14 administrators, bringing the total number of the field team to 162 members. The technical team in Doha was headed by the Executive Director for International Development, Mohammed bin Ali Al-Ghamdi, and consisted of four members.

#### **Salient Results**

- The number of water and sanitation projects that were damaged (735 source) representing about %17 of the total number of projects in the targeted areas.
- The number of families affected by the crisis in terms of water and sanitation is 747 ,656 households.
- The results of the field study showed that about %78 of the affected areas have seen problems in the education sector.
- The total number of schools in the study areas was around 2,987, of which about 949 were damaged, representing %32 of the total schools in the region.
- The number of students who have been deprived of education reached 488,638 (male and female students).
- The number of damaged health facilities, whether in terms of damage/loss of furniture and equipment: 227.
- About two-third of the communities that were studied confirmed that their health sector was affected.
- The number of affected families in the health sector reached about 631,421.
- All parts of the Yemeni Republic, around %99 according to the survey, have been affected by the recent events in terms of food.
- The total number of affected families that were unable to obtain enough food was around 861,458 households.
- The number of homeless people totaled 2,500,000; an eightfold increase compared with the beginning of the crisis.
- Taiz, Amran, Hajjah, Sana'a and Abyan governorates of Yemen were the most affected, as the share of these provinces combined shows that there are more than 1.5 million displaced people.





# The State of Qatar and the Gulf Cooperation Council Assist in the Restoration of Destroyed Industrial Facilities to Help the Economy in Gaza

This project, valued at 25,550,000 QR, aims at restoring 200 affected manufacturing facilities, and will provide work opportunities for 1200 unemployed workers.

Abdul Hafiz Talal Awad, who worked tirelessly within his company, Assalam Mills, which was destroyed by the occupation during the recent war in the Gaza Strip in the summer of 2014, has now resumed work after nearly two years.

## Assalam Mills

Mr Awad received QR 110 as compensation from Qatar Charity- Gaza office in order to rebuild his company and resume work after an interruption of many months.

The owner of the mills, located in the central governorate of the Gaza Strip, can be seen smiling as he allocates positions to the workers. He says, «If not for the grace of Allah first, then the support from Qatars benefactors, I wouldn't have been able to go back

and stand on my feet again and operate these machines». He expressed his deep gratitude to the State of Qatar for its support of the victims of war, whether they be owners of ruined houses or destroyed industrial plants.

A similar case is that of the merchant Tawfiq Bkroon, who is reestablishing his company, Gaza Company for Animal Feed and Grains, after it stopped operating a year and a half break. His company is one of the most active facilities in this field, and its destruction





during the war clearly had a negative impact on the market. Bkroon says that after receiving the compensatory amount he was able to rebuild the company and resume work.

### Providing a Livelihood

Pointing to the machinery and the workers filling fodder bags, Bkroon explains, "These machines were a pile of junk, but thanks to Allah, the efforts of Qatar Charity, and the financing of the Gulf Cooperation Council, we were able to restore activity to the company, and open the doors to a decent living for a number of workers who support large families".

The compensation received by the owners of destroyed industrial establishments comes in the framework of the project for reconstruction of destroyed industrial plants. It is implemented by Qatar Charity in coordination with the Ministry of National Economy, and the General Union of Palestinian Industries.

### Reconstruct and Operate

The project, funded by the GCC for reconstruction in collaboration with

the Islamic Development Bank, aims to reconstruct and operate 200 affected industrial facilities, for a financial value of QR 25,550,000.

Engineer Mohamed Abu Haloob, Director of the Qatar Charity office in Gaza, says that along with the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah, and the Gulf Cooperation Council, they are committed to stand by their Palestinian brothers, adding that the project includes the provision of financial support to four industrial sectors which target food, metal and paper industries, as well as the aluminium industry. He notes that the project aims to provide 1200 jobs for unemployed workers. He also pointed out that the project for reconstruction of destroyed industrial facilities aims to strengthen the resilience of the Palestinian community in the face of the blockade and improve the economic and living conditions for many Palestinian families. In addition, it aims to contribute to the restoration of economic activity and boost the Palestinian economy in Gaza.

### Applauding the Project

The deputy head of the General Union of Palestinian Industries Ali al-Hayek, thanked Qatar Charity for its performance in helping those affected by the recent war in Gaza, which lasted 51 days.

Hayek highly valued the role of the official institution, represented by the Ministry of National Economy, for its support and provision of full assistance to organizations sponsoring reconstruction projects.

The Assistant Under Secretary of the Ministry of National Economy, Abdul Fattah Alzeriei, praised Qatar Charity's efforts in supporting various groups, including victims of the war, stressing the key role of the State of Qatar and the Gulf Cooperation Council in support of the Gaza Strip and in improving the difficult living conditions brought about by the economic blockade.

Alzeriei pointed out the importance of continued reconstruction in order to bring life to the Gaza Strip and to the overall economic sector, which has been in a state of stagnation.



# Qatar Charity Participates in the World Humanitarian Summit

• Qatar Charity organized a side session on education and its role in post-crises areas in partnership with National Organizations.

Qatar Charity participated in the activities of the World Humanitarian Summit held in Istanbul from 24-23 May. It was represented by a high-level delegation headed by the Chief Executive Officer of QC, Mr. Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari.

The program of the Humanitarian

Summit included meetings of leaders, round table discussions, and exhibitions focusing on the different aspects of humanitarian action. The Istanbul Summit is considered a historic event par excellence, where for the first time at this level consultations were held in the field of humanitarian affairs.

## Active participation

Mr. Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, CEO of QC, explained that the Charity was highly involved in the

World Humanitarian Summit, as its representatives attended the main sessions of the Summit as the presidents, leaders and heads of delegation level.

He added that Qatar Charity will organize and supervise a side event on education and its role in post-crises zones in partnership with national organizations such as Qatar Development Fund (QDF), Education Above All (EAA),





Silatech, Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Humanitarian Forum, Arab Scientific Community Organization (ARSCO) and Reach Out to Asia (ROTA), in addition to QC strategic partner, the Islamic Development Bank (ISDB).

### National institutions

The CEO of Qatar Charity pointed out that the Qatari charities play an important role at the international level in the field of humanitarian response, encouraging partnerships and teamwork. He stressed that the importance of the national institutions is not limited to providing aid to the beneficiaries alone, but they are playing a vital and pivotal role through their response policies and through their concerted efforts with the UN and other regional institutions.

### Participatory Meeting

It is worth mentioning that Qatar Charity organized a participatory meeting in Doha earlier this month in collaboration with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) for creating awareness about the World Humanitarian Summit. The meeting resulted in agreement on the need for coordination between national humanitarian organizations regarding the exchange of information on the upcoming summit, knowing the nature of their participation, and the level of representation, as well as coordination between them during the humanitarian summit in order to support each other's efforts. These organizations agreed to coordinate their efforts with the relevant authorities within the State, such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and others in a

manner that serves the role of the State of Qatar on the humanitarian level.

### Preparatory workshops

Over the past years, Qatar Charity sponsored and funded a series of national and regional consultation workshops in preparation for the World Humanitarian Summit. Seven workshops were held, namely: State of Qatar workshop, two Palestine workshops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Balkan countries' workshop, which was held in Macedonia, the workshop for Syrian associations held in the city of Gaziantep, Turkey, and two regional workshops in Morocco and Turkey. This was done in cooperation with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations (UNOCHA), and the Humanitarian Forum in Britain.



**To oversee relief efforts for Syrians inside their country and in neighbouring countries**

## **Qatar Charity Opens a Regional Office in Turkey**

The Turkish Minister of Labour and Social Security:

- Qatar Charity is a big name for a prominent organization, which gained its worldwide reputation from its important charitable work

Al Kuwari:

- The new office will not only care for our Syrian brothers and sisters, but also implement development projects for those most in need in the host countries.

His Excellency, Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser Al Thani, Chairman of Qatar Charity Board of Directors, inaugurated a QC regional office in the Turkish capital, Ankara, in the presence of: Mr. Suleiman Susilo, Minister of Labour and Social Security, Mr. Naji Kourou, Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Hamza Tashidalan, Deputy Head of Disaster and Emergency in the Council of Ministers (AFAD), and a number of officials in the Turkish government and Turkish humanitarian organizations, in addition to Mr. Yusuf bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, CEO

of Qatar Charity as well as a number of its directors.

### **Quick response**

This regional office, which is number 27 of the total Qatar Charity offices across the world, will directly oversee QC relief efforts for the affected Syrians and the displaced within Syria, as well as efforts targeting Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries (Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq). This is to ensure a better and faster response when disasters occur, and to offer the best





quality during the implementation of projects. QC will open two sub-regional offices in Istanbul and Calais.

In his speech during the opening ceremony, Mr. Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, CEO of Qatar Charity, stressed that Turkey's regional office will not only cater to our Syrian brothers and sisters, but will also implement development projects and provide care for the categories most in need in countries where there are Syrian refugees, because we believe this is part of our humanitarian duty towards the population of the host country.

Al-Kuwari also lauded Turkey's leading role in supporting humanitarian issues and exerting every effort to support the refugees on its territory and provide a decent livelihood for them.

The CEO of Qatar Charity thanked the Embassy of Qatar in Turkey for its support in facilitating all procedures for

the opening of the office.

For his part, Mr. Naji Kourou, Deputy Turkish Foreign Minister stressed the depth of Turkish-Qatari relations, noting that Turkey is happy to host the Qatar Charity Office in its capital Ankara, and that there are boundless ambitions regarding joint work and lending a helping hand to the needy.

**Exhibition and acknowledgment**

Mr. Suleiman Susilo, Minister of Labour and Social Security, said in the same context: "Qatar Charity is a big name for a prominent foundation, which gained its worth from charitable work around the world, and from extending a helping hand to the needy". He added that this office increases the responsibilities of Qatar Charity and its obligations towards humanity, praying to Allah Almighty for its continued success.

At the end of the ceremony, His

Excellency Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Charity Board of Directors, gave commemorative shields for Turkish representatives of government bodies and relief agencies, and briefed the guests on the activities of the Charitable Qatar Photo Gallery of the displaced Syrian refugees since 2011 until now.

### 27 offices

The opening of Qatar Charity office in Turkey brings the total QC offices around the world to 27, spread over the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa. These are; Sudan, Palestine, Mali, Mauritania, Somalia, Bosnia, Albania, Kosovo, Pakistan, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Niger, Yemen, Tunisia, Comoro Islands, Kenya, Chad, Djibouti, Britain and Turkey. Qatar Charity is in the process of opening offices in: Morocco, Jordan, Nepal, India, Sri Lanka and Ghana.

After returning from a visit to orphanages in Bangladesh

Radio presenter Eman al-Kaabi :

## “The children’s joy over our Visit Made me Happy.. And their love for Arabic Gave me Hope”



By Iman al-Kaabi, Programme presenter at Qatar Radio

I had my fears before the visit, perhaps because of the distance, and the rough roads between towns and villages there, also the different weather. However, when I arrived and began my scheduled visits to orphan girls’ schools, my fear disappeared together with the fatigue caused by the hardship of traveling ... the smile of an orphan girl made it all vanish.

The visit I am talking about was to Bangladesh, and I was part of the delegation of Qatar Charity ambassadors for social networking. We went to orphanages in «Dhaka»,

the capital of Bangladesh, and the most important thing that struck me was the feelings of joy expressed by the orphans, who greeted me and my colleagues with so much love. I was also touched by their keenness to learn Arabic.

Blessings of supplication  
I feel very grateful for this voluntary field visit, which is the first of its kind for me, because of the impact it has had on my soul, and perhaps because of the supplication I heard from orphans, I felt I am doing something worthwhile.

One of the situations that touched

me during the trip was when I went to visit the girls’ school. I didn’t expect such hospitality in their reception, or so much joy in their eyes. It was great to see so many female students who want to learn Arabic. They did not waste any opportunity to learn something new from me. The children did not let our delegation of ambassadors leave the place until we promised to return again.

The Candy Story  
Even though the only gift we took with us for the children was their favourite candy, I was shocked to see that they were too shy to accept





“The children’s warm reception made me forget my travel fatigue.”

it, even though it looked delicious. Some children who accepted it then gave it back to us as a parting gift, and as an expression of their happiness for our visit. How innocent and pure with such goodness and love that fills their small hearts!

I only hope that philanthropists and benefactors donate more and more to these schools and build new ones, because they are home to many orphans and provide hope for a better future, helping them to achieve their dreams and produce a self reliant and educated generation.

The delegation of QC ambassadors for social networking visited several projects carried out by the Charity for the care of orphans, education, construction and multiple services centres, such as the multi-service center under construction in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which consists of four floors containing a mosque and internal housing for at least 400 orphans. They also visited the multi-service center for girls, built by philanthropists from Qatar by Qatar Charity, which consists of dormitories, a water well, a mosque, a school and a medical institute.



## The Future of Surge

A new initiative called Human Surge aims to promote crisis response, but unless it can adapt to the rapidly changing landscape on the ground it is unlikely to solve the “surge” problem.

The race to get the right responders to the right place after a sudden crisis has long been a challenge for humanitarian agencies.

In line with the recommendations of a baseline 2007 study, aid groups have in recent years improved their ability to “surge”, as the industry

calls it, by creating internal rosters, providing organizational support and releasing the necessary funding faster. Organizations able to provide rapid, specialized and detailed services – like ACAPS, Map Action and JIPS – have also sprung up.

But a new report, published this month by the NGO consortium START Network, argues that despite this progress, surge mechanisms have failed to keep pace with an environment that is constantly

changing.

### Changing landscape

First of all, people and institutions in-country – from local governments to civil society organizations, as well as diaspora networks – have more capacity than they used to.

In line with a current push towards more localised crisis response, last month, Oxfam America launched a campaign called “No Parachute Needed” in which it called on the





US government to invest more in building local capacity to respond to crises.

The private sector is also playing an increasingly important and proactive role, especially as demand grows for new areas of expertise not currently found within the sector, such as digital cash management.

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“In Greece and in Hungary, whenever we heard about a new group of arrivals, we’d go to the location – and find the volunteers already providing help,” one aid worker from a major NGO told IRIN. “We were as fast as we could, but they were faster.”

To try to address some of the problems with traditional surge mechanisms, a group of former humanitarian workers launched HumanSurge earlier this year.