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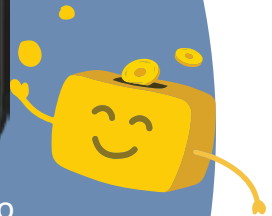
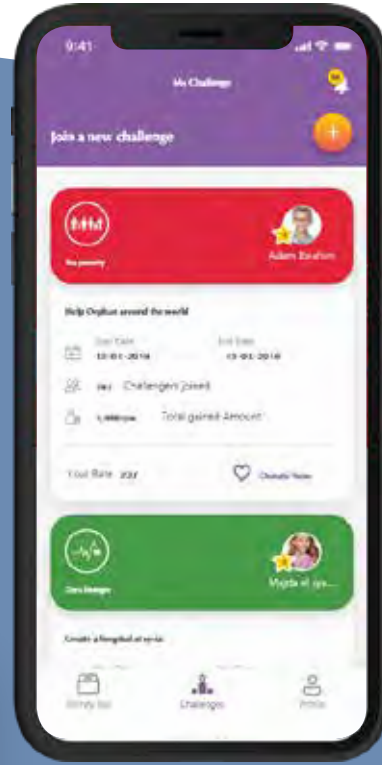
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## The ponds that prevent water-borne diseases

Until recently, like other areas in Pakistan, Mureed Kapri, a village in the province of Sindh, with a population of 300 people and a single primary school for 150 students, and another village in the Chak district located in the Pakistani province of Punjab, relied upon unpaved ponds for drinking purposes. However, after the construction of water ponds by Qatar Charity, the people are very delighted at gaining access to clean and safe drinking water due to these ponds that prevent water-borne diseases.



## «Hand Pump» Challenge at AidEx2019

During its participation in the AidEx 2019 in Brussels and in the Doha Youth Camp for Humanitarian and Volunteer Work, Qatar Charity showcased the “Hand Pump” challenge. It aimed at drawing attention to the world’s water crisis and the difficulties faced by hundreds of millions of women and girls in fetching clean water to their homes in Asia and Africa.



## From Classroom to Ministership

Some of them became ministers, while others joined universities as professors. However, before realizing their ambitions and achieving these feats, they went through many difficulties. Here are three success stories created by the students sponsored by Qatar Charity.



## ‘The Experience of Giving’ at Darb Al Saai

Qatar Charity’s pavilion set up at Darb Al Saai, as part of the Qatar National Day celebrations, received an overwhelming appreciation from dignitaries and visitors for providing an opportunity to relive the experience of giving more closely via the augmented reality (AR) technology.





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## Editorial

### The Ambitions of 2020

At the beginning of this New Year, we dream of a world free of crises and human suffering, and we hope that peace, safety, security, stability, prosperity, and development would prevail across the globe.

However, the reality on the ground indicates that prolonged crises and frequent disasters surround our region. Currently, the displacement is happening in Idlib, Syria, especially in conjunction with the blistering cold, storms, rain, and snow of winter, exacerbating human suffering.

Such calamities require us at Qatar Charity, along with all humanitarian workers, to carry out rapid intervention, without ignoring our duty towards fighting poverty, and implementing sustainable development programs in the areas of education, health, water, sanitation, economic empowerment, and social welfare for the benefit of the vulnerable.

This issue has come along with the "Warmth and Peace" winter campaign, which kicked off from Syrian and Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan, targeting more than half a million people in 17 countries. Accordingly, Qatar Charity calls on benefactors in Qatar to support this campaign, as displacement continues in Syria and elsewhere.

In 2020, Qatar Charity intends to open eight field offices across Asia and Africa to implement projects directly and carry out intervention rapidly according to the plans of each country's government based on an assessment of needs.

Some major qualitative projects like model cities of Darfur worth QR100mn are expected to be inaugurated during this year. Currently, Qatar Charity sponsors more than 163,000 orphans worldwide under its "Rofaqa" initiative, aiming to raise the number to 200,000 sponsored children in 2020.

Qatar Charity also continues to strengthen its partnerships with United Nations agencies and international organizations. Today, it has become an implementing partner, not only financier, of significant projects funded by global organizations like World Health Organization (WHO) in Syria, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and Start Network in Somalia in 2019.

Qatar Charity also enhances its presence at international events, the most recent of which is 'The Refugee Journey in Arabic Calligraphy' exhibition aimed at conveying the unheard voices of these vulnerable people to the world, using the beauty of this calligraphy as a cultural heritage. For this purpose, Qatar Charity took part in the Global Refugee Forum in Geneva and Doha Forum in 2019, receiving overwhelming appreciations and praises.

We hope that the year 2020 will be replete with more successes and further achievements.

Chief Executive Officer

**Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari**



# **‘The Refugee Journey in Arabic Calligraphy’ Exhibition conveys unheard voices to the world**



The exhibition entitled “The Refugee Journey in Arabic Calligraphy” utilized the art for humanitarian action, and the creativity to portray the suffering of refugees and the displaced, convey their unheard voices to the world, and raise awareness about the human rights and the importance of preserving refugee human dignity.

The exhibition, designed by Mr. Sabah AlArbili, an accomplished calligrapher recognized as a prominent figure in Arabic calligraphy, drew the attention of visitors and gained their admiration on the sidelines of two international events: the Doha Forum 2019 and the Global Refugee Forum in Geneva.

### The Idea of Exhibition

Three texts on the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) have inspired the collection of art pieces reflecting the beauty of Arabic calligraphy and its unique characteristics.

Arabic calligraphy is used for the first time to portray the suffering, challenges and hopes of millions of refugees around the world to bring about empathy

and change, and draw attention from a different perspective to the biggest humanitarian crisis of history, the refugee crisis.

The exhibition featured 21 art pieces ranging from classic Arabic calligraphy to more experimental and expressionist styles. Through this exhibition, Qatar Charity aims to shed light on the international texts on refugees, who have been forced to flee their homes, innovatively using the Arabic calligraphy.

### Partners

Qatar Charity, which carried out this artwork, works with its partners, including QFFD, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) to advocate for refugee issue, and revive legal texts upholding their protection and dignity.

### Global Refugee Forum

Qatar Charity participated in the “The Refugee Journey in Arabic Calligraphy” exhibition in Geneva on the sidelines of the Global Refugee Forum, which was held in December.



“Before moving on a new path to create and implement new policies and instruments that will uphold the dignity of refugees, it is crucial to honor the existing ones and to remind the world of their effectiveness, even decades after they were drafted,” said Mr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari, CEO of Qatar Charity.

### Doha Forum

On the sidelines of the Doha Forum, Mr. Mohamed Al-Ghamdi, Assistant CEO for the Governance and

Institutional Development Sector at Qatar Charity expressed his pride in launching this version of the exhibition combining the beauty of the Arabic calligraphy and the advocacy of Qatar Charity for refugee and IDP issues, which is one of the biggest issues of the world.

He also noted that there are more than 70 million displaced people and refugees around the world, forty percent of them are in the Arab and Islamic regions.



### Significant Visits

The exhibition gained the admiration of many official figures of Qatar, guests from international organizations, and those participating in the forum, most notably H E Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Chairperson of Qatar Museums, Doha Film Institute, and Reach Out to Asia (ROTA), H E Lolwah Al Khater, Assistant Foreign Minister, and spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and H E Khalifa bin Jassim Al-Kuwari, Director General of QFFD, in addition to the UN Development Programme (UNDP) Administrator, Mr. Achim Steiner.



## The art pieces serve as a mutual dialogue between the real refugee and the refugee inside me

"This exhibition differs from all my previous exhibitions, because in it, I have exhibited my experience as a former refugee," said Mr. Sabah AlArbili, a calligrapher, who designed the exhibition entitled "The Refugee Journey in Arabic Calligraphy", expressing the feeling that accompanied him throughout this work assigned to him by Qatar Charity in cooperation with its partners.

Through this exhibition, Qatar Charity aims to revive the international texts on refugees who have been forced to flee their homes, innovatively using Arabic calligraphy.

During the interview conducted by the "Ghiras" magazine, AlArbili talked about the time taken to complete the work and its impact on spectators due to the use of Arabic calligraphy for the first time as an authentic cultural heritage in humanitarian action and the advocacy for refugee.

**What is the idea that inspired the form and spirit of the exhibition?**

The idea of these art pieces are inspired by human rights and refugee laws. As I went through the experience of asylum previously, these artworks have a direct impact on me. When I was implementing these drawings, I did not carry out them in the traditional way, but there was a mutual dialogue between a refugee and myself through the painting. I tell the story of the refugee. Therefore, each tableau is different from another one and each art piece has a unique style.

**To what extent did the exhibition convey a message on refugee rights?**

The exhibition managed to acquaint people with the suffering of refugees, delivering a message on the

The calligrapher Sabah AlArbili:

# I used Arabic calligraphy as a cultural heritage to express humanitarian issues

need to pay attention to refugee rights. Through my experience with Qatar charity and mutual dialogues, we were able to achieve art pieces that deeply reflect refugee issues.

**How was your experience with this exhibition?**

I enjoyed making these art pieces, because I went through the experience of asylum. Through this experience, I tried to show the humanitarian situation of refugees more closely. The idea of the exhibition focused on shedding light on refugee's humanitarian aspects, which are not known among many people.

**How long did your work for the exhibition take?**

The practical preparation for the exhibition took more than two months. However, as for ideas, it took a long time. When the vision was integrated in my mind and I felt comfortable with it, I started implementing it after having a protracted dialogue with myself.

**Why did you choose Arabic calligraphy to convey this concept?**

I have utilized Arabic calligraphy in these art pieces as a means of expression. I have done all the drawings with a sense and spirit of Arabic calligraphy, as it gives us flexibility in expressing the humanitarian issues that we are trying to highlight in the exhibition. With the use of Arabic calligraphy, which has a unique ability to express, and is an art form of our Islamic civilization heritage, we restore the glory of this great heritage that enriched the arts in various eras.

**Is this exhibition different from your previous ones?**

This exhibition differs from all my previous exhibitions, because in it, I have exhibited my experience as a former refugee. I hope that I will have the opportunity to design more exhibitions focusing on refugee issues and the effects of wars and conflicts in the world.



# 500,000 people in 17 countries to benefit from “Warmth and Peace” winter campaign



## Launched

from Syrian and Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan

Qatar Charity (QC) has launched the 2020-2019 winter campaign entitled “Warmth and Peace” from Syrian and Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan in November last year.

The campaign kicked off in the presence of H.E Sheikh Saud bin Nasser Al Thani, Ambassador of Qatar to Jordan and Mr. Ayman Al Mufleh, Secretary General of the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO).

A delegation from Qatar Charity, many social activists, and numerous social media influencers have participated in sending 6 trucks loaded with winter supplies to be distributed to Syrian refugees and low-income Jordanian families in the Amman governorate, and Palestinian refugees in Talbieh camp in Madaba governorate, benefiting 1,600 people initially.

After distributing aid, the delegation toured the medical center established and run by Qatar Charity in the Zaatari refugee camp. During the visit, eye examinations were conducted for and eyeglasses were distributed to 500 Syrian and Palestinian refugees and many low-income Jordanian families.

## Beneficiaries

The winter campaign “Warmth and Peace” targets 500,000 refugee, displaced, and needy people in 17 countries including Syria, Turkey, Palestine, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Kosovo, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Ethiopia.

The campaign focuses on the affected in countries like Syria and Palestine, which are going through exceptional



circumstances. It also concentrates on the underprivileged in countries where temperatures fall below zero degrees Celsius.

The campaign aims to meet the necessary winter needs of the vulnerable in the areas of food, shelter, and heating, at a total cost of nearly 75 million Qatari riyals. As part of the "Warmth and Peace" campaign, UNHCR, in cooperation with Qatar Charity, will distribute assistance worth QR11mn to refugees in Iraq, Yemen, and Jordan under the "For Humanity" initiative. Also, winter bags will be distributed in 9 countries.

#### Products of the Campaign

The campaign aims to provide food baskets, winter clothes, blankets, heaters, heating fuel, tents, caravans, tent and house maintenance, mattresses, pillows, hygiene items, and bags for orphans containing winter clothes, blankets, and food baskets.

#### Way to Donate

Given the difficult situation of refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and those in need in countries experiencing the severe cold, Qatar Charity urges benefactors to support the campaign to deliver assistance to the targeted people and keep them out of danger.

The donation in favor of the "Warmth and Peace" campaign can easily be made through Qatar Charity's website ([www.qch.qa/winter](http://www.qch.qa/winter)), mobile App ([www.qch.qa/app](http://www.qch.qa/app)), branches, and collection points. The donors can also request a "home collector" through the mobile App and dial the hotline 44667711 to make their contributions. Mobile donating is also available. To send QR100 and QR500, please send an SMS with the code "winter" to 92642 and 92428, respectively.

### Speeches at Launching Ceremony

Many speeches were delivered by dignitaries at the inaugural ceremony.

**HE Sheikh Saud bin Nasser Al Thani:** Humanitarian action is an integral part of Qatari policy

**Mr. Khalid Al-Yafei,** director of Financial Sustainability Projects Office at Qatar Charity: The suffering of refugees, the displaced, and the needy increases with the onset of the harsh cold, rainstorms, and blizzards in each winter.

**Secretary General of JHCO:** The campaign is a part of the continuous Qatari charitable action.

**Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Harami,** representative of the Qatari delegation: The delivery of aid before the harsh winter will minimize the risks the targeted people may face.



# Qatar Charity implements various projects to mark UN international days

Celebrating the international days observed by the United Nations, Qatar Charity (QC) has implemented many projects and held numerous activities and events on World Food Day, World Teachers' Day, and World Diabetes Day, as part of its continued commitment to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the year 2030.

## World Food Day

Qatar Charity has marked World Food Day by distributing 100,000 meals to refugees and poor families in Palestine, Turkey and Lebanon.

In Palestine, more than 37,000 meals were distributed at the majority of schools in the Gaza Strip, and provided 6500 meals for students in the West Bank, in addition to 12,000 beneficiaries in the Old City of Jerusalem.

In Turkey, 30,000 meals were delivered to Syrian refugee and low-income Turkish families in the provinces of Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, and Kilis.

In Lebanon, meals were provided to 31,150 Syrian and Palestinian refugees living in camps under very challenging situations due to displacement, poverty, and food shortages.

## World Teachers' Day

Qatar Charity (QC) marked World Teachers' Day by organizing various competitions, in which 90 teachers representing 11 Asian schools of Qatar took part.

World Teachers' Day celebration came in recognition of roles played by teachers in raising and educating generations, under the supervision of the Friends Cultural Centre (FCC), a Qatar Charity community development center for Asian expatriate people residing in Qatar.

FCC conducted many competitions, including reciting a poem, giving public speech, mimicry, and a table topic session that gave contestants a subject to speak on for between one and two minutes. At the end of the ceremony, prizes were distributed to the winners.



## World Diabetes Day

In conjunction with World Diabetes Day, Qatar Charity Centers for Community Development launched various activities across the country, which included lectures and educational and awareness workshops on diabetes and its causes and how to prevent it, in addition to participating in the march of World Diabetes Day.

These events come as part of the keenness of Qatar Charity to educate and protect people from diabetes, raise awareness about the impact of the disease on the family members, provide support to those living with diabetes, and strengthen the role of the family in the treatment and prevention of diabetes.

## International Volunteer Day 2019

Qatar Charity (QC) participated in the exhibition organized by the Qatar Scouts and Guides Association to mark the International Volunteer Day (IVD) 2019 under the theme «Volunteer for an inclusive future». Qatar Charity has previously organized, in cooperation with the Mental Health Friends Association (WEYAK), a lecture, at its headquarters, on psychological aspects of giving to provide volunteers with humanitarian work skills.

Some 120 volunteers, both male and female, attended the lecture given by Prof. Nasser Amanafi, a mental health expert at WEYAK.

It is worth mentioning that Qatar Charity works on raising awareness about the importance of volunteering work through providing trainings and courses to those interested in humanitarian action.





## International Days



### World Food Day: Facts & Figures

**Date:** held annually on 16 October.

**Theme for 2019:** «Our Actions Are Our Future. Healthy Diets for A Zero Hunger World»

**Objective:** It seeks to promote awareness and action for those suffering from hunger worldwide and encourage people around the globe to take measures to eradicate global hunger.

**Figures:**

- 821 million people, one in nine, are chronically hungry, including 121 million in conflict and war zones, who are at the risk of dying if they do not have access to food.
- 1 in 3 people is malnourished.
- More than 113 million people suffer from acute hunger in only five countries in Africa.
- 5.5 million Syrians remain food insecure.



### World Teachers' Day: Facts & Figures

**Date:** held annually on 5 October

**Theme for 2019:** «Young Teachers: The future of the Profession.»

**Objective:** World Teachers' Day aims to focus on «appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of

the world» and to provide an opportunity to consider issues related to teachers and teaching.

**Figures:** UNESCO statistics reveal that close to 69 million new teachers are needed to provide quality universal primary and secondary education.



### World Diabetes Day: Facts & Figures

**Date:** Held annually on 14 November.

**Theme for 2019:** «Diabetes: Protect your Family»

**Objective:** It aims to raise awareness of the impact that diabetes has on the family, support those affected, and promote the role of the family in the management, care, prevention and education of diabetes.

**Figures:** The number of people with diabetes reached 600 million, of whom there are 83 million in the Middle East.



### International Volunteer Day (IVD)

**Date:** Held annually on 5 December

**Theme for 2019:** «Volunteer for an inclusive future»

**Objective:** It is viewed as a unique chance for volunteers and organizations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values, and to promote their work.



# Qatar Charity opens Al-Shaimaa Secondary School for Girls in Gaza

Qatar Charity (QC) opened the Al-Shaimaa Secondary School for Girls in Beit Lahia, north of the Gaza Strip, in cooperation with the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education. The school was built at a total cost of QR5.4 million, with financial support from 'Qatar Cyclists' Club and several Qatari companies.

## Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was attended by the Project Manager at Qatar Charity Khalid al Yafie, representatives of 'Qatar Cyclists', local government officials, representatives of civil society organizations, dignitaries, and prominent figures, who expressed their happiness at the school opening.

Speaking at the ceremony, Yafie said the project demonstrated the depth of brotherly relations between Qatar and Palestine, affirming Qatar Charity's commitment to supporting the Palestinian people.

## Quality Education

He said that Qatar Charity has garnered the support for the school project, in partnership with the Qatar Cyclists Club, under the umbrella of Qatar's Ministry of

Culture and Sports. He pointed out that the project came, as part of the 'Cyclists for Education' initiative to provide quality education to female students in the north of Beit Lahia and surrounding areas.

For his part, Dr. Mohammed Jeham Al-Kuwari, President of the Qatar Cycling Federation, expressed his pleasure at the opening of the school, indicating the keenness to support the education sector in various places.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in the Gaza Strip, Dr. Ziad Thabet, thanked the Emir, Government and people of Qatar for supporting the people in Gaza and Palestine in the fields of education, health, infrastructure and other sectors.

## Facilities at School

It is worth mentioning that the 5,000sqm school has 36 rooms, of which 24 are classrooms and the rest is used as laboratories and management offices. The secondary school is expected to benefit some 1,920 female students.





# Students: Al-Shaimaa provides safe and easy access to secondary education

## Students: **Indescribable happiness due to the dream that come true**

The student, Amal Al-Masry, could not hide her happiness at becoming a student of the Al-Shaimaa Secondary School for Girls. "Today, the hardship I used to face while walking on foot to reach my previous school came to an end," said Al-Masry, adding, "the walking used to take more than an hour per day."

She also explained that the establishment of the school in this remote area was a dream, noting that happiness overwhelmed her village, which helped students to safely reach their school and receive education in a better environment.

### **500 Students Enrolled**

"If there was no role played by Qatar Charity in building Al Shaimaa Secondary School for Girls in Beit Lahia, north of the Gaza Strip, 500 students have not been enrolled in the school at the beginning of the 2019 academic year," said Ms. Wissal Aziz, principal of the school.

"The opening of Al Shaimaa Secondary School for Girls has put an end to a long walking on foot for more than 4 km to reach a school," added the principal. She also expressed her delight at its opening at the beginning of the new semester.

"There was no secondary education facility for female students in in Beit Lahia, said Mr. Mohamed Ghaben, one of the notables of Al-Shaymaa neighborhood.

### **Appropriate Learning Environment**

"The school has come to create an appropriate learning environment for the beneficiary students," added Ghaben, noting that the residents of the neighborhood previously feared for the safety of their daughters while going to and coming from their school.

He also pointed out that the school has facilitated a safe and easy access to secondary education, and contributed to easing the economic burden on the families of female students enrolled in the new school.



# Qatar Charity opens school for Syrian refugees in Turkey

Qatar Charity (QC) has inaugurated the Nibrasul-Ilim Preparatory School in Turkey's Sanliurfa Province, in cooperation with the Turkish Government and the Kuwaiti Humanitarian Relief Society.

The opening of the school by Qatar Charity comes within the framework of its strategy aimed at valuing joint work with local partners to support Syrian refugees in Turkey, especially in the field of education.

The Nibrasul-Ilim Preparatory School, which comes as part of Qatar Charity's humanitarian efforts for Syrian refugees, can accommodate an expected enrollment of up to 1,120 Syrian and Turkish students to provide them with better opportunities to continue their education.

## Opening Ceremony

Addressing the ceremony, the Governor of Sanliurfa, H.E. Abdullah Erin, spoke about the situation of Syrian refugees in the province, noting their most significant needs, which must be met, most notably education.

He also thanked the distinguished donors from Qatar for extending support to the Syrian refugees in Turkey,



applauding the efforts exerted by Qatar Charity to provide education to refugees and the affected worldwide.

For his part, Mr. Walid Abu Saleh, relief coordinator at Qatar Charity's office in Turkey, talked about its educational efforts for Syrian students inside Syria and in the countries of asylum, mentioning many educational projects including six public schools established in Sanliurfa, Gaziantep, and Hatay provinces, and the opening of a community center in Kogali.

## First in Terms of Size

Qatar Charity is the first in terms of the size of education projects implemented in Syria during the 2019-2018 period. These projects included providing vocational training for youth, printing books and school curriculum, distributing school bags and uniforms, training teachers, and constructing dozens of schools and primary education centers (kindergartens), benefiting 671,623 people.



# 11 major development projects in Indonesia within 2 years

Qatar Charity, with the support from the people in Qatar, has implemented 11 major development projects in Indonesia within past two years, at total cost of more than 13 million Qatari riyals.

The projects, which were implemented in the fields of education, health, and social welfare to support thousands of orphans and low-income families, will be inaugurated soon.

## Social Welfare

"Qatar Charity exerts its utmost efforts continuously in the field of development and social welfare to protect the most vulnerable and help those most in need," said Karam Zeinhom Aly, director of Qatar Charity's office in Indonesia.

He pointed out that the implementation of the projects began in 2017 and ended in 2019, noting that they would contribute significantly to the

development of communities and provide the necessary services in the areas of health, education, and social welfare.

He added that all these projects have been implemented with the support from the people in Qatar, who always respond to the needs of the Indonesian society, pointing out that many donors direct their donations to social projects.

## Projects Implemented

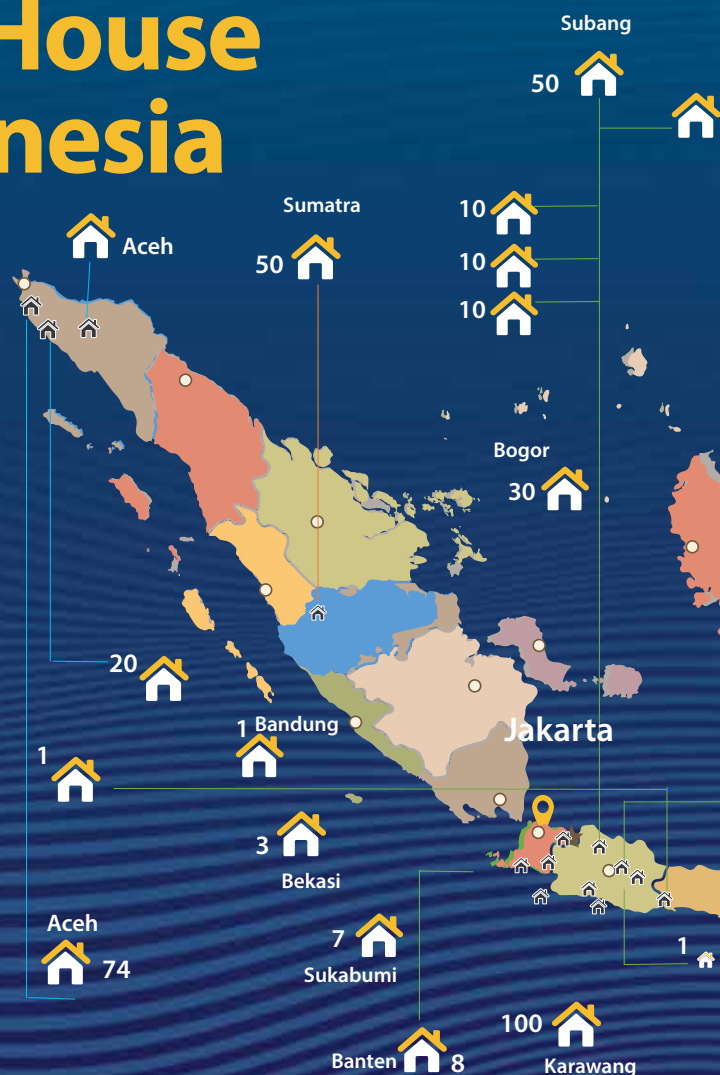
For his part, Hendra Hadi, project officer at Qatar Charity's office in Jakarta, said the projects implemented in various Indonesian regions, included orphanages in Banten, 20 social housing units and multiple service center in Subang, and a residential complex with 25 houses in East Lombok, in addition a health center in Subang, a hospital in Bogor, and health center in Garut, and a health center and a hospital both in Lombok.



# Qatar Charity's House Projects in Indonesia (2005-2019)

Qatar Charity started its first shelter (house-building) projects in Indonesia in 2005, following the 2004 tsunami. It completed the construction of 100 homes in 2006 in Lampeung Village in Beit El Salam (Aceh). During the period of 15 years (2005 – 2019), Qatar Charity has built 703 houses, each for a family of 5. The total cost of building these houses amounted to nearly 19,098,948 Qatari riyals, benefiting more than 3,500 people. These house were built in 6 provinces and many governorates such as: West Java, Central Java, Lombok Island, Banten, Sumatra, Karawang, Garut, Subang, Bekasi, Bandung, Kuningang and Bogor .

Houses are often built due to the effects of earthquakes and floods such as the 2004 Aceh Tsunami, the earthquake that struck the Padang region of West Sumatra in 2010, 2013 northern Lombok earthquake in West Nusa Tenggara province, and the 2016 Garut floods in West Java region.



# House Building Projects in Indonesia



**6** Provinces  
**12** Governorates

West Java, Banten, Central Java, West Nusa Tenggara, Sumatra, Aceh, Karawang, Garut, Subang, Bekasi, Bandung, Kuningang, Bogor, Lombok, Banten, and Karanganyar



**703**  
Houses

67 houses in West Java, 194 houses in Aceh, 8 houses in Banten, 50 houses in Sumatra, 80 houses in West Nusa Tenggara, and 2 houses in Central Java



**3,515**  
People



**19,098,948**  
Qatari Riyals

20





# **‘Asian School Fiesta’ enhances cultural and artistic abilities of students**

The Asian School Fiesta is one of the most significant events, with the largest number of participants, organized by Qatar Charity annually since 2009 for children belonging to Asian expatriate communities residing in the State of Qatar.

Supervised by the Friends Cultural Center (FCC), a Qatar Charity Center for Community Development for Asian communities, the fiesta aims at developing cultural and artistic capabilities and skills of students, creating an interactive and competitive atmosphere for children, enhancing interaction among these

communities, and acquainting participants with the indigenous Qatari culture and tradition.

## **4,500 Students**

The 2019 edition of the Asian School Fiesta has successfully concluded, with the participation of 4,500 students from 20 Asian schools in Qatar. Categorized into five groups ranging from kindergarten to grade 12, participants gave tough competition to each other. Besides, many Arab students studying at Asian schools of Qatar actively took part in the fiesta.





### Areas of Competition

As part of the 2019 edition of the Asian School Fiesta, Qatar Charity held various type of competitions, including joining dots, singing, reciting poem, writing stories, news reading, performing plays, elocution, painting, drawing, clay modelling, keyboard, craft installation, and others. Students from Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese, Bangladeshi, Filipino, Indonesian, Malaysian, and Sri Lankan expatriate communities took part in the competitions.

### Wonderful Platform

Kotteeswari Mahesh, coordinator of Arts & Designs at a British school in Doha, who extended support in judging the clay modelling, craft installation, and pencil drawing disciplines, emphasized the importance of the fiesta to improve students' artistic skills.

"I sincerely believe that it is a wonderful platform for students to exhibit and improve their artistic talents and capabilities", said Mahesh.

"It is really an interesting event and contributes to increasing the knowledge of my child and develops his ability," said Biji Jose, mother of Alister Maveld Thomas, participating in clay modelling.

"The fiesta is very useful, nurtures talents in students, and creates competitive minds", said Dana Ali, a student from MES Indian School participating in pencil drawing, noting that she came to know people from other cultures and made new friends.

### Total Participations

Nearly 18,000 male and female students from Asian schools in Qatar have participated in the Asian School Fiesta organized annually by Qatar Charity since 2009.



Pakistan

# Ponds that prevent water-borne diseases in Pakistani villages

For many years, the inhabitants of the village Mureed Kapri in the province of Sindh, and the Chak district in the province of Punjab, Pakistan, suffered from intestinal diseases, due to the non-availability of pure and safe drinking water.

Until recently, like other areas in Pakistan, the village Mureed Kapri, with a population of 300 people and a single primary school for 150 students, relied upon unpaved ponds for drinking purposes.

After a visit paid by a team from Qatar Charity to the village Mureed Kapri to identify the water problem, it came to light that the water the villagers were getting for drinking purposes from unpaved ponds was extremely unhygienic, contaminated, polluted, and harmful, causing many health diseases.

## Safe Drinking Water

The team suggested that a solid water pond should be constructed to provide safe drinking water to the villagers, and the pond should strictly be supervised by the residents of the village, so that animals can not consume the same water from the water pond.

After the construction of the water pond by Qatar Charity, the villagers expressed their happiness with its positive impact. "It

contributed to raising awareness among the society about the importance of drinking safe and clean water, and preventing water-borne diseases," said the people of the village.

"We are now confident that we can identify more such problems of the area and work together on providing solutions to them," they said after the successful implementation of the pond project, of which 300 individuals are direct beneficiaries, in addition to populations in surrounding areas.

## Water Treatment

Another water pond, built by Qatar Charity in the Chak district in the Pakistani province of Punjab, has the maximum capacity of up to 50,000 gallons, benefiting 450 people. Water is treated through two fixed filtration treatments and pumped through two hand pumps to supply clean drinking water to the people of the area, where they depend upon agriculture for their livelihood.

The two water pond projects, which were implemented in cooperation with the local bodies and competent government authorities, have been handed over to the local beneficiaries with the necessary instructions on how to maintain the water ponds.







Indonesia

# Economic empowerment projects bring success to Sibook's workshop

"All praise is due to Allah, I managed to buy a car for the family two years ago. Last year, I bought a transport vehicle for work. At my workshop, four workers help me deliver customer orders," said Sibook Sairan, who owns a furniture-manufacturing workshop in front of his house in Lamjami village in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

He also briefly talked about the most important profits he has gained since he received financial support for his own workshop, as part of Qatar Charity's income-generating projects through its office in Indonesia, expecting to achieve more successes in the coming years.

## Furniture Workshop

Sibook Sairan, 38, started his career from scratch in 1997 as a worker at a furniture workshop for a very simple salary. However, within a few years, he became able to gain experience.

Because he has ambition and wants to raise the standard of living for his family, he decided to open his own workshop in front of his house, using very simple instruments.

"I kept distributing ads about my products on streets and in offices for a year, during which many people underestimated me, but I did not despair," said Sibook Sairan recalling the difficulties and challenges he faced at the beginning of his career because of his poor capital.

## Good Relations

"I maintained the quality of my products, and built good relations with everyone," he added.

Then, some customers began to come to him for

repairing their furniture or manufacturing new ones for their houses. Expanding the areas of his work, he started to design furniture and carry out interior decorations of large houses owned by companies.

In parallel with the expansion of the areas of his work, which began to loom in the number of individuals and companies dealing with him, Sibook Sairan found himself in the need for capital to further develop his workshop to meet the requirements of his customers and improve the standard of living of his family as well.

In 2015, he received financial support, through Qatar Charity's economic empowerment projects, to purchase the modern equipment he needed for his workshop.

## Financial Support

"I consider that financial support is real starting point of my project, both in terms of the quality of our products that we have greatly improved, and in terms of the level of services that we provide, and without that assistance, we could not reach this position," says Sibook Sairan.

He also thanked all for their support that contributes to expanding his presence, not only to Aceh but also to the North Sumatra.

Currently, Sibook Sairan's monthly income is 15 million Indonesian Rupiahs, which equal approximately 4,300 Qatari riyals. He looks forward to further expanding his workshop, by setting up furniture showroom and increasing the number of employees for more production. He also has a desire to send his parents to perform Hajj at his earliest.







# Actively participating by Qatar Charity in organizing **Doha Youth Camp for Voluntary and Humanitarian Work**



Dr. Hamad Al Fayyad, general supervisor of the Doha Youth Camp for Voluntary and Humanitarian Work, praised the participation of Qatar Charity in organizing the camp. "It is a real addition, as Qatar Charity is one of the leading humanitarian organizations with prolonged experience in organizing such events, and enjoys partnerships with humanitarian actors globally."

Qatar Charity had participated in the 'Doha Youth Camp for Voluntary and Humanitarian Work' organized by the Qatar Cultural and Heritage Events Center under the supervision of the Ministry of Culture and Sports.

## **The Power of Nation**

The event, which was held in collaboration with Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum, came as part of the 'Doha – OIC Youth Capital 2019' activities under the

motto 'The Youth is the Power of Nation'.

Some 90 youth, both male and female, from 53 countries, participated in the activities of the 'Doha Youth Camp for Voluntary and Humanitarian Work' at Darb Al Saai during the period October 27 – November 2019 ,6.

## **Social Responsibility**

Qatar Charity's participation in this camp came as part of its keenness to enhance the role of youth towards a society in the fields of giving, philanthropy, kindness, and altruism. Qatar Charity was selected to cooperate in organizing the camp as it has a long experience in the areas of humanitarian and development work, in addition to encouraging voluntary initiatives and integrating youth in such initiatives.

The 'Doha Youth Camp for Voluntary and





## 90 young participants from 53 countries

Humanitarian Work' activity contributed to promoting the culture of social responsibility and volunteerism among the youth, providing them with many special skills in the areas of disaster management and relief, and giving them an opportunity for Muslim youth to exchange experiences in the field of volunteerism and humanitarian work.

The camp reflected the reality of the situation of refugees and those affected by wars and natural disasters, as the accommodation of the participants in the camp is similar to that of refugees and those affected by disasters and wars.

### **Bridges of Dialogue**

Mohammed Ali Al Ghamdi, camp supervisor and assistant CEO for the Governance and Institutional Development Sector at Qatar Charity, emphasized the importance of the camp as it contributes to

promote proximity among young people of Islamic countries and build bridges of dialogue to exchange experiences for empowering the youth of the Islamic world.

He pointed out that the camp activity helped the youth understand the importance and role of humanitarian and development work in the world more accurately and comprehensively. It also worked on building young cadres familiar with the latest technologies and approaches of humanitarian and development work in the world, and contributed to promoting a culture of preparedness and readiness to save lives in disasters, Al Ghamdi noted.

He pointed out that Qatar Charity's participation in this event contributed to publicizing the efforts made by the State of Qatar in the field of humanitarian work at the local, regional, and international levels.



# Young participants: Camp ‘a wonderful opportunity for better understanding of humanitarian action’

Many participants lavished praise on the various activities held as part of the Doha Youth Camp for Humanitarian and Volunteer Work, which provided the participating youth with a great and new experience in the field of volunteer and humanitarian work.

Considering the participation in the event as a valuable opportunity to learn something new, the youth noted that they gained a magnificent experience required to carry out humanitarian action and volunteer work, and understood the culture and values of such noble activities.

**Ahmad Zumurud, Djibouti:** This is the first event, in which I take part outside of my country. Indeed, this is an outstanding opportunity for me, as it helped me have a better understanding of humanitarian and volunteer work. I benefited a lot from the camp; my perception towards humanitarian action has changed

and came to know more about what should be done in this regard, as, mainly, the training program covered all fields.

**Fatima Al-Hadabiyah, Sultanate of Oman:** I am delighted to be part of this great youth gathering. In this camp, I found everything I was looking for in terms of gaining experiences, getting to know the cultures of the Islamic world, and how to deal with issues, including humanitarian and refugee issues. The workshops and training programs were very useful, through which we learned the basics and skills of humanitarian work, as well as, we came to know about its importance in the community service.

**Musa Suwani, Gambia:** In fact, the camp is a fantastic opportunity, from which we have learned a lot about the various humanitarian crises in the world. Since a more significant number of refugees





belong to Islamic countries, which is a challenge for us, the youth of the Islamic world, this issue requires collective efforts to deliver assistance to the vulnerable. Besides, we have learned how to carry out disaster response and intervention. Indeed, what we learned in the youth camp will be beneficial to our societies in our countries.

**Basingo Fade, Benin:** I learned many things that I did not know before. The camp added a lot to my knowledge. Now, I became able to identify where and how organizations should assist the needy and the affected.

**Siti Hajjar, Malaysia:** It was a unique experience in Qatar. The camp was well organized, and external visits and training sessions helped us to accomplish our tasks, which will benefit us definitely in the field of volunteer and humanitarian work.

**Rasha Halawani, Lebanon:** I benefited greatly at the personal level from the training program and the participation of young people with various experiences from different countries and cultures. The cultural and knowledge exchange was one of the most essential positive aspects of this gathering, from which I learned many skills to utilize them in refugee camps in Lebanon and in coordination with other organizations. Such capabilities make it easier for me to volunteer in other countries to deliver assistance.

**Musa Bamba, Ivory Coast:** The training has brought many new information and skills to us, even though we are humanitarian workers in our countries. Here at the camp, we have found professional trainers who shared their experiences, knowledge, and skills with us. The participants also interacted significantly with each other, which is one of the success factors for this vast youth gathering.



# 'Hand Pump' challenge draws attention to scarcity of water



"For the first time, I feel the suffering of women who fetch water to their homes in remote areas. This hand pump, which requires a lot of physical effort, has drawn our attention to this hardship," said Youssef Diallo from Senegal following his participation in Qatar Charity's "Hand Pump" challenge during a workshop on the importance of drilling water wells, which was organized as part the training program of the Doha Youth Camp for humanitarian and volunteer work. "I think we should find a solution to help these women," Diallo added.

Through this challenge, Qatar Charity tries to

publicize the importance of water, highlight the difficulty of accessing water in many communities, and garner support for water projects in an innovative way, as millions of women, girls, and boys still use hand pumps to get water across Africa and Asia.

The youth were given an opportunity to simulate pumping water and raise points according to the "quantity" of water they pumped in a determined period. These points will then be converted to donations made by Qatar Charity towards specific water projects.

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Water and sanitation projects showcased

## Sponsoring and participating in AidEx 2019 in Brussels

Qatar Charity (QC) sponsored and took part in the AidEx 2019, an international humanitarian and development aid event, which was held on November 14-13 in the Belgian capital Brussels. It was attended by more than 2500 dignitaries representing 130 humanitarian organizations, including UN agencies, the European Union, and international governmental and non-governmental organizations dealing with global humanitarian and development aid.

Qatar Charity's delegation headed by its CEO Yousuf bin Ahmed al Kuwari included Mohamed al Ghamdi, assistant CEO for Governance and Institutional Development Sector, Faisal Rashid al Fehaida, assistant CEO for International Operations and Partnerships Sector, and Ahmed al Rumaihi, director of Relief and Partnerships.

### Important Partner

"AidEx is now an important partner of Qatar Charity and we will continue to support the work that you do in bringing the international aid and development community together around real pressing challenges," said Mr. Yousuf bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, CEO of Qatar Charity during his opening remarks at the AidEx 2019.

"The theme this year, inclusiveness, is a key principle in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By

adopting the 2030 agenda, the world has pledged to 'leave no one behind'. This sentence is at the core of what we do, and it is the goal of what we do," Al Kuwari added.

"A lot has to be done at the policy-making level, but as NGOs, we can start by designing our programs around the needs of the underserved, the minorities, and the most vulnerable. We have to ensure their full participation in the global advancement efforts," Al Kuwari urged.

### Hand Pump

At the accompanying exhibition of the AidEx 2019 sponsored by Qatar Charity in Brussels for the second time, it showed its contribution to overcoming the global water and sanitation crisis through interactive screens, aiming at drawing attention to the world's water crisis and the difficulties faced by hundreds of millions of women and girls in fetching clean water to their homes.

At the exhibition, Qatar Charity also showcased the "Hand Pump", providing an opportunity to the visitors to simulate pumping water. They praised the unique idea of the "Water Challenge".





Held by Qatar Charity, participated by UN organizations

## Panel discussion on WASH and Women at AidEx 2019

At the AidEx 2019, a global humanitarian and development aid event, sponsored by Qatar Charity (QC) in the Belgian capital Brussels, it held a panel discussion on WASH and Women: Gender-Inclusive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services, with the participation of the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) and Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC).

Mohamed al-Ghamdi, assistant CEO for Governance and Institutional Development Sector, Qatar Charity, Sandie Blanchet, director of the Unicef Office for Relations with EU Institutions, and Rockaya Aidara, policy advisor at WSSCC, spoke during the panel discussion.

The panel discussion explored how a gender-inclusive approach can be achieved in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). The speakers showcased relevant past experiences and projects linking WASH and gender equality.

### 50,000 Water Projects

"Qatar Charity is always keen to design its programs according to the needs of the entire community, including women, children, the elderly, and people with special needs," said Mr. Mohamed al-Ghamdi, assistant CEO for Governance & Institutional

Development Sector during the panel discussion.

"Women and girls are a key pillar in water management in developing countries, as women have a broader knowledge of water resources, including water location, quality, and storage and management methods," noted al-Ghamdi, adding that Qatar Charity is currently engaging women in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation stages of its projects.

Al-Ghamdi, pointed out that Qatar Charity has managed to implement more than 50,000 water projects during the past two decades, ensuring the local communities are trained on sanitation and hygiene, and establishing local committees to ensure the continuity and sustainability of the projects.

### Facilities for 6 Million People

Qatar Charity has brought safe water and sanitation facilities to 6,000,000 people from 2012 to 2017 in 44 countries and built more than 40,000 wells to bring safe water closer to the needy in 44 countries, stated al-Ghamdi, pointing out that in Pakistan, Qatar Charity has built wells inside 12 schools, which contributed to increasing attendance rates to %89 in these schools.



# Income-generating projects make a difference in hundreds of lives in Bangladesh and Gaza



As part of its plans to contribute to transforming families without income or with limited income and families of orphans into productive ones, Qatar Charity has provided 490 families with income-generating projects in Bangladesh and the Gaza Strip in Palestine, during the past year 2019.

## Bangladesh

Some 300 projects implemented in Bangladesh at the cost of more than QR1mn, include poultry farming, fish farming, cattle breeding, shops, grain and vegetable farms, as well as sewing projects.

Qatar Charity attaches significant importance to such projects, due to the high dependence of the Bangladeshi society on the agricultural sector and animal husbandry.

## Gaza

Qatar Charity's office in the Gaza Strip has implemented nearly 190 income-generating projects at a total cost of QR1,250,000, to benefit families lacking income sources.

The projects come at a time when the Ministry of

Social Development in the Gaza Strip, said that the rate of poverty and unemployment in the Gaza Strip, reached nearly 75 percent during the current year.

## Selection Criteria

The beneficiary families were reached in coordination with local and governmental institutions, in addition to the nominations of the Social Welfare Department at Qatar Charity for different sponsored persons.

The families were selected according to criteria related to socio-economic aspects, beneficiary experience, capacities, and skills to manage the project, family member support, and the implementation venue.

The income-generating projects, implemented by Qatar Charity through its office in the Gaza Strip, included fishing boats, poultry farms, rehabilitation of greenhouses, shops, dairy cows, goats, horse carts, sewing and embroidery machines, motorcycles for goods transportation, and selling carts.





### Success Model

Mrs. Safaa Abu Mandeel, 46, could not imagine that she would ever own a particular project that would help her meet the needs of her family.

Safaa suffered for many years from unemployment due to the Gaza Strip blockade for 13 years, making her incapable of providing a living for her mother and sister in Deir al-Balah located in the central Gaza Strip.

Safaa recently acquired a sewing machine, as one of the income-generating projects implemented by Qatar Charity in the Gaza Strip for the families without income meeting the conditions.

Since she acquired the project, she is overwhelmingly delighted, as she feels that her livelihood is growing daily.

Safaa has been having affection with the profession of sewing and dressmaking for a long time, but poverty has prevented her from fulfilling her desire by launching her own business.

Expressing her heartfelt thanks to benefactors in Qatar and Qatar Charity, she said, "You help realized my dream, and my family no longer needs anyone for help."



# Somalia's health minister hails Qatar Charity's projects

Somalia's Minister of Health and Social Care, Dr Fawziya Abikar, praised the Qatari people and government for supporting the Somali people and appreciated Qatar Charity's initiatives to help the vulnerable, set up hospitals and health units, and care for mothers and children.

## Health Center

This appreciation by the Minister came during her speech at the opening a child and mother care center established by Qatar Charity in the central hospital of the Denali district of the Somali capital Mogadishu where a large number of the displaced live.

«The establishment of a model child and mother care is very important for Somalia at present, as specialized centers have not been fully operational in most areas after successive crises in the country for nearly three decades,” Abikar said.

For his part, Mr. Abdul Nour Haj Ali, director of Qatar Charity's office in Somalia, spoke about the importance of establishing the child and mother care center that provides health services to the people of the region and neighboring areas suffering from the lack of basic health and first aid services.

He added that this center came after a survey was carried out to identify the health-related needs of





the people in the area, noting that Physicians Across Continents participated in conducting the survey and also contributes to running the center.

### Continuous Humanitarian Efforts

Mr. Mohammed Abubakar Jafar, an official of the Denali Directorate, praised Qatar Charity's continuous humanitarian efforts and its relief and development assistance for the Somali society.

The construction of this center contributes significantly to enhancing the health awareness of the people of the region and providing health services to the residents of the area that houses a significant

number of the displaced.

### About Center

The -600square-meter center is expected to provide health care to residents of the area and surrounding areas with a focus on maternal services and childcare. The center including 11 clinics, all designed to provide health services, was built at a total cost of nearly 400,000 Qatari riyals. The region has a population of 20,000, mostly children, women and the elderly in IDP camps.



## Assistant CEO for International Operations and Partnerships Sector:

# Will open eight new field offices, and raise the number of sponsored orphans to 200,000 children in 2020

At the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020, the “Ghiras” magazine talked with Mr. Faisal Rashid Al Fehaida, Assistant CEO for International Operations and Partnerships Sector at Qatar Charity. The conversation includes the most significant achievements of the last year and the most prominent aspirations for the current year at the level of development projects, relief programs, sponsorships, and international partnerships, in addition improving humanitarian services.

**What are the most important feats achieved by the International Operations and Partnerships Sector during 2019 and what are your expectations for 2020?**

- In 2019, focusing on the education and health sectors, in addition to economic empowerment projects, we have implemented many important qualitative projects, including, the model cities of

Darfur, which are %95 complete, in partnership with the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), at a cost exceeding 100 million Qatari riyals, and five of them are expected to be inaugurated in April, 2020. Two qualitative projects, which are an orphan rehabilitation center and a female student housing, were implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina at a total cost of more than 30 million Qatari riyals, and are expected to be officially inaugurated at the beginning of 2020.

- At the level of relief interventions, we will seek, in the future, to focus on sustainable projects, especially those related to disasters or protracted crises. We work hard with local and international organizations to implement such projects that would mitigate the severity of disasters that occur annually, and reduce losses and damages that come along with such tragedies. Besides, we support





## We have become implementing partners of international organization projects and we focus on major qualitative projects

the displaced and refugee capability building and development to empower them economically.

- With regard to sponsorship and social welfare, we sponsor more than 162,000 persons currently. In 2020, we will focus further on orphans, as we aim to sponsor 200,000 children.

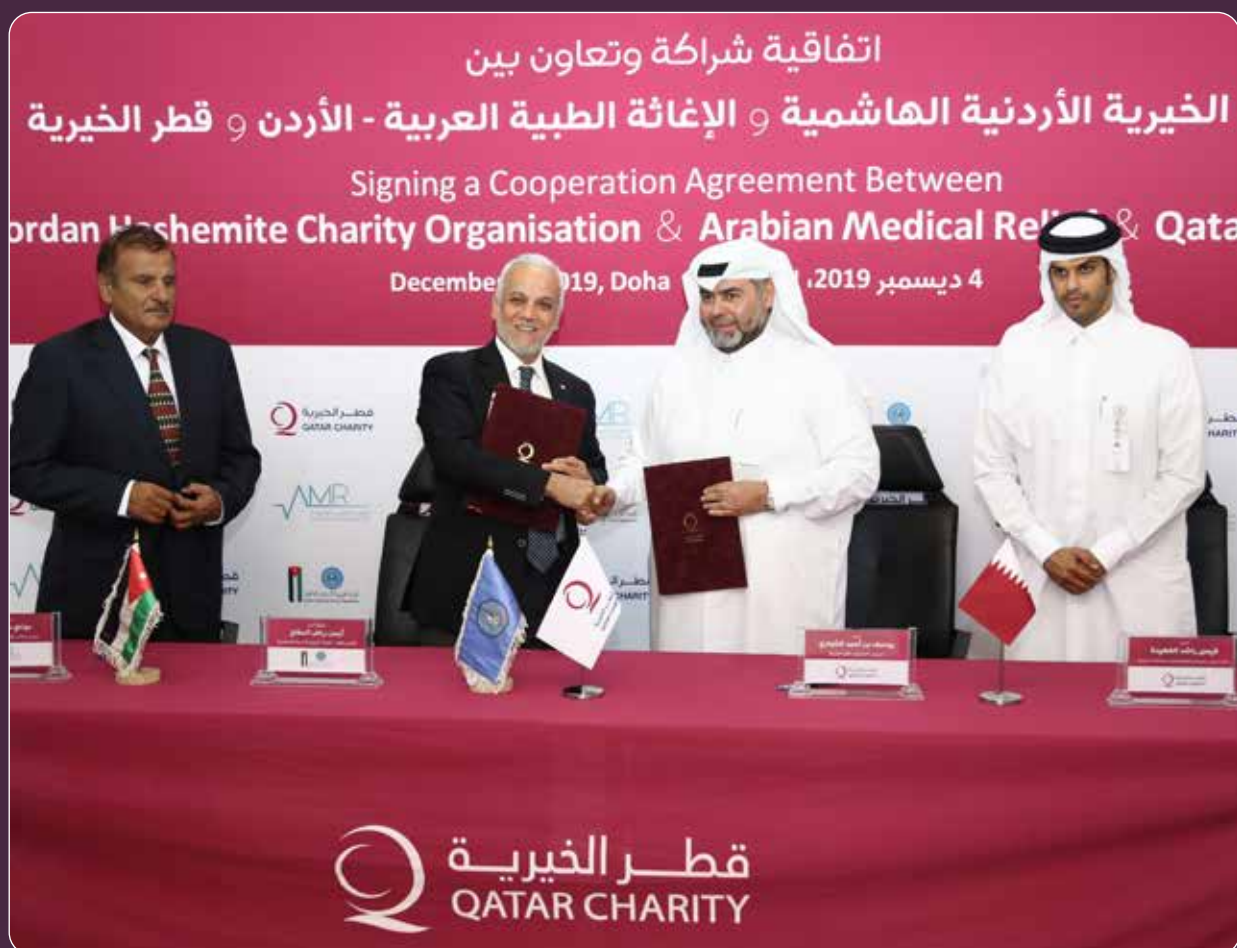
### Can you shed light on new offices opening across the globe?

In 2019, we have completed the procedures and licenses for expanding Qatar Charity's activity across the world by opening new field offices. We have obtained approval for expansion in 15 countries, but we will open offices in eight countries only during 2020, namely: Tanzania, Malaysia, Gambia, Senegal, Ethiopia, Togo, Ivory Coast, and Morocco. We are now in the process of selecting headquarters for our field offices in these countries. With the opening of these

offices, the number will increase to 37 field offices worldwide.

### What are the most prominent features of strengthening and developing partnerships and cooperation with UN and global organizations?

During 2019, we signed many partnership agreements with UN agencies and international organizations such as International Organization for Migration (IOM), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency. Today, we have become implementers, not only financer, for major organization projects, as we have, for example, implemented twice relief projects funded by UNHCR, and START NETWORK, in Somalia, through our office in the country. We also implemented projects inside Syria twice, which were funded by World Health Organization (WHO).



# Partnerships, Cooperation Agreements, and Memorandums of Understanding

Qatar Charity (QC) has signed many partnership and cooperation agreements with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, UNICEF, several other agencies, government bodies concerned with humanitarian and development work, and civil society organizations, to support humanitarian efforts in and outside Qatar.





### With the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Qatar Charity signed a cooperation agreement with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in September at the agency's headquarters in New York, to implement programs and events that contribute to achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs) for children.

#### Signatories:

**Mr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari**, CEO, Qatar Charity  
**Henrietta Fore**, executive director, UNICEF

#### Terms:

Organize a joint meeting on an annual basis to determine the outlines of the action plan for the areas of implementation and partnership, discuss



various programs and events aimed at achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs) for children, and identify opportunities for working together to collect donations and mobilize resources to support cooperation goals of the two parties.

### With the International Organization For Migration (IOM)

Qatar Charity has signed a cooperation agreement with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on strengthening the health system to improve access to health care services for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

#### Signatories:

**Ashraf El Nour**, director of the IOM Office to the United Nations in New York

**Mr. Ahmed Al-Rumaihi**, director of Relief and Partnerships Department, Qatar Charity



#### Terms:

Provide financial support of 1,400,000\$ to IOM for the 'Health System Strengthening' project to improve access to health care services for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

### With the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

Qatar Charity has signed a cooperation agreement with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to support UNRWA projects and programs for Palestinian refugees.

#### Signatories:

**Mr. Ahmed Al-Rumaihi**, director of Relief and Partnerships Department, Qatar Charity

**Peter Mulrean**, Director, UNRWA Representative Office in New York

#### Terms:



Qatar Charity will organize campaign/campaigns, aiming at raising three million dollars or more per year to support UNRWA projects and programs agreed upon between the two parties.



# From Classroom To Minstership and Professorship



**Minister Abdullah Noor**

The scholarship from Qatar Charity was a lifeline to me, and I do not know what my future would be if I did not get it.

The low-income of his family almost made Mr. Abdullah Noor, a Somali citizen, discontinue his studies at the Faculty of Economics & Management Science, Mogadishu University, which he joined in the academic year 2006-2005.

However, the scholarship of Qatar Charity helped him continue his study and graduate from the university in 2009. Then, he started a working life, accomplishing many feats that made him a prominent figure in Somali society.



**Professor Reda**

My mother's sacrifice and Qatar Charity's sponsorship are the key to achieving my dreams.

## **Abdullah Noor, Somalia**

Abdullah commences his career as chairperson of the Somali National Youth Council in 2010-2009, then as Minister of State for Financial Affairs during the period 2014-2011. He is currently a Somali parliament member. He has also established his own business from the ground up, and expanded it to ensure a dignified life for his family.

He devoted a portion of his time for voluntary work and decided to use some of his allocations for sponsorship. He currently sponsors 40 secondary





**Dr. Reham Darwish:**

**Qatar Charity put me on the first path to success.**

school, undergraduate and postgraduate students. He also earned a Master's degree in Finance in 2015.

«The scholarship from Qatar Charity was a lifeline to me, and I don't know what my future would be if I didn't have it at that time,» says Mr. Abdullah Noor.

Abdullah's story is not the only success story generated due to Qatar Charity's sponsorship programme, but there many other inspiring stories created by students sponsored by Qatar Charity. It sponsors more than 3,450 students, mostly undergraduate and graduate students, in 31

countries, targeting poor students and orphans.

### **Reza Jadida, Indonesia**

Another success story created by Ms. Reza Jadida comes from Indonesia. She has been working as a professor at the Faculty of Sharia and Law, Ar-Raniry State Islamic University Banda Aceh, Indonesia since 2017. She graduated from the same university, with a master's degree in Islamic economics, accomplishing her most significant aspiration with her outstanding academic and teaching performance.

Ms. Reza gives credit where it is due. She notes that the completion of undergraduate and postgraduate studies with extinction marks was not possible without the encouragement of her family, the sacrifice of her mother, who even had to wash clothes to pay her tuition fees, and the sponsorship of Qatar Charity.

She received the scholarship when she was a third-year student at the university. It continued until she completed her master's degree.

### **Academic Degrees**

In addition to sponsorships, there are other initiatives adopted by Qatar Charity to support students, including a project that helps underprivileged students of the Gaza Strip pay off their late university fees to receive their certificates.

Nearly %40 university students in Gaza are not able to pay their tuition fees regularly due to poverty, unemployment and siege.

### **Reham Darwish, Palestine**

One of the beneficiaries of this project is the dentist Reham Nafez Darwish, currently a lecturer at the Faculty of Dentistry at Al-Azhar University-Gaza.

Despite completing all the requirements of the faculty successfully and accomplishing the first rank in her class in the academic year 2014-2013, she was not able to receive her certificate due to her inability to pay off the outstanding tuition balance in full, as her father was a low-income person.

Furthermore, the failure to settle dues threatened the practice of her favorite profession, in whole or in part, for which she studied six years.

However, thanks to this project, Reham realized her dream. After receiving her certificate, she joined the university as a faculty member.

“Qatar Charity has put me on the first path to success and has helped me build a future that thousands of female students, who are in my situation, wish for”, says Reham.



# UNHCR: resettlement is critical lifeline for refugees and needs strengthening

*According to latest estimates released at an annual resettlement forum, hosted by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, more than 1.44 million refugees residing in over 60 refugee-hosting countries are in need of resettlement in 2020.*

*"Given the record numbers of people needing safety from war, conflict and persecution and the lack of political solutions to these situations, we urgently need countries to come forward and resettle more refugees," said UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi, who opened the two-day Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR) in Geneva.*



## Resettlement Needs 2020

According to the Projected Global Resettlement Needs 2020 report, which was launched at the ATCR, refugees most at risk and in need of resettlement include Syrian refugees (40 per cent), followed by South Sudanese refugees (14 per cent) and refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) (11 per cent).

*"With the overwhelming majority, 84 per cent, of the world's refugees hosted in developing regions facing their own development and economic challenges and whose own populations may live below the poverty line, there simply has to be a more equitable sharing of responsibility for global crises," Grandi said.*

*"History has shown that with a strong sense of purpose, States can come together to collectively respond to refugee crises, and help millions to reach safety, find homes and build futures in new communities."*

By region of asylum, East and Horn of Africa accounts for the highest resettlement needs (almost 450,000), followed by Turkey (420,000), which is host to 3.7 million refugees, the wider Middle East and North Africa region (250,000) and the Central Africa and the Great Lakes region (almost 165,000).

Resettlement, which involves the relocation of refugees from a country of asylum to a country that has agreed to admit them and grant them permanent settlement, is a life-saving tool to ensure the protection of those most at risk or with specific needs that cannot be addressed in the country where they have sought protection.

Owing to the gap between the number of refugees in need of resettlement and the places made available by governments around the world, it is available only to a fraction of the world's refugees. In 2018, 25 countries admitted 92,400 refugees for resettlement, out of which 55,680 refugees were resettled through UNHCR-facilitated programs.

To share responsibility and show solidarity with host countries supporting large refugee populations, increasing opportunities for refugees to move to third countries, through resettlement and complementary pathways for admission, including family, work and study routes, is one of the key objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR).

## Strategy on Resettlement

To work towards this outcome, UNHCR and partners today presented a Three-year Strategy (2021-2019) on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways at the ATCR. This UNHCR-led multi-stakeholder strategy, which is called for in the Global Compact on Refugees, aims at increasing the pool of resettlement places and the availability of complementary pathways for admission, as well as expanding the number of countries offering resettlement and complementary pathways programs.

*"The Three-Year Strategy represents a unique opportunity to translate the aspirations of greater solidarity and responsibility-sharing into tangible results in the form of solutions for refugees," Grandi said.*

The Strategy, which is the outcome of extensive consultations with a broad range of stakeholders, aims to expand third country solutions so that by the end of 2028 million refugees benefit from effective protection and solutions through, resettlement (1 million) in 50 resettlement countries and complementary pathways (2 million).

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# Via AR technology Reliving 'the experience of giving' at Darb Al Saai

Qatar Charity's (QC) pavilion, set up at Darb Al Saai as part of the Qatar National Day (QND) celebrations, provided an opportunity to relive the experience of humanitarian action and giving more closely via the augmented reality (AR) technology. It also offered the visitors a chance to know about the impact of the charitable work carried out by the State of Qatar to ease the suffering of the most vulnerable worldwide.

Qatar Charity's participation in the activities of the Qatar National Day celebration came to promote a better spirit of belonging, loyalty, and patriotism, as it is historically and societally one of the most significant days for Qatar.

The participation in the Qatar National Day activities also contributes to exhibiting the accomplishments and successes made by Qatar Charity with the support of donors and volunteers in Qatar, and showing its role and contribution to achieving stability and world peace by supporting education, health, and economy in developing countries.

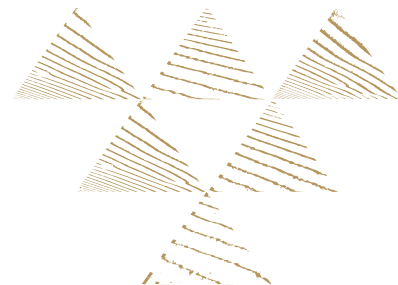
Qatar Charity's pavilion at Darb Al Saai included four interactive sections, which were Safari El Khair, introductory suite, theatre, and children's corners.

## **Safari El Khair**

Safari El Khair exhibited the essential humanitarian sectors, in which Qatar Charity works in and outside the country. It showed these sectors through six main stations named "Water & Sanitation, Education & Culture, Social Welfare, Health, Disaster Response, and "Warmth and Peace", a Qatar Charity's campaign for this winter. Safari El Khair also displayed information on achievements made in each area of Qatar Charity's work.

In the area of water and sanitation, Qatar Charity has implemented 50,753 projects during the period 2018 – 2012, benefiting 66,063,926 people in 37 countries.

In the area of education and culture, Qatar Charity has implemented 9,336 projects during the period 2018 – 2012, benefiting 6,454,869 people in 53 countries.





In the area of social welfare, Qatar Charity has implemented 35 483 projects during the period 2018 – 2012, benefiting 10,443,293 people in 58 countries.

In the area of health, Qatar Charity has implemented 2,924 projects during the period 2012 – 2018, benefiting 7,001,581 people in 46 countries.

In the area of disaster response, Qatar Charity has implemented 1,414 projects during the period 2018 – 2012, benefiting 51,635,957 people in 41 countries.

### Introduction Section

On the other hand, there was an introduction section showing the long history of Qatar Charity in the field of humanitarian action since its inception. It also showed the countries, in which Qatar Charity works, cooperating international and regional organizations, memberships, awards, and certificates of appreciation and honor received by Qatar Charity.

This section also showed humanitarian and development initiatives and programs such as 'One Heart' program, 'World Refugee School' initiative,





“Taqat” initiative for business solutions, “Rofaqa” initiative for orphan care, “Awen” initiative, ‘For Humanity’ initiative, “Safari El Khair” program, Competitors’ radio program, and “My Wish” radio program in addition to other radio programs.

This section also exhibited technologies used by Qatar Charity in humanitarian action, donation methods, traditional and electronic collection tools and techniques, media programs, in addition to displaying the latest publications and videos that include a detailed information on projects that Qatar Charity implements in many countries of the world.

### Theatre

The events, activities, and competitions organized in an attractive way, whether on the main stage or in the surrounding corners, provided another opportunity to adults and children to learn about the Qatari heritage and voluntary and relief work.

A variety of events and competitions were organized for children and adults at theatre, linking them to the National Day from the perspective of humanitarian action, in addition to paying attention and attaching importance to cultural heritage.

### Children’s Corners

The children’s corner linked the participant to the values of the National Day from the perspective of humanitarian action. The corner suited the children in a practical and desirable style to enable them to know about education and health, and the contribution made by Qatari benefactors through Qatar Charity to the development of societies.

### Glorious Past

There was also a corner for women that took mothers back to a glorious past that reminded them of their childhood, as they found at their corner many paintings and objects belonging to the ancient Qatari heritage.

The pavilion received an overwhelming appreciation from all segments of society for its various interactive activates and events.

