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Dedication

To those who spent and donated...

To those who volunteered their time, effort and ideas...

To all the unsung heroes working in the humanitarian, relief and development fields...

To those who defy the odds and risk their lives in conflict and disaster zones ...

To those without whom it would not have been possible to collect the stories contained in this book and those not listed here, but that have helped dry tears of suffering, put a smile back on faces and bring comfort and joy to the hearts of the afflicted, the poor and the destitute.

To all those, Qatar Charity dedicates this book.

Introduction

Ghiras Series: First Issue - 2016

Within the framework of the huge increase in media activity at Qatar Charity, including visual, audio and print publications, we are pleased to launch the first printed edition of 2016. We hope that this will be a success and the first of many.

We chose *The Sweetness of Success* to be the first book in the series, in order to highlight our pride at a selection of success stories that really bring to life the very real results of humanitarian and volunteer work, services and projects, on the lives of individuals and communities and their contribution to their growth and development. Without these stories our work is meaningless.

From the Field

These true stories have been monitored and documented by Qatar Charity in words and photographs by our 25 offices across the world, as well as during visits made by Qatar Charity officials and volunteers to offer relief or to personally follow-up on development projects. These stories are many in number and there will be more to follow in subsequent editions.

This book will guide you through twenty moving journeys, to nine countries, where you will be introduced, to name just a few, to Nasmah, the first visually impaired person to obtain a Master's degree in the Gaza Strip, Zamira who became a college professor and social and da'wa work activist, despite the deprivations of orphanhood she suffered throughout her young years, and Izmir in Indonesia, who refused to allow his disability to stop him from achieving success and who now manages his own carpentry workshop.

At the project level, you will learn how Munshiganj School in Bangladesh helped change scores of young lives.

A Great Endeavour

As you browse the pages of this book, you will realize just how big a difference your donations can make; from facilitating services for orphans, poor students and those with special needs, to financing simple income-generating projects. Your kindness changes not just individual lives, but whole communities.

The joy that results from these success stories is experienced, not just by those whose lives have been improved, but by those who were involved in making this happen; whether by donating their time, efforts or money.

Qatar Charity asks God to turn all these endeavours into blessings during and after life, and we urge others to follow their example and help us create more stories, bearing in mind that in fact the happiness of knowing you have changed a life, may even outweigh the happiness of those who benefit from this help. We encourage you to put this to the test.

The Media Department Team

Introduction

There is no denying the sense of pleasure we experience when we achieve success or are granted a long-held wish, but what about when we enable others to achieve their goals or make their dreams come true? When we are the reason that someone can finally overcome their difficulties and improve their lives?

Kindness extends lives

The answer perhaps lies in an American study by researcher Stephen Post, in which he points out that people who work for the benefit and service of others without return, experience extreme happiness and health, and may even live longer!

It seems that this information has been known in our religion for over fourteen centuries, as our Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him, said: “He who wishes to have his provision enlarged and his term of life prolonged should treat his relatives well” (Bukhari, 5985).

Charity and humanitarian work have, in ancient and modern times, resulted in a large number of success stories, made possible by volunteers, humanitarian institutions and societies and civil society organizations, including Qatar Charity, which has been working in this area for more than three decades.

Putting Smile on the Faces

The stories stem from the powerful positive changes resulting from relief and development projects and social welfare services on the lives of individuals and communities and the clear manifestation of its impact on the course and future of their lives at various levels, whether in saving them from estrangement and homelessness, putting them on the right path, bringing back their smiles or finding solutions for the problems suffered by the societies in which they live.

The stories we make public are only ever a fragment of what we do. Many are never brought to light, due to sensitivity or lack of interest from the media, but we thank you for each and every one of our successes.

Great Significance

The importance of highlighting those we can, cannot be overestimated. They help us:

- *To urge the existing donors and volunteers to continue their efforts in the service of people by witnessing the fruits of their hard work. It is only natural that those who help want to see the reality of their efforts and that it should result in their spiritual happiness, mental serenity and inner satisfaction.*
- *To urge businessmen, companies and youngsters who have left the righteous path, to join those who contribute to serving their communities and to undertake volunteer work after witnessing the positive impact it has on the lives of the beneficiaries and the communities in which they live. And indeed, this is a duty within the framework of social responsibility, religion and ethics.*
- *To help promote similar projects and attract supporters, sponsors and new donors.*
- *To share and exchange experiences in the area of humanitarian work in*

the hope that it inspires people interested in implementing them in other environments, or those who wish to build upon them in setting up other projects or initiatives, or developing existing ones in order to increase their benefits.

Inculcating Values

- *To provide real examples which can help support the process of instilling the values of volunteer work in children and young people and to promote the culture of charity work within communities as a whole. We have intentionally chosen stories which we feel lend themselves to use in other creative work, such as drama and documentaries and educational materials, in the hope that their positive influence can continue in different shapes and forms, ultimately leading to action.*

Finally, we have tried to write these stories in an interesting and appealing style and we hope that they will be shared again and again.



From
Sudan

Walid & Ahmad

From the sponsored to sponsors

Orphans Walid and Ahmad can at no stretch of the imagination be described as ordinary.

The sons of the late Abdulmoneim Mohamed Omar, in Sudan, are truly inspirational.

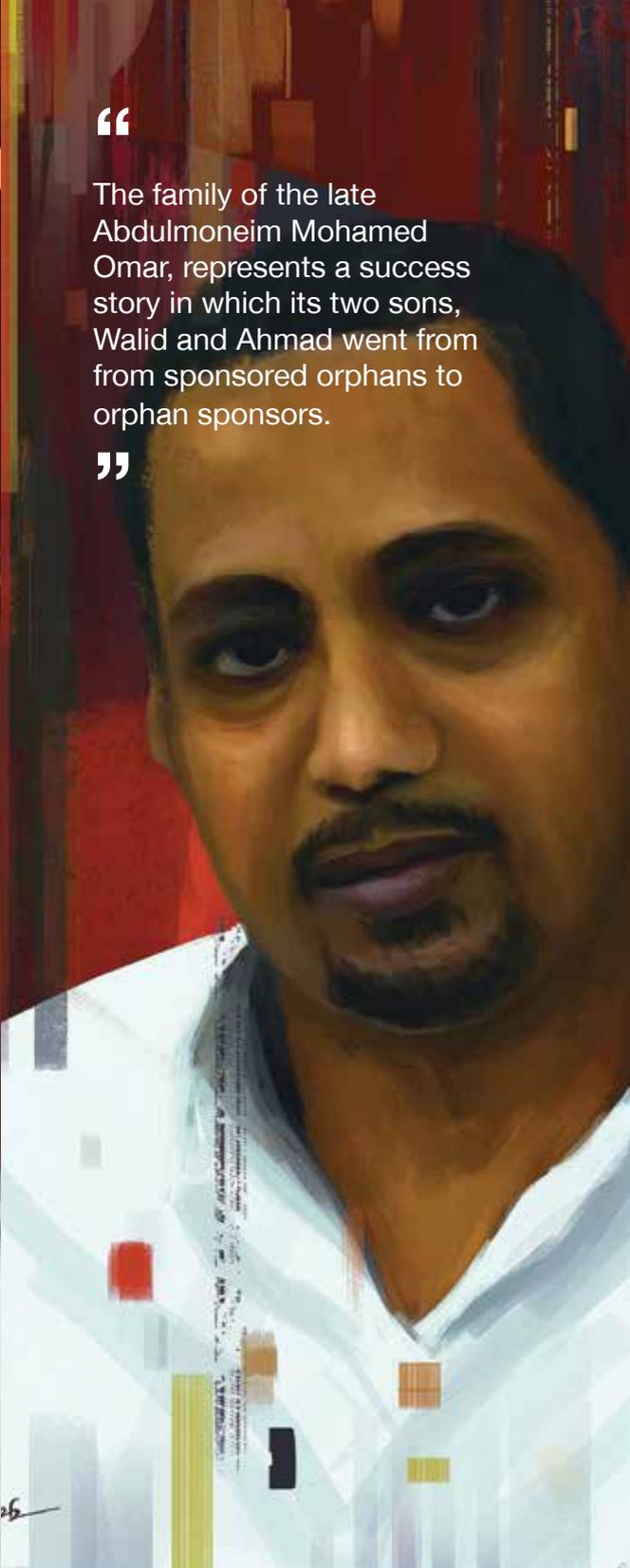
Fate dictated the untimely demise of their father, leaving young children (four sons and a daughter) without a complete family, but the grace of God led the family to the Qatar Charity Office, which sponsored two of its children, Walid and Ahmad.



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The family of the late Abdulmoneim Mohamed Omar, represents a success story in which its two sons, Walid and Ahmad went from sponsored orphans to orphan sponsors.

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Ahmad began the sponsorship journey when he was a college student, by suggesting to his classmates that they allocate a part of their monthly allowance and offer it at the end of every month to one of the families of orphans.

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Early Intention

Life passes quickly and the children became young men. Walid enrolled in college, majoring in the French Language and graduating with honors. Soon afterwards he left Sudan, and went to work for a company in the Gulf in a bid to support himself and his family.

His sponsorship had a significant impact on him, not just at the level of contributing to improving the living situation for him and his family and enabling him to pursue his education at school and university, but also in instilling in him the values of giving and helping others. He dreamt of sponsoring orphans in the future, just as God had provided him with a sponsor.

In time, Walid left the Gulf and headed to France for graduate studies and to further master the French language, and he began to fulfil his long-held desire to begin sponsoring orphans, sponsoring one specific child through Qatar Charity, in addition to offering periodic assistance to a number of poor families. Walid has since returned to work in the Gulf and continues to support Qatar Charity's sponsorship program.

Group Project

Inspired by his brother, Ahmad, who graduated with honors in Geographical Engineering in 2015, also sponsors orphans.

"I started my journey as a student at the university within a group project. I suggested to several classmates the idea of allocating an amount – regardless how small – from our monthly allowance

and to collect and offer it at the end of every month to families of orphans in our region in order to alleviate their suffering. The project was met with acceptance and positivity and it continued after our graduation from university. As well as this, I worked and am still working, with my brother Walid, to provide assistance to needy families," Ahmad told us.

Special Event

Ahmad believes that those most sensitive to the plight of orphans are those who experienced orphanhood and were deprived of parental warmth themselves. He sees the transition from sponsored to sponsor as evidence of the grace of God and a kind of payback for the help he received, and he thanks God for his blessings. He wishes to continue his journey of righteousness, saying: "We shall sponsor as God provided those who sponsored us". He says that for him this work represents a gate for the believer to accompany the Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) in Heaven, noting that this is a high honor and a precious wish for the believer.

The story of Walid and Ahmad was selected as one to be admired and promoted, during a special event to celebrate Orphan Day organized by Qatar Charity Sudan in 2016.



From
Palestine
Gaza

Nasmah..

Vision overcomes Blindness

I owe gratitude to the benefactors of Qatar Charity, who have sponsored me, and I am forever indebted to their office in Gaza. They have contributed to my admission at the university and I have realized several of my dreams thanks to their support.” This is how Nasmah Nafeth expressed, in her own words, her gratitude for her supporters in achieving her ambition, defying the odds which were stacked against her and reaching the peak of her aspirations. Nasmah is an inspiration to us all in her determination to learn and to work.

Nasmah was born in Al-Shuja'iyya neighborhood in the east of Gaza City and she grew up in a family of twelve. One month after her birth she developed a very high fever that led to spinal meningitis, robbing her of her sight. In spite of this, she did not isolate herself at home and become dependent on others, but rather she became determined to leave an imprint on this life by virtue of her strong will and love of life.

Nasmah enrolled in elementary and middle Schools for the visually impaired and she obtained the highest grades in both. During this period, she was sponsored by Qatar Charity.

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Nasmah came second in her class of Bachelor graduates and she was the first visually impaired person to ever make the graduate speech. She was also the first to obtain a Master's degree in the Gaza Strip.

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The ambition of Nasmah knew no boundaries. She now hopes to be able to obtain a second degree in the seven modes of recitation, to pursue her doctorate and to work as a lecturer at the university..

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Bestowal of Honors

Nasmah could have settled for this significant achievement, particularly in light of the difficulties she experienced in attending school, which was far from her home, and an expense which her family could barely afford. After middle school, Nasmah was forced to enroll in a regular high school closer to her home. It was not easy for the school to integrate her with its students, because they lacked the necessary support systems to give her the special attention she required. But Nasmah's evident intelligence and strong ethics in dealing with those

around her made the process easier. At the end of the first academic year, Nasmah obtained the highest grade in her class, to the astonishment of everyone. She did the same in the second year. Finally, she took the high school exams and obtained an average of 85%, leading to her being honored by the Ministry of Education.

The Most Beautiful Moments

Nasmah insisted on continuing her education and enrolled in university. This proved to be very difficult for her family because she needed someone to accompany her to the university and to bring her back home. In addition, her father struggled to pay her tuition fees. Nasmah prayed to God to drive away her hardship. Her family were helpless and so she asked her mother to accompany her to Qatar Charity where the Gaza Office Manager helped her by contacting the Islamic University and facilitating her admission there. Nasmah finally enrolled in the Faculty of Islamic studies. Encouraged by her father, her family and her university lecturers, Nasmah excelled at her studies and came second in her graduating class. She was very happy to be the first visually impaired graduate to deliver the alumni speech and she expressed this by saying: «These were the most beautiful moments of my life; when everyone clapped warmly and praised me”.

and Trainer

From academic to practical life, Nasmah continued her journey of ambition and giving. Following her graduation, she began to work as a coordinator to the female students section in the Assistive Technology Center for Disabilities at the Islamic University and as a trainer in the Palestine Project for People with Disabilities. She spoke to us about her work, saying: «I loved this work a lot because of the humanitarianism and facilities it offers to the academic lives of my classmates. I gave several training courses in advocacy and the rights of people with disabilities, through a series of different activities”.

The ambition of Nasmah did not stop here and she enrolled in graduate school, taking a Master’s in interpreting the Quran and its sciences at the Islamic University. Despite experiencing difficulties due to the unavailability of many of the books in a format she could use, and the disruption caused by the recent Israeli aggression on Gaza (her house was bombed, her books and notes were destroyed as she was forced to leave her home with only the clothes on her back), she diligently persisted with her thesis, titled Analytical Study of the Intents and Objectives of the Twenty Sixth Part of the Nobel Quran, thus becoming the first visually impaired person to obtain a Master’s degree in the Gaza Strip. Nasmah, now twenty eight years, continues to work as a volunteer at the Islamic University. Her dreams know no limits and she hopes to obtain a diploma in the seven modes of recitation, to complete her doctorate and to work as a lecturer at the university.



From
Albania

Zamira, from the suffering of orphanhood to academia

Zamira Griva and her two sisters, from Albania, lived a life of relative comfort and security until the death of their father and subsequent remarriage of their mother. The girls were abandoned and forced to live with their aunt, cousins and grandmother, in extremely poor and crowded conditions.

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Zamira studied at the university and graduated with the second highest mark in her class. She worked as an Orphan Supervisor with Qatar Charity's Tirana Office, obtained a Master's degree and worked as a professor at a university.

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Zamira is now considered one of the most important activists in the social and da'wa field. She is an acclaimed advocate and the President of the Forum for Women in her country.

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Training Courses

In an effort to ensure a decent life for the orphans and to enable them to pursue their education, the grandmother and the aunt contacted the Orphan Sponsorship and Care Project affiliated to Qatar Charity Office in Tirana. In addition to the monthly financial sponsorship, with the support of Qatar State donors Zamira benefitted from the Arabic Language Centre affiliated to the Office, learning the Holy Quran and enrolling in educational and training courses, thus becoming committed to religion and excelling academically.

Turkish Language

After high school, Zamira went to college and came top of her class in the Turkish Language Department. She then worked as an Orphan Supervisor at Qatar Charity in order to feel closer to the organization which had supported her as a child. She was very successful in this role as a result of her personal experiences of the pain of orphanhood. After obtaining a Master's degree in Cultural and Tourist Communication Zamira began working as a Professor at the University of Tirana.

In addition to her academic career, Zamira is considered one of the most influential activists in the social and da'wa field. She is a respected advocate and the President of the Forum for Women in her country and she considered running for membership in the Albanian Parliament.

The future looks bright for Zamira.



Izmir ..

Disability is not a barrier to professional success

Izmir was born in a village in North Indonesia without disability or handicap. However, at the age of seven, he fell from a tree in front of his house. As a result he lost the ability to hear and talk, becoming deaf and mute.

Izmir was forced to move from his village to Banda Aceh, the capital of Aceh Province, in order to pursue his education at the School for the Disabled.

At this school, he learned how to make furniture and he acquired considerable skills and experience. Following his graduation in 1997 he began working as a craftsman in a furniture workshop. However, his income was too low and did not cover his daily basic needs and those of his family, consisting of his wife, daughter Zahida, 4, and son, Zaki,

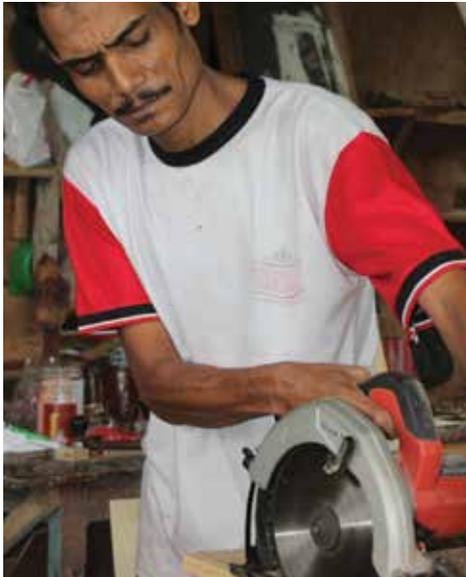
A portrait of a man with dark hair and a mustache, looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a white t-shirt with a light blue collar. The background is a vibrant, abstract composition of vertical brushstrokes in shades of blue, green, yellow, and purple. The man's face is rendered with soft, realistic shading.

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Izmir was supported in establishing a carpentry workshop that helped him to change his life and that of his family. He is now employing another worker to help him in the shop and to serve as an interpreter so he can communicate with his customers.

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Izmir: Disability is not an obstacle to becoming financially self-sufficient and successful.

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Sewing Skills

Izmir's wife also suffers from a disability, having been born without arms, but the almighty Creator granted her special skills in sewing, particularly sewing home necessities such as tablecloths and pillows.

The family came to the attention of Qatar Charity's Office in the capital Jakarta, and in June 2009 they were helped to overcome the difficulties and challenges of disability via entry onto the Poor Families Sponsorship Program through which they were allocated a budget enabling Izmir to set up his own income-generating project, namely a small carpentry workshop, by the end of 2011. The office oversaw the workshop from the beginning and provided for its needs until it became self-sufficient.

Sign Language

Izmir and his family lived in a classroom in an old school for the disabled in Banda Aceh. Since his conditions have improved, Izmir has been able to support his family and provide them with adequate housing. He has also able to register his daughter in a kindergarten.

Izmir's business has now progressed so far that he has been able to hire a worker to help him in the workshop and to serve as an interpreter for him and their customers using sign language.

Izmir feels great comfort following the stabilization of his home and work life and he thanks those who supported him and others, in improving their living conditions; particularly those with special needs, enabling them to become fully dependent. He said: "Thanks to everyone who supported me in providing a dignified life for me and my family. I am proof that disability does not have to be an obstacle to becoming financially self-sufficient and successful just like everyone else."



From
Mauritania

Sidi Mohamed ...

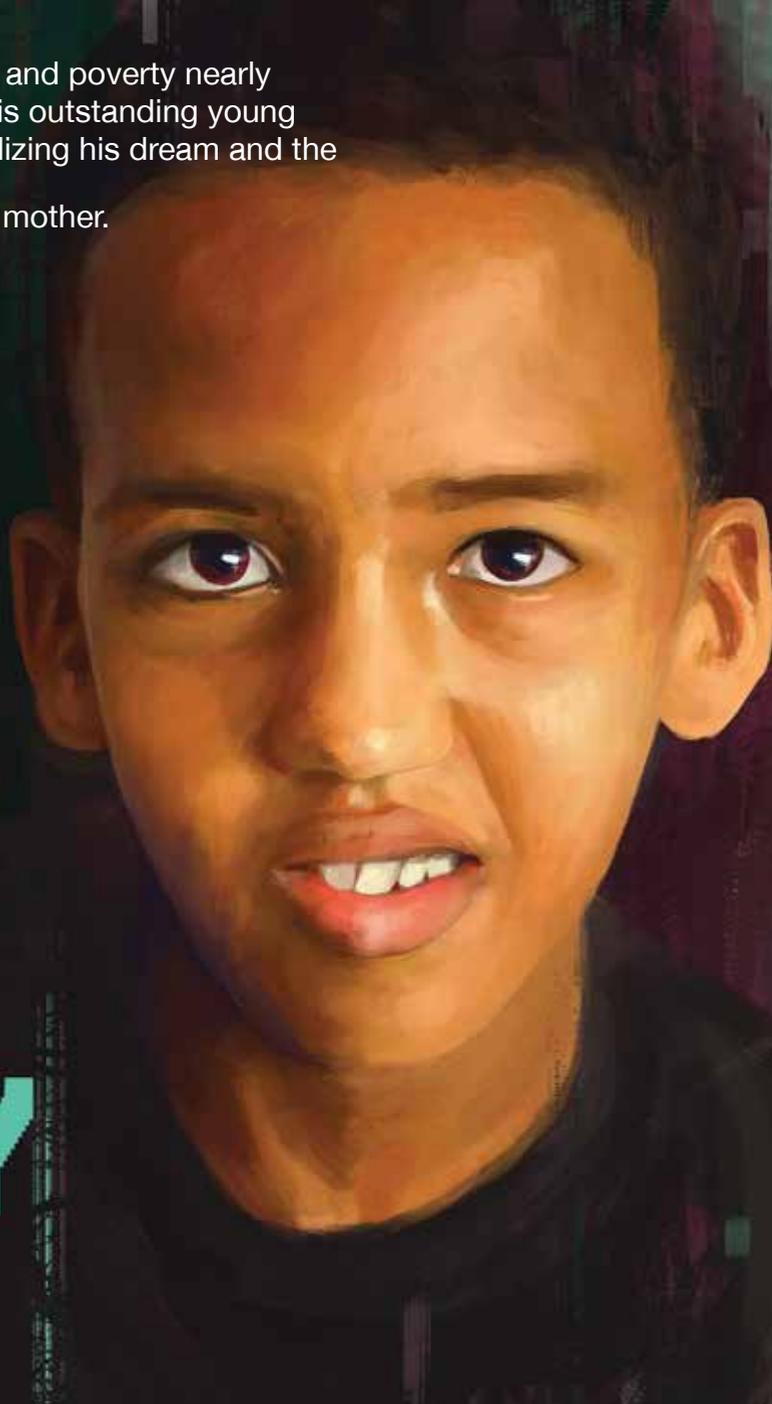
Young Holy Quran Scribe

Orphanhood and poverty nearly prevented this outstanding young boy from realizing his dream and the dream of his mother. Sidi Mohamed lost his father when he was just five years old and the suffering of his poor mother was unbearable as she lived with her only child in one-room, lacking the most basic necessities of life including water and electricity, and depending on extended family for food.

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Orphanhood and poverty nearly prevented this outstanding young boy from realizing his dream and the dream of his mother.

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The brilliance of the orphan child Sidi Mohamed was not restricted to his remarkably quick memorization of the Holy Quran but also to the near mastery of transcribing it, which is a rare specialty in the Islamic world.

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Special treatment

These harsh conditions stopped Sidi's mother from even thinking about her child's education, despite his obvious intelligence, as she struggled to put food on his plate, that is until Qatar Charity, thanks to its kind donors, sponsored Sidi Mohamed, improving the living conditions of the little family and allowing him to begin to attend Quranic school. Sidi's brilliance became quickly apparent in his remarkably quick memorization of the Holy Quran. Even in his spare time Sidi liked to chant verses from the

Holy Quran.

Painting and Memorization

Not only did Sidi memorize the entire Holy Book of Allah, he also learned how to scribe the Quran, which is a rare specialty, not only in Mauritania, but also throughout the Arab and Islamic world, and he excelled also at this. He was only a few months shy from becoming the youngest ever Quran scribe. With innocent childish joy, Sidi says, "I find scribing the Quran a lot more difficult than memorizing it as it has many rules which must be observed, but I persist in learning it and I am close, thank God, to completing it. I thank Qatar Charity for the care it provided me and without which I would not have achieved what I have". His mother said: "The sponsorship has helped me to raise my only child following the death of his father and I ask God Almighty to reward all have who stood by us".



From
Bangladesh

Munshiganj School

Strong Motivation and Budding Dreams

The Munshiganj School of today is unrecognizable when compared with just a few years ago. In 2012, like most schools in rural Bangladesh, it was built of zinc and at least 50% of students dropped out before completing the Elementary Stage. The academic level for the remaining students was very poor due to persistent damage to the building during the storms which regularly hit the country, leading to fears for student safety, in addition to uncomfortably high temperatures in summer classrooms. Now, after being completely rebuilt, the school is lively and vibrant and full of happy children

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Orphanhood and poverty nearly prevented this outstanding young boy from realizing his dream and the dream of his mother.

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The rhythm of life in Munshiganj District has been totally transformed as growing numbers of students gained enthusiasm about education and began to dream of a better future, following the reconstruction of its school, providing the students with a safe environment, productive to learning.

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Dropout Rates

The school is located in the Srinagar area in Munshiganj District, around 70 km from the capital, Dhaka. In light of the high dropout rates, the school committee approached Qatar Charity's Office in Bangladesh to ask for their help to rebuild the property. This was approved, in line with Qatar Charity's prioritizing of education.

Qatar Charity rebuilt the school with reinforced concrete and soon after 800 students enrolled. This number is expected to exceed 1000 next year.

Future Dreams

Education is provided at the school from the first to the tenth grade. Within the next two years this will be expanded to include a twelfth grade, enabling students, particularly female students, to continue their studies, as at present the nearest high school is located at considerable distance along dirt roads that become muddy and dangerous during the rainy season.

The School Administration Board also hopes to eventually be able to add other buildings in order to provide further education under the supervision of the National University, enabling local students to complete their studies.

The rhythm of life in Munshiganj District has been totally transformed, and its youngsters now dream of a better future.



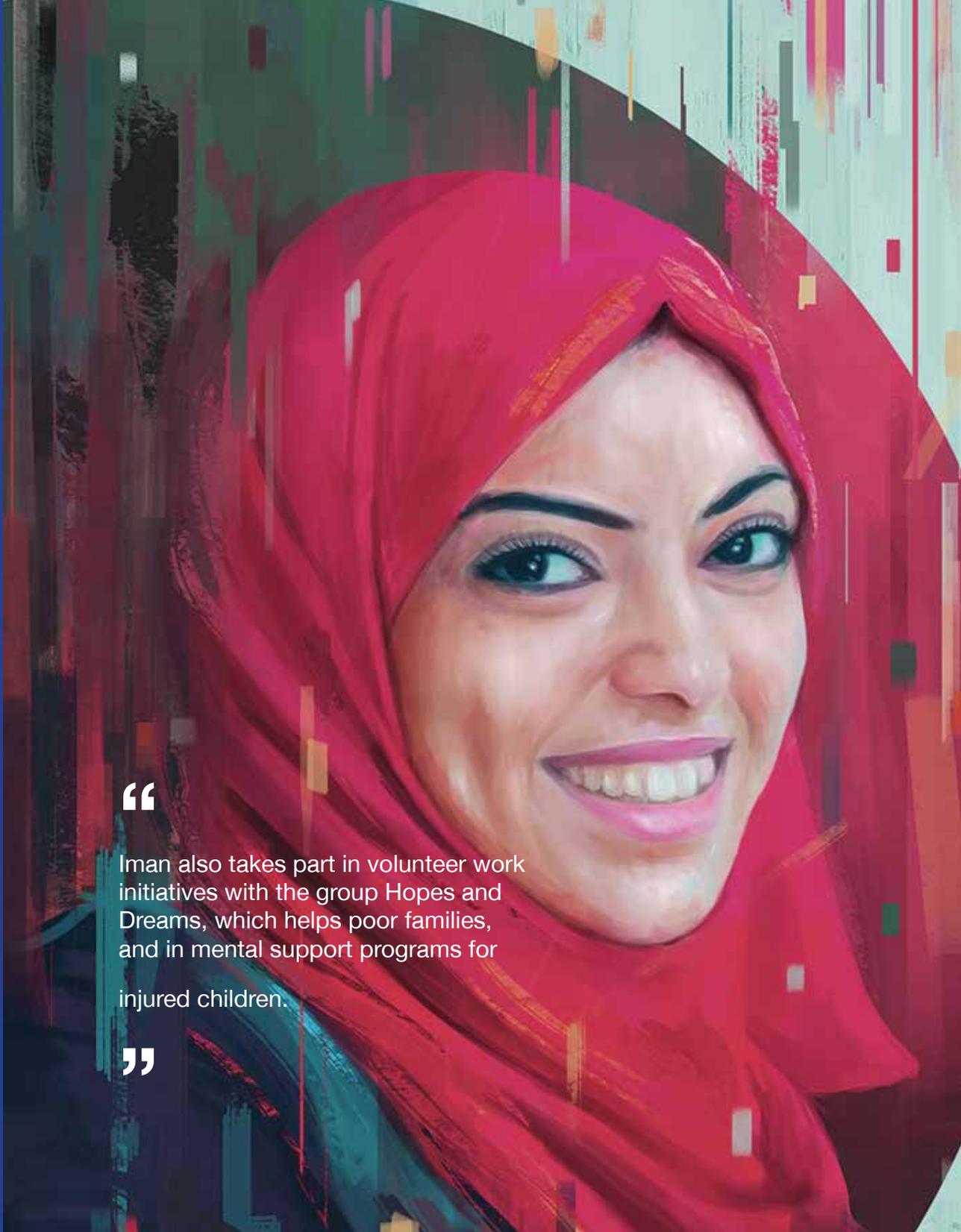
From
Palestine
Gaza

Iman Abu Waked ...

Defending children's rights via sound and image

Iman's orphanhood did not prevent her from becoming a spokeswoman for the children of Palestine from a very young age, defending their rights and documenting the crimes of the occupation against them, through movies, books and theater. Growing up in the Gaza Strip, which is suffering significantly from the blockade, war, poverty and unemployment, these conditions and her orphan status did not prevent her from developing into an exceptional young lady. She is an eloquent speaker, who regularly takes part in festivals, makes reports on radio and television, acts in plays and documentary films, writes in newspapers and edits books.

Iman, who obtained a Bachelor's degree in English Language from the College of Education at Al-Azhar University in 2015, now writes for the children and youth programs broadcaster Al-Sahafi Al-Sagheer (The Little Journalist) radio and television channels.



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Iman also takes part in volunteer work initiatives with the group Hopes and Dreams, which helps poor families, and in mental support programs for injured children.

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Multiple Talents

Her speaking and acting talents were discovered at the age of nine when she began to take part in concerts and festivals dedicated to orphaned children. These talents matured over the following years through her participation in a number of plays and festivals, including the Wake up World and Vindicate Us festival held in the State of Bahrain. She began drawing and writing while in high school, taking part in a number of competitions. Nicknamed the Media Spokeswoman of Palestinian children since the age of eight, this name has stuck and she has fought to defend the rights of Palestinian children across various media forms. She has also set up and attended several local and international conferences on the rights of Palestinian children and contributed to the preparation of a series of documentaries highlighting the suffering of Palestinian children, including the lead role in the film The Princess of Palestine and the Three Ambassadors. She also played the lead role in The Princess of the Picture, which was made by the Emirati Charity Work Organization.

Little Ambassadors

She has presented a range of educational, social, cultural and entertainment programs on Al-Sahafi Al-Sagheer radio and television channels and others, most notably the program Dardesh ya Dardoosh, which is an educational program targeting children under the age of 15 and in which a children's story with a moral and wisdom is presented each episode, and the program Tusbihoon 'ala Watan (Ode to a Homeland) which tackled Palestinian street issues. In the area of media documentation, she wrote the stories of the child victims of the Israeli occupation in the book Little Ambassadors, which was issued on the first anniversary of Al-Furqan War of 2008 - 2009. In addition to her activities in media and human rights, Iman takes part in volunteer work through the group Hopes and Dreams, which helps poor families, and contributes to mental support programs for injured children in a number of hospitals.

Qatar Visit

Iman still remembers fondly her visit to the State of Qatar in 2013 at the gracious invitation of Her Highness Sheikha, Moza Bint Nasser Al-Missned, who was a huge fan of the book Little Ambassadors, which was presented to her by young children wounded in the war during a visit to the Gaza Strip. The dreams and aspirations of Iman are limitless. She says: "My dream in life is to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and to quench the thirst of every grief-stricken orphan and all the poor. I have endured orphanhood and poverty and I know to what extent both are bitter and painful."



Creativity...

Against the Odds

Although she is confined to a wheelchair and grew up in poverty and illness, Amina Jameel Shabbanah, from Palestine, defied disability and now runs her own educational and training center.

Amina begins her story, saying: “My problem began 24 years ago when I was born afflicted with muscular dystrophy. The problem was exacerbated following the birth of my brother, Sameh.” Sameh also suffered from the disease and in fact died aged only 17.

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Amina defied disability and poverty and after Qatar Charity funding has now opened her own educational and training center.

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Amina is active in volunteer work for people with special needs and she hopes to pursue her graduate studies, in order to develop her project and expand its services.

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Total Paralysis

Amina continues, saying: “Two cases of complete paralysis in our family meant that all the other members had to fully dedicate themselves us and to spend their time seeking treatment.” Amina’s father was unable to commit to a steady job because of his responsibilities to his sick children, meaning that he was unable to provide for the basic needs of his entire family. He struggled to pay his children’s university fees and the rent on their house in Ramallah. Amina was forced to give private lessons to neighborhood children in order to earn her pocket money, that is until stumbled across Qatar Charity.

Qatar Charity nominated her for the economic empowerment program DEEP, implemented by the United Nations Development Program UNDP in partnership with the Arab Center for Agricultural Development ACAD and funded by Qatar Charity through the Islamic Development Bank.

Job Opportunities

In just three months, Amina opened the Center for Creativity and Cultural Excellence, which she manages herself.

Amina also enrolled at university and studied Finance and Banking Sciences, in addition to working as an activist and volunteer in several local organizations and institutions, particularly those dealing with people with disabilities, and she now hopes to pursue her graduate studies in order to achieve even greater success.

Amina is currently working on further developing her project and expanding the services provided by the center, which has offered opportunities to a number of Amina’s needy family members and which also provides basic and essential services for local children.



From
**Republic
of Mali**

A Small Motorcycle Saves Saleh's Family

Saleh Mega lived in poverty in the financial capital of Bamako, unable to pay his rent or his children's school fees.

A close-up portrait of a man with a mustache, looking directly at the camera. The background is a textured, abstract painting with vertical strokes of yellow, orange, and green. The man is wearing a dark red shirt.

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A small motorcycle helped restore stability to Saleh’s family, securing his daily living, allowing his children to receive an education and his mother to receive urgent medical treatment.

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In gratitude for God's blessings, Saleh now helps in the delivery of cheap potable water to poor families.

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Increasing Poverty

The days passed and Saleh's poverty only increased, until he was no longer able to feed his children, and his wife left him.

Saleh tried desperately to support his family, but was unable, until he learnt of Qatar Charity's Bamako Office, which provides aid to poor families. He applied for aid for his family or help in finding a job, so that he could finally provide for his family.

After just a few days – and with the grace of God – the office called Saleh and informed him they were going to provide him with a small motorcycle, which he could use to transport water and other goods. The arrival of the motorcycle helped Saleh turn his life around. In addition to providing him with a source of livelihood, he was able to marry a woman to help him care for his children, and to treat his ailing mother. Following her treatment, Saleh was even able to provide her with material support before driving her back to her remote village. He also takes part in charity work, transporting potable water to poor households, with no access to water, at very low prices.

Back to School

One of the most important results of the support for Saleh was that his children were able to return to school and they are now excelling in their exams. His living conditions have vastly improved and his home life is now stable and happy.

Saleh calls upon God to reward all those who have helped him to obtain work and to earn a decent living and says that he now seeks to help others as best he can. He advises young people to strive, to work hard and to always have faith in the Almighty.

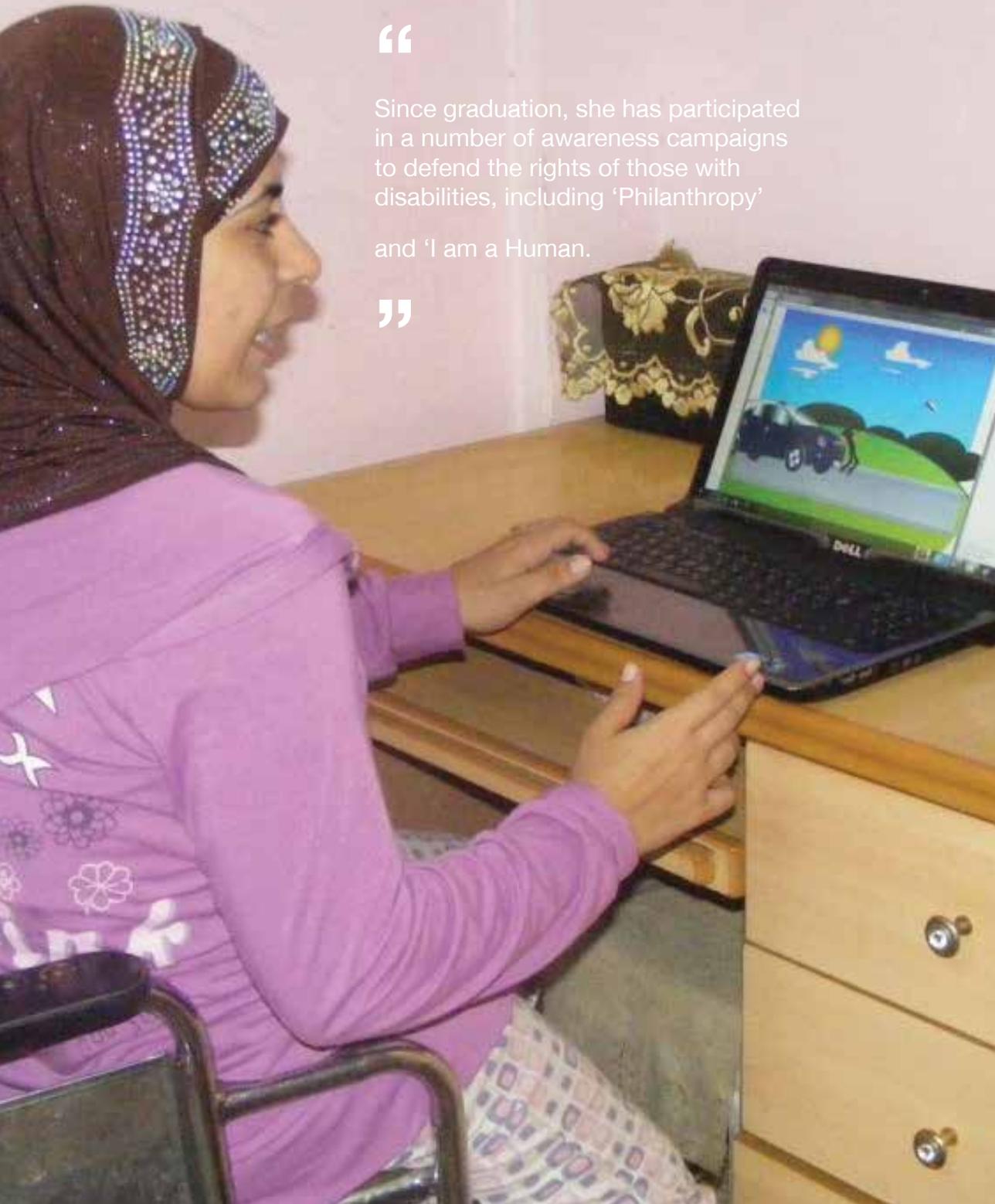


From
Palestine
Gaza

Heba:

Academic and Artistic

A lack of oxygen at birth left 28 year old Heba with cerebral palsy and then hemiplegia, which left her wheelchair bound.



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Since graduation, she has participated in a number of awareness campaigns to defend the rights of those with disabilities, including ‘Philanthropy’ and ‘I am a Human.

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Suffering from cerebral palsy and hemiplegia since her childhood, Heba refused to give up. Despite being wheelchair bound she managed to finish her studies in Design and Montage with the support of Qatar Charity.

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Laughter and Tears

Heba used to watch the other children playing and having fun, while she was able to move only her eyes, which were often filled with tears. Despite her suffering and frequent difficulty in getting to school – she often had to turn back in winter, as she could not manage the difficult journey, she proved herself to be an excellent student. In addition to her academic abilities, she was artistic and had many hobbies, although poverty made it difficult for her to practice them and in fact almost prevented her from completing her education. Heba's determination and diligence together with help from Qatar Charity, helped her fulfill her huge potential. After supporting her through high school, which she finished with very good grades, they continued their support until she completed her undergraduate studies at the College of Intermediate Studies, majoring in Design and Montage. At this point Heba got the chance to make her dream come true, beginning to take part in charity work herself.

Genuine Support

Since graduating, she has participated in a number of awareness campaigns, defending the rights of people with disabilities, such as 'Philanthropy' and 'I am a Human'. Professionally she is producing her own cartoons and she produces other films in cooperation with international humanitarian organizations such as UNRWA in the Gaza Strip. Heba has never forgotten the care Qatar Charity offered her; not just financial support, but also the personal attention, as the Gaza Office Manager used to visit her, providing her with cultural and religious books, and encouraging her to study and be diligent. She is also eternally grateful to Allah, who she says sent Qatar Charity to her in order that she could flourish despite her disabilities.



Aisha...

Overcoming poverty and disability

I never imagined that I would end up where I am today. Qatar Charity saved me from the misery I was living in. I now can afford to buy food for my family, educate my children and provide them with health care, thanks to the income-generating projects that were financed by the donors in Qatar,” this is how Aisha Edra spoke with happiness after overcoming her difficult circumstances.



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The income of the two small projects that Aisha now runs provides a living to her family and has allowed her to educate her children and treat her

husband.

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Two small income-generating projects saved Aisha's family from severe misery, after an accident led to the amputation of her both legs, leaving her children with two severely disabled parents, as her husband was already incapacitated.

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Pipe Dreams

Aisha Edra came from a poor family in Niger. She struggled to support her seven children whose father was disabled and couldn't work. But the family live in one of the world's poorest countries and Aisha's income was no more than one dollar a day, which came from a small agricultural field which she cultivated. She was also responsible for the care of her children and husband. Feeding her family was a battle and educating her children seemed nothing but a pipe dream. Aisha didn't know it, but her suffering was set to increase still further, as she suffered a terrible accident which led to the amputation of both her legs.

Endless Ambition

Desperate for help, someone told Aisha about Qatar Charity and they visited her at home and decided to help her by financing a small project that generates a continuing income for her; a much better option than offering temporary support. The office purchased a number of goats for Aisha to raise, and after 11 months, some cattle to breed. Aisha sold some of them to invest in firewood and food trade, which provides her with enough money to meet her family's living expenses, and pay for the education of her four children who have re-enrolled in school after being forced to drop out. After the amount of success Aisha enjoyed with her first project, Qatar Charity decided to offer her further support by financing a mill project, providing her and her family with an extra source of income. It also raised money for the construction of a new house for her and her family.

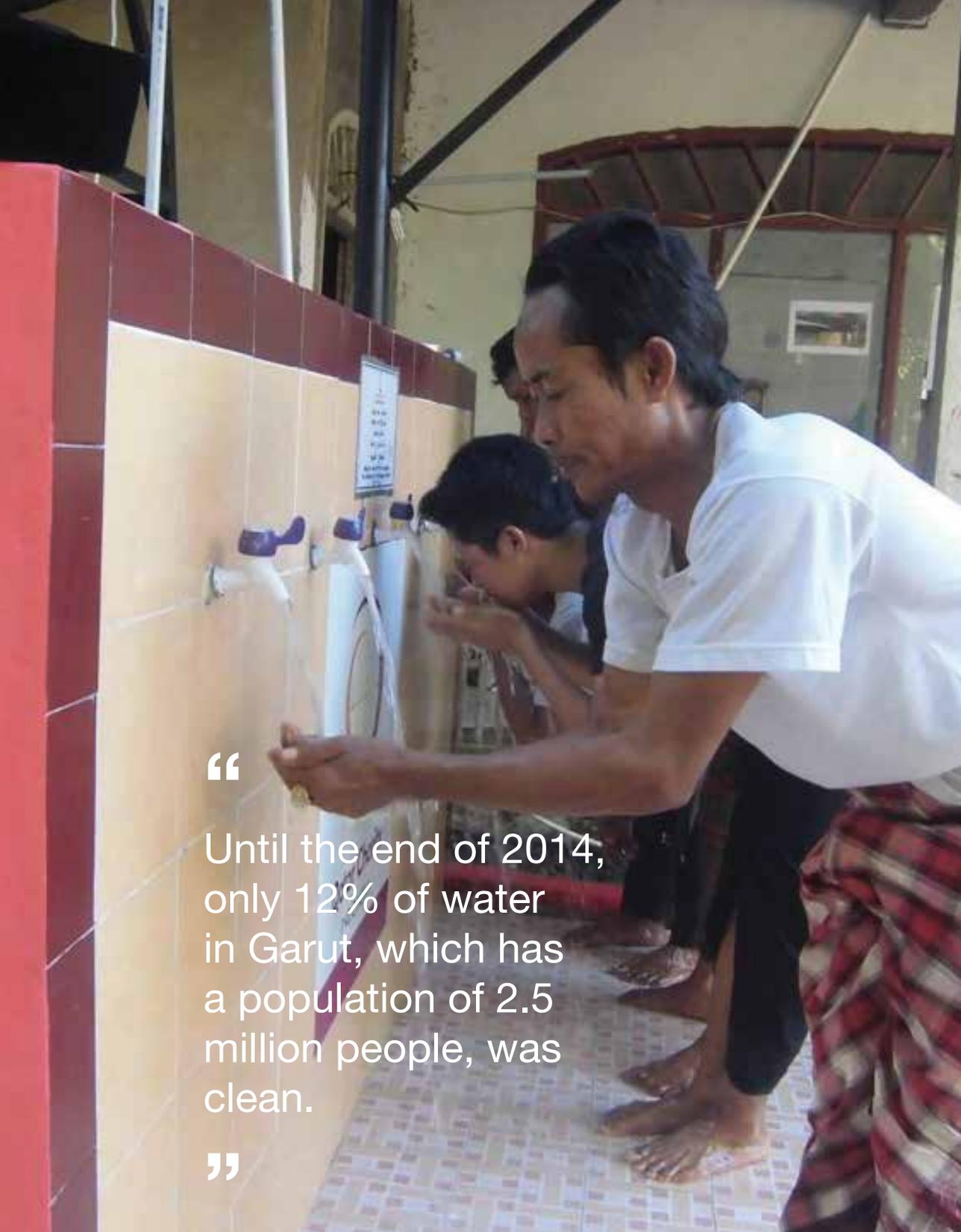
Hardworking Aisha is an example to us all.



Garut..

Clean water changes the life of a city

Garut today is unrecognizable after Qatar Charity drilled 350 wells over a period of one year, providing drinking water for the city's 2.5 million people, under an agreement signed with the city's mayor, Mr. Rudy Gunawan, in September 2014, at a cost of 1.75 million riyals.



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Until the end of 2014, only 12% of water in Garut, which has a population of 2.5 million people, was clean.

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The Indonesian town of Garut suffered from a severe shortage of water, with only 12% of the area's water deemed clean and the vast majority of people were dependent on pond water which exposed them to diseases and epidemics.

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No More Pond Water

In a speech Gunawan expressed his delight that the residents of Garut no longer have to use pond water. “To be honest with you, I signed this cooperation agreement with Qatar Charity to build 350 wells last year, but I didn’t really imagine that they would manage this huge task. I told my colleagues that if they built just 50 wells it would be an achievement.”

Fruitful Agreement

After the agreement between Qatar Charity and the Indonesian Government, represented by the city’s mayor, Qatar Charity felt it was in a race against time in light of the suffering of the town’s residents, and the diseases and risks their current water supply involved. It won the race and the city’s residents are no longer at risk.

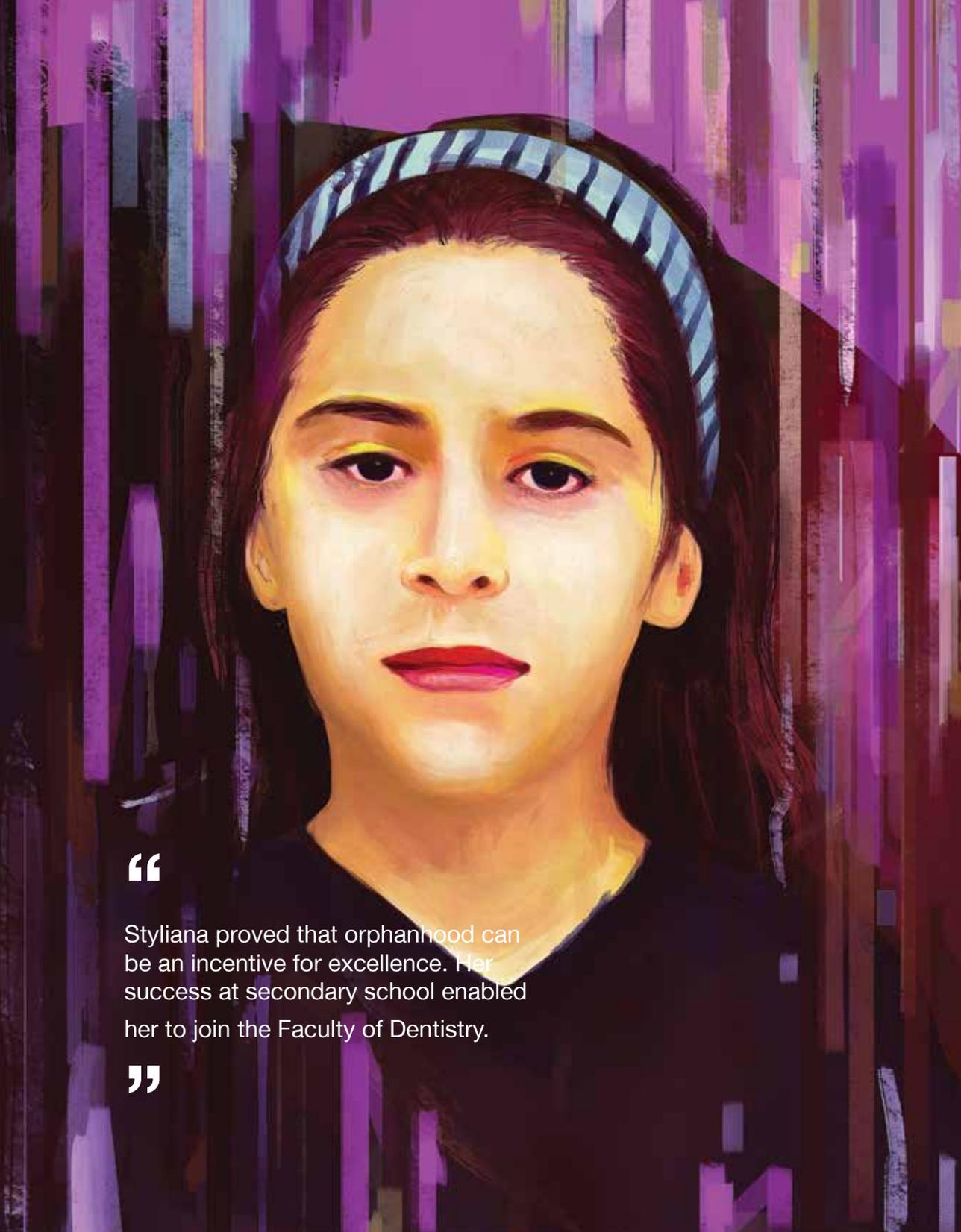


From
Albania

Styliana...

**Yesterday an Orphan, Tomorrow a
Doctor.**

Styliana's early years, growing up with her younger brother in the Albanian capital, Tirana, were like any other childhood. Her parents worked hard in order to provide the children with a decent life and a good upbringing.

A portrait of a young woman with dark hair, wearing a blue and white striped headband and a dark top. The background is a vibrant, abstract pattern of vertical stripes in shades of purple, blue, and yellow. The lighting is soft, highlighting her face.

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Styliana proved that orphanhood can be an incentive for excellence. Her success at secondary school enabled her to join the Faculty of Dentistry.

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Styliana now wishes to continue her graduate studies, and to help her family and children like herself who were deprived of the warmth of parenthood.

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The Suffering Begins

Styliana's father passed away when she was just six. Her mother was helpless in the face of the growing demands of her two children, who needed her to provide them with food, clothing and education. It was difficult for her to find work or support. This situation continued for almost five years, until someone told her about the Qatar Charity office in Tirana. This was a real turning point for her and her family; Styliana became a sponsored orphan and received not only financial support, but educational care, enabling her to attend computer and language courses held at the Albanian Qatari Center.

An Outstanding Orphan

Styliana showed intelligence and excellence in her studies, and she was named an 'outstanding orphan'. In addition to her studies, she participated in numerous extracurricular activities, memorized as much as she could of the Noble Quran and took part in endless events and competitions. She is a religious and hardworking child. Styliana graduated from high school with high scores which enabled her to join the Faculty of Dentistry where she is now studying and feeling confident about the future. She wants to continue her studies to be able to help her family and children like herself who were deprived of the warmth of parenthood.



From
Albania

The orphans of Sameer Gana..

From mountain cave to a proper home

The family of Sameer Gana were thrilled when they received a furnished and equipped house after having lived with her children in a cave on the edge of the mountains surrounding the Albanian capital, Tirana, for twelve years.



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Widowed Sameer lived with her children in a cave on the edge of a mountain for 12 years, experiencing temperatures of 20 degrees below zero in winter.

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The house has entirely changed
my life and the lives of my kids.

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Social Stability

“The house has entirely changed my life and the lives of my kids, Floria said, explaining that the cave in which she and her family lived for more than a decade was used as a tank hangar in the communist era. “We suffered from extreme heat in the summer and harsh cold in winters. The temperature was up to 20 degrees below zero in the winter months,” she told Qatar Charity. But everything changed when her three children, Fatrabtza Zabt Gana, Semir Zabt Gana and Mariana Zabt Gana, became sponsored by Qatar Charity. Qatar Charity Albania’s sponsorship program provided the house as part of its efforts to improve the living conditions of orphan families who are in its care.

Saving a Family

The house, which covers an area of 100 square meters, consists of a living room, a kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms, one for the mother and the other for the three children. It was fully furnished. The family expressed their great happiness and deep gratitude to Qatar Charity and the donors and prayed that Allah grant them the best reward. The project was praised by the vice president of the local municipality, who named it “a great job”. “This project saved a family that had suffered considerable loss, with no one to take care of them,” the vice president said, praising the quality of the construction work and furnishing. Samir wished to send a message of thanks to all those who invest in widows and orphans.

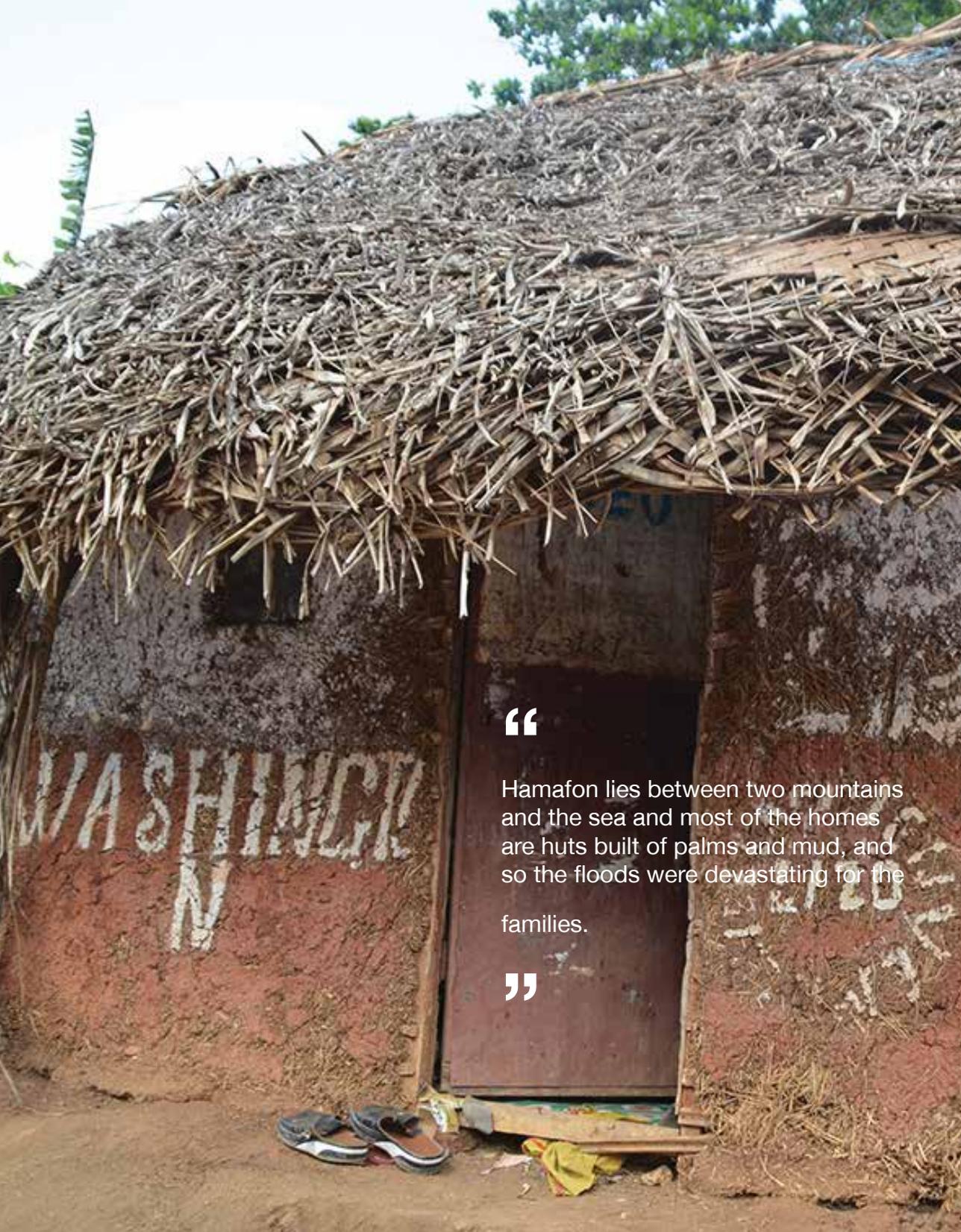


From
Hamafon

The village of Hamafon fights a flood

Hamafon is a very small village located in Mohéli, the smallest island of the four islands that make up the Comoros; Ngazidja, Anjouan, Mohéli, and Mayotte.

The Comoros is located on the eastern coast of Africa, between Mozambique and Madagascar. On July 1975, the Comoros was declared independent from France which had colonized it for more than 159 years. This colonization made it one of the world's poorest and least developed countries.



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Hamafon lies between two mountains and the sea and most of the homes are huts built of palms and mud, and so the floods were devastating for the families.

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The building of a residential project and a bridge changed the life of Hamafon residents after rains caused the displacement of 70%.

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The Harvest Place

Although Moheli Island is the smallest of the four islands and the least developed, it is considered the food basket of the population because of its soil fertility and the abundance of fish. It is also famed for the kindness of its people.

Hamafon Village was rightly named, as it means place of harvest in the Comorian language. Because of its name and position in Moheli Island, it has become a center for fishermen and a shelter for the poor of the island of Anjouan as it is the nearest village in Moheli to this island. The people were forced to live in the valley because its land is a government proprietary and free of charge, but the risk of floods was great.

Until 2001, people in this village made their living from fishing, but in April 2016, the village was declared marine protected, depriving the population of their livelihood and increasing the already high rates of poverty.

This changed after a Qatari delegation

visited the island and observed the suffering of the population. Qatar Charity decided, through its office in the Comoros, to build 50 urban housing units built of brick and cement. The Comoronian Government decided to provide electricity and water to the village and build a bridge over the valley, which is located at the entrance to the village. The vast majority of villagers have already benefitted, while the remainder will receive their apartments very soon, as part of a project that has returned safety and stability to Hamafon.



From
Indonesia

Rahamat survives a tsunami and dreams of a promising future

“I want to become a successful businessman and help the poor.”

Though he was born with some physical disabilities, Rahamat managed to survive the tsunami that hit Aceh in Indonesia, while the waves swallowed his mother, father and three older brothers and sisters.

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A tsunami swallowed all the members of Rahamatu Aulia's family while he survived.

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Floating Wood

Rahamatu was only 18 months when the tsunami struck. His mother carried him, holding him tightly to her body, protecting him from the water. At times he disappeared beneath the waves, but after seven hours he was found holding onto a piece of floating wood, while his mother and the rest of his family had perished. The dramatic story of Rahamat made headline news in the foreign media, including the UK Sun and had a happy ending as a 52 year old man called Abdullah Jabahani found Rahamat Aulia, while he was looking for his own children in the midst of the hurricane. Abdullah says: "I was looking for my children when I saw Rahamat floating on some wooden branches. He was naked due to the waves, but he was not harmed. He was quiet; not crying or screaming and I thought this was a miracle from Allah Almighty." Since then, Abdullah has taken it upon himself to care for the child in his home.

Caring Hands

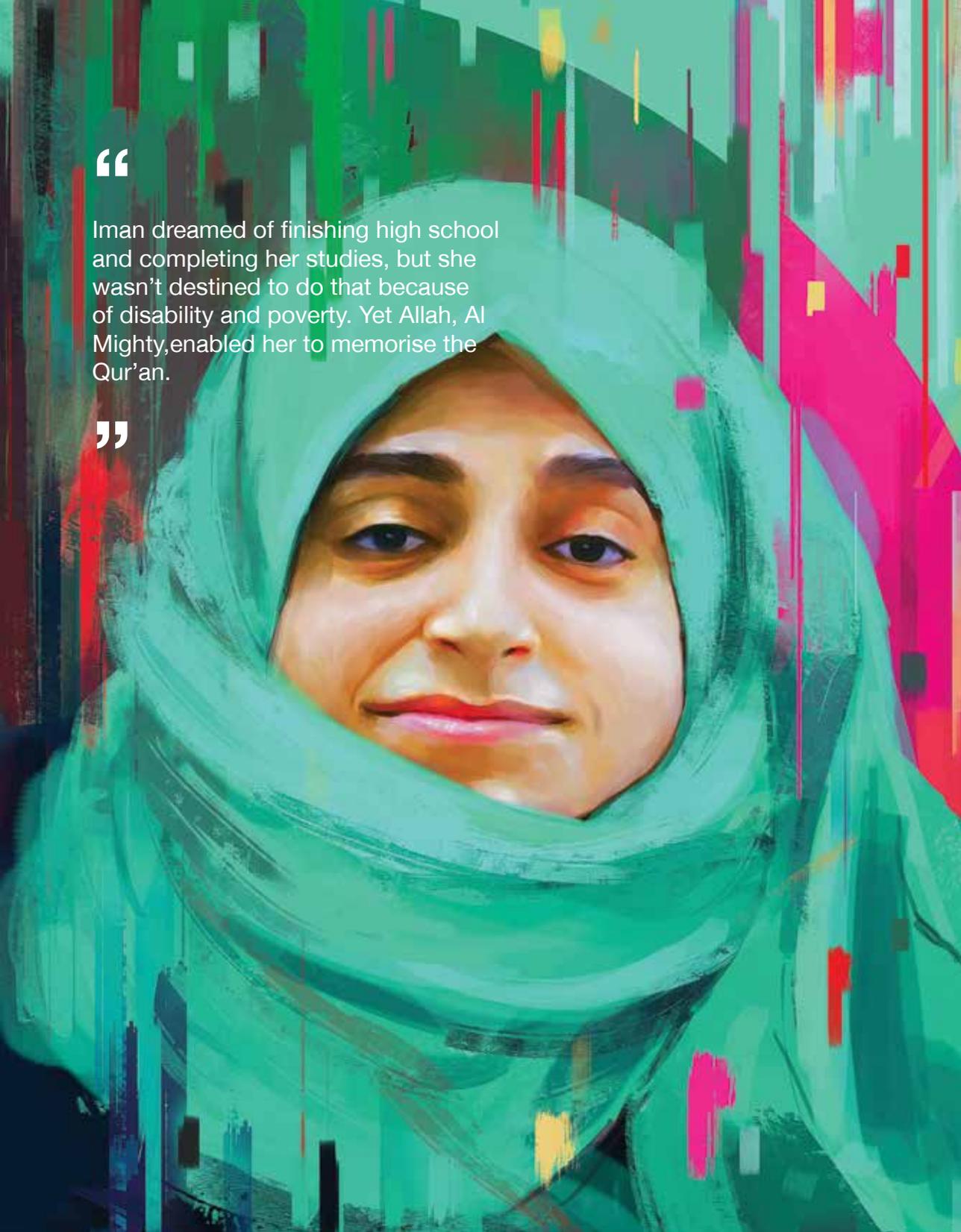
Qatar Charity helps Abdullah to take care of Rahamat and provide him with an education. Rahmat is now in the sixth grade. He is an excellent student and comes near the top of his class every year. "I want to become a successful businessman and help the poor," Rahmat replied when asked about his hopes and dreams for the future. Despite his disabilities he is optimistic, seeing the future as bright.



From
Palestine
Gaza

Iman Abu Sabha .. Challenges her disability through teaching the Qur'an

Like many children, Iman Mukhaimar Ali Abu Sabha was born in 1986 in the governorate of Khan Younis in the Gaza Strip. But, unlike her peers, she was born disabled. She was born without feet and also diagnosed with osteoporosis and calcium deficiency.



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Iman dreamed of finishing high school and completing her studies, but she wasn't destined to do that because of disability and poverty. Yet Allah, Al Mighty, enabled her to memorise the Qur'an.

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A Smart Little Girl

When Iman was five, she could not go to the kindergarten like other children of her age, because of her health status. So, her mother taught her the alphabet at home. At the age of six, her father tried to register Iman in many schools, but he faced constant rejection. She wasn't like other children and schools were unwilling to accept the responsibility of her injuring herself on their premises and or to provide the special care needed, because her disability drastically limited her mobility.



When Iman played with the children of relatives and neighbours, they used to tell her about going to school. She felt sad and helpless and would go to her father in tears, because she was not be able to join them. The only solution that her father could think of was to take her to the Minister of Education. The minister was surprised by the abilities of this smart little girl, and he issued a decision that schools should accept her. Even though Iman got her wish, she had to face a bitter reality. The school that she joined was not ready to accept children with her level of need and she was not able to attend regularly like other students. But, Iman was committed to attending exams, even though writing was a real problem. Her right hand was often broken because her conditions and she had to teach herself to use her left hand to write.

List of Successful Students

After she had completed the fifth grade, Iman's school was renovated and her class was moved to the upper floor. This meant that Iman stopped going to school, because her conditions meant that she was unable to climb stairs. After several years, Iman returned to studying through homeschooling. She received her sixth grade certificate in 2011, with an average of 84%, but could not continue, because her family was poor. Iman dreamed of completing her studies and getting a high school certificate. She wanted to hear her name read out on the local radio as one of successful students. But that did not happen. Instead, she was destined to memorise the Holy Qur'an, and teach it in Khan Younis. Qatar Charity provided Iman with important financial and moral support as she prepared for this task. This support allowed her to achieve her present success.

The Best Gift

Iman began memorising the Qur'an when she was 18 years old and completed the task two years later. During those two years, she was also able to take many Tajweed courses related to the rules for reciting the Qur'an and won first place in the Gaza

Strip Al-Aqsa Contest for the most beautiful recitation of the Qur'an.

Iman now teaches others how to memorise the book of Allah, and participates in seminars at the mosque, and offers lessons on rules of Tajweed. She follows the example of our Prophet (PBUH): (The best person is who learns Qur'an and teaches it).vWith the support of Qatar Charity, Iman and her mother performed the Hajj pilgrimage in 2012. She says that this was the most beautiful gift she has ever received and the realisation of her most precious dream.

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Iman now teaches others to memorise the book of Allah, and participates in seminars at the mosque, offering lessons on rules of Tajweed, thus following the example of our Prophet, peace be upon him: “The best person is who learns Qur'an and teaches it”.

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From
Indonesia

Nova..

A sewing machine becomes a factory of happiness

When her husband died, the young widow, Nova Yuliana Skiman, 32, from the village of Bungei Blanjut, Banda Aceh, Indonesia, didn't have any work or income to support her herself or her two young daughters, aged five and one.

Nova's late husband had been unable to leave anything for his wife and two daughters, apart from a small one-room house next to his father's house. Although Nova's father-in-law was compassionate and helped his son's widow as best he could, the family's poverty meant that he could not meet their needs. Seeing his difficulties, Nova refused to become a burden on her father-in-law.



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Nova looks to the future with optimism, and still hopes to achieve greater success in her work.

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With the gift of a new sewing machine to replace her old one, the widow, Nova, was able to triple her monthly income. This extra money meant that she could provide a decent life for her family, secure tuition for her two daughters and save some a little.

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Job Opportunity

Nova did not have the level of education that would help her get a job, but she did have a deep determination and a solid faith. She eventually remembered that she had an old sewing machine and some sewing skills, neither of which had ever really been used. Even though she worked hard, problems with Nova's old machine meant that she could not earn enough to cover her family's daily expenses. She was forced to accept donations from neighbours and her village officials. This embarrassed her and made her unhappy. Finally, the young widow contacted the Aceh branch of Qatar Charity, and asked for a modern sewing machine. She argued that a new machine would allow her to produce better quality work more quickly. The increased income from that work would mean that she would not have to accept donations from neighbours. Qatar Charity responded to her request with both a new sewing machine, with all its accessories, and some raw materials.

Strong Will

Because Nova has a strong will, she developed her sewing skills very quickly and increased her production so much that her neighbours were astonished. They couldn't believe that the sewing machine provided by Qatar Charity was behind Nova's success, but her tireless work and diligence enabled her to produce both clothes and happiness. Nova's efforts with the new machine tripled her monthly income. This allowed her to provide a decent life and education for her family and to save a little in the bank. Nova was able to breathe a sigh of relief after her two and half year journey towards independence. She still thanks everyone who helped her stand on her feet, and manage her own life. She wants to achieve greater success and is very optimistic about the future.



From
Indonesia

Bazzari..

**Victory over poverty
through academic excellence and
scientific awards**

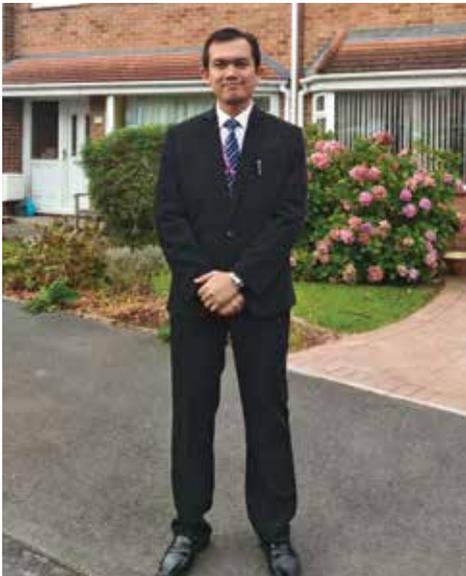
Bazzari Azhar Azizi is an Indonesian student from Blitar, East Java. He is outstanding in his studies, and he recently graduated from Tazkia University College of Islamic Economics. Because of his great passion for Islamic economics, he went straight there after graduating from the Gontor Institute.



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The “sponsorship of a student” helped Bazzari to ease the burden on his poor father, because it covered the costs of his studies, and contributed to his achievements as an outstanding student.

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In addition to his mother tongue, Bazzari is fluent in Arabic and English, and has a passion for scientific research and debates. He has achieved advanced positions and received many prizes in several competitions.

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Scholarship

Bazzari comes from a poor family and is the eldest of three children. To ease the burden on his parents, he looked for scholarships and other financial aid. Luckily, he was given a “sponsorship of a student” through Qatar Charity, which covered the costs of his study. He repaid the sponsorship with an «excellent» degree (his total average GPA: 3.94 out of 4).

Competitions

In addition to his mother tongue, Bazzari is fluent in Arabic and English, and loves scientific research and debates. He has achieved advanced positions and received many prizes. The most important of these are:

- Best speaker award in English language debates competition at his University in 2011.
- The second winner of the competition on Islamic economics research at the University of Jajamda in Jojakrta, 2013.
- The second winner of the Islamic economics Olympics at the national level at Solo University, 2013.
- Award for best research at the Islamic forum for economic and financial research by the Central Bank of Indonesia in collaboration with the Islamic economics group at the University of Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta in 2013.



From
Palestine
Gaza

The student Malaak ... Memorises Quran and teaches it despite being an orphan

The family of Malaak Mohammed Younis, 16, is very proud because she has memorised the Qur'an. This orphan, sponsored by Qatar Charity in the Gaza Strip nine years ago, now teaches others how to memorise the Qur'an despite her young age. You can imagine Malaak sitting in the courtyard of the mosque surrounded by other girls and some older female neighbours, teaching them how to read and memorise the Qur'an.



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My ambition is to study ophthalmology and get Ijazat in Quran readings

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I decided to pay back my mother's favours, because she encouraged me to memorise the Book of Allah, by teaching it to girls and women of our neighbourhood.

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Proud Mother

“It’s really great... It gives me a lot of happiness and joy,” Malaak’s mother says, while looking in pride at her young daughter. She speaks of Malaak’s passion to read and memorise the Qur’an from a young age, a goal she shared with her five older brothers. Malaak looks with admiration at her mother, who opted to quit her job after her husband’s death to care for her children; a mother who did not hesitate to encourage and support Malaak and her brothers. To repay her mother’s encouragement to memorise the Qur’an, Malaak says, “I decided to do that by teaching the Holy Qur’an to girls and women of our neighbourhood”. She says that she began to learn the Qur’an before starting school, and continued to do so at intervals, until she completed the task during her second secondary grade.

Malaak has big ambitions. She told us that she is hoping to study ophthalmology, and to obtain the Qur’an IJazza. She stressed that her study would not at all impede the completion of her Qur’anic project.

Continuous Encouragement

Malaak did not forget Qatar Charity’s continued support for orphans, its encouragement to utilise their skills and talents fully and motivation to memorise the Holy Qur’an. She says, “I received a financial reward from the Qatar Charity office in Gaza after the completion of memorising the book of Allah, and this encourages and motivates me to continue teaching the Qur’an to girls inside mosques”. She directed this message to all children, encouraging them to memorise the Qur’an at a young age.

She concluded by saying, “Experience has shown that the participation of children with low academic levels in the school, in the Qur’an courses inside mosques, has contributed significantly to raising their school averages and improving their achievements”.

Who are we?

Qatar Charity is a charitable non-governmental organization, founded in 1984 to promote sustainable development, fight poverty and provide disaster relief. It does this to contribute to local and international efforts to create and nurture human development. The charity is managed by a board of directors elected by the General Assembly of Qatar Charity and operates in more than 73 countries, with field offices in more than 22 of them.

At the international level, Qatar Charity:

- Has enjoyed membership of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations since 1997;
- Has enjoyed the membership of the Founding Conference of the Arab Network for NGOs in Cairo since 1999;
- Has more than 500 local, regional and international partners, including more than 200 local civil society organizations; and has been a signatory to the Code of

Conduct since 2009.

Our vision

A leading development and humanitarian organisation that draws on different models of best practice to make the best impact wherever it operates in pursuit of its mission.

Our Mission

Our mission is to collaborate with development partners and humanitarian agencies to support those most in need to achieve human dignity and social justice in line with our values.

Our core values:

Our core values govern: the provision of our services; the organisation of our relations with partners, including beneficiaries; and the behaviour, attitudes and practices of our employees. All of these contribute to the achievement of our mission and the realisation of our vision based on the principles of trust, transparency, participation, and respect for others. Our core values are derived from Islam and are compatible with all humanitarian and international standards.

The core values of Qatar Charity are:

1. Humanity:

Qatar Charity provides its services based on a common humanity. It deals with the beneficiaries as human beings, and responds to their basic needs to safeguard their human dignity.

2. Non-discrimination:

Qatar Charity does not endorse any ethnic, gender or religious discrimination, or any other considerations in the provision of services to beneficiaries. The need is the only consideration for beneficiaries targeted by its services.

3. Neutrality:

Qatar Charity is neutral in its dealing with groups and individuals in the provision of its services. This means that is neutral in action and position. It does not favour one party over another party in any dispute and is not biased in favour of any party in any controversy, whether these differences are ideological, political or religious, racial or other.

4. Independence:

Qatar Charity is independent from the influence of any other party in pursuit of its stated humanitarian objectives. It is ready to cooperate with any other party when such cooperation serves the goals of Qatar Charity and respects its principles or values.

5. Professionalism:

Qatar Charity respects internationally accepted standards of humanitarian work, and the standards of the various professions with which it works, such as education and health, and income improvement.

6. Cooperation:

Qatar Charity promotes cooperation as the only way to create peace, resolve conflict and challenge underdevelopment. It cooperates with all parties concerned with its areas of work, based on the principles of trust, transparency, participation, and respect for others. Qatar Charity was keen to sign the Code of Conduct of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief and to respect the Sphere Project's minimum standards in humanitarian response and similar

initiatives.

Where Do We Work?

Qatar Charity operates in 73 countries. The spread of its work is shaped by the nature of the priorities and opportunities and proximity. To understand better those priorities and opportunities, Qatar Charity adopted a policy of proximity to its target communities. Thus, it has 22 field offices in the countries that most need its help in Africa, Asia and America.

How Do We Work?

Qatar Charity implements its projects directly through its officially registered offices in the countries where it operates, or through its representatives or local partners accredited by the Ministry of Social Affairs in the State of Qatar.

What Are the Strategic Areas of Our Work? Qatar Charity delivers services across a range of areas. These include, developing health and social welfare, building sustainable communities and infrastructures, promoting education and economic empowerment, and responding to

disasters and supporting cultures.

Specifically, Qatar Charity interventions include:

1. Education
2. Health
3. Social welfare
4. Water and sanitation
5. Infrastructure
6. Upgrading of social housing
7. Improving income and economic empowerment
8. Cultural sphere and

9. Preparedness and disaster response

Our Partners:

Qatar Charity promotes partnership and cooperation as methods for achieving development and reaching humanitarian goals. It is constantly expanding its 'circle of cooperation' with partners nationally, regionally and internationally.

The current partners of Qatar Charity are:

- Governments of countries that host Qatar Charity humanitarian interventions, and specifically with the ministries that work with NGOs and the ministries and technical agencies that coordinate intervention efforts in the sectors in which the charity operates;
- Specialised United Nations organisations, such as, UNHCR, WFP, UNOCHA, FAO, UNICEF and UNDP;
- International non-governmental organisations, such as, CARE, OXFAM, MA, IRW, and HF;
- Regional intergovernmental organisations, such as the

Gulf Cooperation Council, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, the League of Arab States, and the European Community;

- Banks and development agencies, such as, IDB, USAID, CIDA and DFID;
- Non-governmental organisations from the Arab and Islamic worlds
- Local civil society organisations; and
- The private sector in the State of Qatar that serves the community through the framework of its companies' social responsibility programmes.

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You will meet “Nasmah”, the first blind female to get a master's degree in the Gaza Strip, «Zamira», who became a university professor and an activist in social and Da’wa work, despite being orphaned as a child, and «Izmir», who proved, through his management of a carpentry workshop, that disability is not a barrier to success.

You will visit the «Munshiganj School” in Bangladesh and find out how it helped change the life in the surrounding region. You will see that where once young people simply dropped out of school, there is now a desire to maintain education with optimistic dreams of a better future.

You will also see how the sweet taste of these success stories is shared by both the beneficiaries, whose lives improved, and everyone who helped them, from generous donors, to volunteers and humanitarian workers. The old saying is very true here, «He who tastes, knows”.