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This issue of the 'Ghiras' magazine is released amid the ongoing impact of numerous crises sparked by conflicts and wars, with humanitarian suffering escalating for those affected. This reality is especially evident in Gaza, where the conflict has entered its second year, and Palestine in general, as well as Sudan and Lebanon, which has recently been drawn into the conflict. Meanwhile, the impact of long-standing crises persists in Syria, Yemen, and other countries.

Undoubtedly, this situation has catastrophic effects on crisis-affected regions and their populations, beginning with the absence or severe shortage of basic life necessities and essential services.

It extends to other grave consequences, such as food insecurity, famine, malnutrition, wasting, and the spread of infectious diseases, particularly among children, pregnant women, and nursing mothers. Diseases related to poor sanitation, such as cholera, are also on the rise, as highlighted by UN organizations.

These conditions are becoming even more dire with the onset of winter, as colder temperatures increase and adequate shelter, heating, sufficient food, health facilities, and medicines remain scarce.

These developments necessitate a stronger response from humanitarian organizations to save millions of lives and address their urgent needs for food, shelter, non-food items, water, sanitation, and healthcare. Additionally, it is crucial to mobilize the necessary support to reach as many beneficiaries as possible and ensure the availability of requirements for relief efforts at every stage of the response.

In response to these humanitarian crises, Ghiras has dedicated the special feature of this 31st issue to international warnings about famine in Gaza and Sudan, along with a symposium on "Recovery and Reconstruction Efforts in Gaza After the War." This is part of a forward-looking approach that focuses on planning, strategy development, monitoring challenges, and showcasing supportive initiatives. We have hosted several experts, specialists, and officials from international humanitarian organizations in the symposium. Additionally, we have highlighted, through reports and statistics, Qatar Charity's humanitarian interventions in these regions.

We hope that the special feature and the symposium, along with the other sections of this issue, including articles, success stories, and book reviews, will provide a valuable and enriching contribution to the cognitive aspects of humanitarian and development work for our readers and those interested in these fields.

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Humanitarian work stands among the sectors most poised to benefit from the capabilities of artificial intelligence—not only to enhance operational efficiency, but also to amplify impact, broaden outreach to target groups and stakeholders, and promote fairness in resource distribution.

In issue 32 of Ghiras, we explore this theme with humanitarian professionals and those invested in this field, aiming to highlight that AI is not merely a technical tool—it is a transformative opportunity to redefine humanitarian and charitable work, making it more effective and just. Yet this potential cannot be realized without a deep understanding of these technologies and a strong commitment to humanitarian values.

This feature section includes three articles that offer both introductory insights and thought-provoking perspectives to raise awareness about the importance of this field. It also explores early attempts at applying AI within humanitarian and charitable organizations—an initial step toward confidently navigating this emerging domain and striving toward a future of capable and meaningful development.

How AI is Shaping the future of Humanitarian and Philanthropic Work



AI is an opportunity to reimagine humanitarian and philanthropic work, making it more equitable, effective, and proactive.

Considering the rapid transformations taking place in technology and communication, artificial intelligence (AI) stands out as one of the most significant innovations reshaping the features of human life. It is no longer confined to advanced industries or large corporations but has begun to make its way into more sensitive and human-centered fields such as education, healthcare, and social justice. Among these, humanitarian and philanthropic work emerges as one of the sectors that can most benefit from AI's capabilities not only to improve efficiency but also to amplify impact, expand access, and ensure fairness in resource distribution.

AI presents an opportunity to reimagine humanitarian and philanthropic action, making it more equitable, effective, and proactive. Yet, at the same time, it carries challenges that require ethical awareness, strategic vision, and a deep commitment to human values.

Humanitarian work, by its very nature, is rooted in the principles of compassion, justice, neutrality, and responding to human needs without discrimination. However, it faces increasing challenges: the growing complexity of crises, multiple data sources, time pressure, and limited resources. This is where AI can serve as a transformative tool—reshaping how crises are understood, responses are planned, interventions are carried out, and impact is monitored. But this transformation comes with challenges at multiple levels.

This article provides an analytical overview of how AI can contribute to the development of humanitarian and philanthropic work, through practical applications, anticipated benefits, and potential challenges supported by real-world examples from leading international organizations culminating in practical recommendations for adopting this technology responsibly and sustainably.

Smart Prompt Engineering and Its Role in Providing Innovative Solutions in Humanitarian Action

The applications of AI in humanitarian work are diverse and vary depending on the nature of the crisis and the social and geographic context. One of the most significant applications is the use of AI in big data analysis to predict crises before they occur. For example, machine learning models can analyze weather patterns, displacement movements, food prices, and health indicators to predict the likelihood of famine or disease outbreak in a specific region. Such predictions enable humanitarian organizations to act proactively and allocate resources before the crisis escalates.

AI is also used to improve resource allocation through algorithms that prioritize based on actual needs rather than general estimates. The World Food Program (WFP) applied this approach in its Artificial Intelligence Strategy 2025–2027, developing analytical tools to identify the most vulnerable communities and direct food assistance more efficiently.

In multilingual environments, such as conflict or refugee zones, AI-powered instant translation tools are used to facilitate communication between humanitarian teams and local communities, reducing misunderstandings and fostering trust. In the field of healthcare, AI was used in Syria to analyze patient data and determine medical priorities despite limited

infrastructure, helping improve access to healthcare in besieged areas.

Chatbots also play a key role, providing psychological and informational support during emergencies. These tools offer immediate and safe channels of communication, while easing the burden on field teams.

Enhancing Humanitarian Response Efficiency Through Smart Solutions

The integration of AI in humanitarian work goes beyond operational efficiency to include better decision-making, enhanced transparency, and broader outreach. By automating routine tasks such as classifying requests or analyzing data, organizations can save staff time and effort, redirecting them toward tasks that require direct human interaction.

AI also supports improved decision-making by offering recommendations based on comprehensive data analysis, reducing human bias, and increasing response accuracy. A key advantage lies in the shift from reactive response to proactive prevention, as predictive models allow early action before crises escalate—ultimately reducing disaster impact and long-term costs.

Another critical aspect is AI's ability to reach marginalized groups, whether through translation tools or data analysis that identifies populations often excluded from support due to limited information. Moreover, data tracking and analysis enhances transparency and accountability, helping build trust with donors and affected communities alike.

Technology Is Not Always Neutral: Ethical Boundaries and Operational Challenges

Adopting AI in humanitarian action is not merely a technical choice, but an ethical decision reflecting a commitment to reach every person in need through

the best available means. While humanitarian and philanthropic institutions advance in this direction, they must ensure that people remain at the heart of every algorithm and compassion at the core of every intelligent decision.

Despite AI's vast potential, its use in humanitarian action raises ethical and practical challenges. Among the most pressing is algorithmic bias, as models may reproduce the biases present in the data they were trained on—leading to unfair or discriminatory outcomes. Collecting sensitive data, such as location or health status, may also expose individuals to risk, particularly in insecure environments.

The digital divide poses another challenge: communities lacking digital infrastructure may not benefit from AI applications, thereby deepening inequalities rather than narrowing them. Overreliance on technology could marginalize human expertise or lead to inappropriate decisions in situations requiring high human sensitivity. Additionally, the so-called "black box" problem—where AI systems make decisions through opaque processes—complicates accountability.

Global Best Practices in Adopting Smart Solutions for Complex Humanitarian Crises

Real-world experiences demonstrate AI's ability to create tangible impact in humanitarian settings. The World Food Program has launched a comprehensive AI strategy to improve food distribution and data analysis, helping reduce waste and maximize impact. In Syria, AI was deployed to enhance healthcare in conflict zones by analyzing patient data and prioritizing medical needs.

AI-powered chatbots have been developed to provide psychological and informational support to refugees, offering immediate and safe communication channels. In humanitarian media, generative AI has been used to design awareness campaigns tailored

to local communities. In supply chains, AI has helped predict demand, optimize storage, and identify faster and safer routes.

How Can AI Transform Targeting the Most Vulnerable?

For humanitarian and philanthropic organizations to effectively harness AI, a strategic and ethical approach is essential. First, partnerships with tech companies and research centers must be established to secure tools and expertise. Second, clear ethical frameworks are necessary to ensure fair and responsible AI use while safeguarding personal data.

Investment in building the digital capacity of humanitarian workers is also crucial—through training on AI tools and understanding their ethical dimensions. Transparency and accountability must be strengthened in AI system design, with local communities involved in solution development to ensure cultural and social relevance. Finally, local innovation should be supported, encouraging initiatives that emerge from within communities themselves.

Conclusion

In an era where crises accelerate and challenges intensify, AI is more than a technical tool—it is an opportunity to redefine humanitarian and philanthropic work, making it more proactive, fair, and effective. But this opportunity comes with risks that cannot be overlooked without deep understanding of these technologies, ethical awareness, and strategic vision.

AI will not replace our humanity; it will enhance it and give it wings to soar toward a world that is fairer and more just.

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Rehabilitation and Maintenance of a Central Hospital



Project No. : 350057

This project involves the rehabilitation, maintenance, and equipping of a specialized central hospital in Sudan. The hospital will include:

1. Rehabilitation and maintenance of the emergency and trauma department (800 m²).
2. Rehabilitation of the operating department and intensive care unit (900 m²).
3. Maintenance of water, electricity, and sewage networks.
4. Provision of medical equipment and tools.
5. Provision of essential furniture and office supplies for the hospital.

Objectives:

- Reduce morbidity and mortality rates in the targeted area.
- Lower maternal and child mortality rates, especially during childbirth and for children under five.
- Decrease the spread of infectious and endemic diseases in the targeted area.

 Project Area	 Beneficiaries	 Organization	 Country
1,700 m²	650,000 Persons	Qatar Charity	Sudan

 Cost of Rehabilitation and Maintenance	⋮	QR 2,674,644
 Share Value	⋮	QR 50 or more

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How Qatar Charity Harnesses the AI Revolution in Humanitarian Work

By: Hamed Aladdin — Director of Information Systems Department

In a world where technology advances at an unprecedented pace, Qatar Charity stands out as an inspiring model in leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) to serve humanity. Through an ambitious digital strategy, the organization is reshaping the landscape of humanitarian and development work making it more efficient, transparent, and impactful.

Artificial Intelligence, which enables machines to simulate human intelligence, plays a vital role across multiple sectors such as healthcare, finance, and education. With its ability to process and analyze massive amounts of data quickly and accurately, AI has become an essential tool for modern organizations.

Global Vision and Advanced Technologies

Operating in more than 70 countries, Qatar Charity implements vital projects in education, healthcare, and economic empowerment. Today, these efforts are strengthened by a robust digital infrastructure that includes:

- Advanced cloud services through Microsoft Azure, consolidating data and services into a unified environment.
- Enterprise systems such as Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Human Resources (HR), Governance, Risk & Compliance (GRC), and Learning Management System (LMS).
- Collaboration and productivity tools connecting thousands of users across headquarters and field offices.
- Rich dashboards with over 300 advanced Business Intelligence panels covering all areas of charitable operations.

- Advanced cybersecurity systems securing office networks, preventing data leaks (DLP), and providing extended detection and response platforms, in addition to vulnerability management systems.
- Mobile applications including Qatar Charity App, My Zakat, Aqraboon, My Days, and several more under development.
- Sophisticated digital marketing tools powered by AI to optimize performance, cut costs, and enhance donor engagement.

This integrated technological ecosystem empowers Qatar Charity to deliver more precise and effective humanitarian services while unlocking new opportunities for innovation in philanthropy.

From Concept to Application

AI is not just a technology—it is a strategic enabler. Beyond chatbots generating impressive text, AI serves in:

- Predictive analytics to allocate resources where they are most needed.
- Smart communication tools to facilitate coordination among field teams.
- Machine learning to monitor project outcomes and measure impact.
- Automating administrative tasks to save time and effort.

Strategic Pillars of AI at Qatar Charity

1. Data Access and Secure Infrastructure

The most critical pillar. This entails building advanced systems for secure data collection and analysis, ensuring safe access for stakeholders, and promoting

data literacy among staff. Qatar Charity invests in data protection and controlled access, preventing sensitive information from leaking through unsanctioned tools, while providing secure in-house AI-enabled alternatives.

2. Human Capital Development

Technology requires capacity-building. The organization provides specialized AI training for employees and volunteers, enhances recruitment with advanced analytics, and offers practical training to beneficiaries. This includes awareness campaigns and best practice guidelines to ensure responsible use while protecting beneficiary data.

3. Enhancing Humanitarian and Development Interventions

By integrating AI tools at every stage—from needs assessment to project management—Qatar Charity improves predictive analysis, resource allocation, and impact evaluation. Generative AI from Microsoft, integrated with Office 365, helps produce key documents such as logical frameworks, intervention plans, case studies, and donor proposals—saving time and effort.

4. Optimizing Fundraising through Automation

AI-driven marketing automation tools personalize donor engagement, tailor messaging, and maximize fundraising efficiency. On the Dynamics CRM platform, machine learning identifies donor behavior patterns, flags cases requiring staff follow-up, and detects sudden fluctuations in donations or digital

engagement using Microsoft Fabric.

5. Boosting Operational Efficiency and Decision-Making

AI integration with ERP systems enhances procurement and supply chain management, enabling faster, data-driven decisions. For instance, Dynamics ERP allows interaction with AI assistants to summarize procurement requests, while predictive models optimize annual budget planning.

6. Strengthening Transparency and Accountability

AI-powered monitoring tools detect anomalies and trigger alerts for potential risks. Digital Twin technologies, combined with IoT and Microsoft Azure, provide real-time monitoring of projects—such as water flow and quality—enabling proactive interventions before problems arise.

7. Continuous Innovation and Development

AI adoption is not a passing trend. By investing in research, forging partnerships, and promoting a culture of continuous improvement, Qatar Charity ensures sustainable innovation—enhancing performance, reducing costs, and expanding opportunities.

A Model to Follow

Through its comprehensive AI strategy, Qatar Charity aims to boost operational efficiency, improve service quality, and deliver sustainable impact for vulnerable communities worldwide. The organization's approach sets a benchmark for how technology and humanity can work together for the greater good.



Dr. Dalal Assouli to Ghiras

Using AI to enhance the effectiveness of charitable work in Qatar

Through Hamad Bin Khalifa University, with funding from the university itself and the Qatar Research, Development, and Innovation Council, and in collaboration with the Regulatory Authority for Charitable Activities, Dr. Dalal Assouli—Assistant Professor in Islamic and Sustainable Finance—is leading a research team dedicated to exploring how artificial intelligence (AI) can be harnessed to enhance the effectiveness of the humanitarian and development charity sector in Qatar. The project, expected to deliver its final proposals by the end of 2025, will provide recommendations that aim to improve the performance of charitable institutions and non-profit organizations in Qatar, bolster Qatar's global leadership in humanitarian work, and reaffirm the role of innovation and pioneering initiatives in achieving Qatar National Vision 2030.

To gain deeper insights into this project, its key milestones, and the expected impact of activating AI in the work of charitable organizations, Ghiras spoke with Dr. Dalal on the sidelines of the workshop "Empowering Charitable Organizations and Non-Profits through Artificial Intelligence", held in June with the support of Qatar Charity as part of the project.

The Six Dimensions of the Project

To begin, could you give us an overview of the projects' its goals and main focus areas?

The aim of the project is to explore how AI can contribute to enhancing the efficiency of charitable associations and NGOs in several ways, including improving operational efficiency, attracting broader segments of donors, enhancing data analysis, innovating better strategies to reach more donors, and diversifying donor categories.

The project is funded by Hamad Bin Khalifa University and the Qatar Research, Development, and Innovation Council, in collaboration with the Regulatory Authority for Charitable Activities. It focuses on various aspects of AI, including generative AI, and addresses six core dimensions: needs assessment, impact measurement, transparency, governance, resource mobilization, and resource

allocation.

Key Milestones

Where does the project stand now, and what are the main upcoming steps?

Over the past months, we have organized several activities under the project, aimed at collecting data and analyzing key case studies related to local and international AI applications.

The workshop "Empowering Charitable Organizations and Non-Profits through Artificial Intelligence" was the project's second workshop with the charitable sector. It addressed AI in its broad sense (not only generative AI), engaged NGOs, showcased the experiences of international and humanitarian institutions using AI, and included interactive activities that explored different scenarios for applying AI.

The first workshop, held in May in collaboration with the Regulatory Authority for Charitable Activities, brought together a distinguished group of local and international experts. It gave participants direct exposure to some generative AI applications and provided hands-on opportunities to experiment with these tools.

At this stage, our main objective is to engage extensively with charitable organizations to develop a roadmap for adopting and utilizing AI in their operations. For this purpose, the project employs a variety of tools—including workshops, interviews, and surveys—to help us assess the current use of AI within these organizations, the tools they currently employ, and their readiness to adopt such innovative technologies in the future. These insights will then be compared with pioneering international experiences.

Following this phase, we will move on to producing recommendations in legal and innovative areas on how to strengthen AI integration into the charitable sector in Qatar.

As an academic institution leading this project, our goal is to provide actionable proposals to enhance AI adoption in Qatar's charitable sector. We are



Dr. Dalal Assouli

still in the process of collecting data and engaging with charities and relevant stakeholders to develop the necessary roadmap. We expect to complete this second phase during the summer, after which the third phase will involve analyzing the data and comparing it with international experiences. By late 2025, we plan to present these findings and experiences through public lectures and workshops with Qatari charitable organizations, in coordination with the Regulatory Authority for Charitable Activities. Ultimately, these organizations will have the option to adopt whichever recommendations suit their needs.

The Impact on Qatar's Charitable Sector

How can the use of these innovative AI technologies reflect on the charitable sector in Qatar?

Adopting these innovative AI tools can further strengthen Qatar's role as a global leader in humanitarian and charitable work, especially amid growing conflicts and natural disasters. AI plays a crucial role in reaching beneficiaries in need, allocating resources more effectively, and measuring the impact of humanitarian interventions and projects carried out by Qatar or Qatari institutions worldwide.

The use of advanced technologies is no longer optional but essential across all sectors, including the charitable and humanitarian fields. AI contributes to greater efficiency, competitiveness among organizations in the same sector, and solutions to challenges they face. Successful adoption requires certain conditions, including building the capacity of sector professionals, which is one of our project's goals—and establishing governance frameworks to safeguard donor data, promote transparency, and more.

This will not only enhance Qatar's international

The project supports Qatar's leadership in both the humanitarian and developmental fields at the global level and contributes to achieving Qatar National Vision 2030 by promoting innovation

standing in humanitarian and development work, but also encourage innovation, leverage modern technologies, and support the objectives of Qatar National Vision 2030. Furthermore, it will help highlight the tangible impact of charitable projects, thereby attracting more donors and benefactors.

Tools, Systems, and Requirements

What are the necessary tools, systems, and requirements for integrating AI into the work of charitable organizations?

The first step is to gradually develop an institutional strategy for AI integration. This begins with adopting AI in priority areas for the organization, then expanding gradually as needs evolve. This requires setting up the necessary systems and tools, as well as building the capacities of staff—both at leadership and operational levels—across different aspects. Collaborating with academic institutions, research centers, and consulting firms is also essential to bridge any gaps.

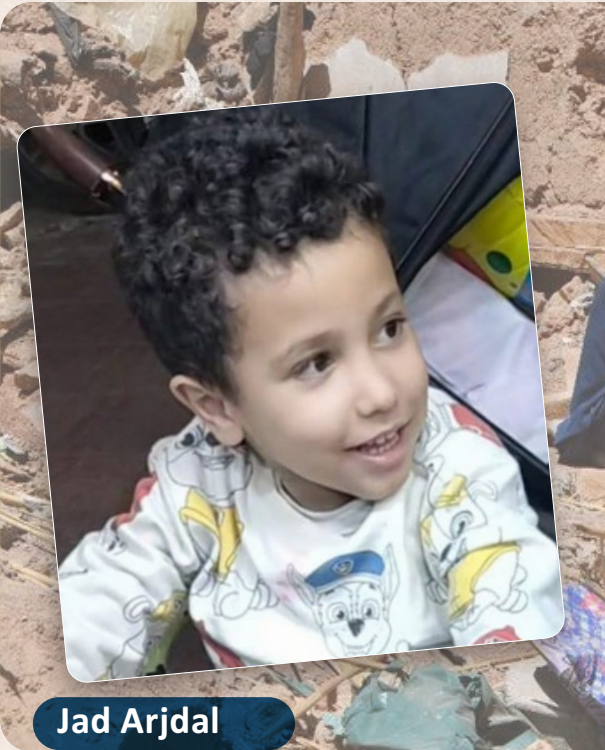
Ethical Responsibility

How can charitable organizations balance the technical efficiency of AI with the sensitivity of beneficiaries' and donors' personal data?

Our project dedicates a major component to governance, which addresses the ethical and responsible use of technology. As part of this, we hosted several experts to benefit from their experience in this area.

To what extent can algorithms be trusted to make humanitarian decisions that involve ethical dimensions?

The ethical dimension must be incorporated into organizational strategies, with clear policies in place to ensure compliance. Institutions should also strengthen organizational awareness and ethical responsibility among staff using these technologies, provide training on related policies, and enhance their capacities in this regard.



Jad Arjdal

By: Nisryne El Rhanhaoui Hadrat, Morocco

When Hope Is Born from Pain

How Kindness Saved Jad's Life

Jad Arjdal, a Moroccan child, was not yet two years old when his parents knocked on the door of Qatar Charity's office in Rabat, carrying both pain and hope. They had already lost their eldest son, Amin, to spinal muscular atrophy—a rare and costly genetic disease with no available treatment in Morocco. This condition weakens muscles and affects the nervous system, and Jad was battling the same illness.

Time was running out. Jad suffered from the same illness as his brother. His only chance at survival was a gene therapy injection called Zolgensma—one of the rarest and most expensive drugs in the world, costing over two million dollars. It had to be administered before his second birthday.

His mother, whose voice trembled with tears, told

me: "We don't want to bury Jad after we buried Amin. Our hearts can not bear another loss." Every passing minute without access to treatment abroad diminished the hope of saving Jad. Every moment was critical to preserving his life.

Then, a ray of hope emerged. Qatar Charity's headquarters approved full sponsorship for Jad's treatment in Qatar, supported by generous donors. Jad became the first child in Morocco to receive this life-saving therapy. Tears of sorrow turned into tears of joy, and relief filled the hearts of his parents and Qatar Charity's staff who had closely followed this case.

In January 2023, the family traveled to Doha, where Jad received treatment at Sidra Medicine. Qatar Charity covered all expenses—travel, accommodation, medical treatment, and follow-up care. By the grace of Allah, the treatment succeeded, and life began to return to Jad's fragile body. He remained in Doha for several months for physical therapy until his condition significantly improved.

Upon returning to Morocco, Jad continued his physical therapy and made remarkable progress. From being completely immobile, he began to move his limbs and play. Now, at four years old, Jad is even able to attend kindergarten, and his family hopes he will continue his education normally in the coming years.

Jad's story has drawn attention from Moroccan media, eager to follow his recovery. Dr. Najib El Kissani, a Moroccan professor of neurology, told Marrakech Alaam that Jad is the first case in Morocco to benefit from Zolgensma, made possible through the support of a Qatari humanitarian organization. He confirmed that Jad's condition is now stable and improving thanks to the gene therapy, with early results showing significant gains in muscle strength and mobility—offering hope for a better quality of life.

Jad's father, Mr. Rasheed, shared with deep emotion:

"I will never forget the warm welcome from Qatar Charity's staff in Doha—their kindness, their smiles that eased our fears while we were far from home. Now, every time I see Jad moving and laughing, I feel Allah's mercy and the generosity of those who helped us. May Allah reward them all."

Jad's journey is not just a medical success—it is a profound humanitarian story that embodies the spirit of solidarity and proves that hope is always possible when compassionate hands reach out in moments of despair.



Mr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari,
CEO of Qatar Charity

Qatar Charity announced the successful completion of the first phase of implementing the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, marking a pivotal step in the organization's digital transformation journey.

On this occasion, Mr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari, CEO of Qatar Charity, affirmed that this achievement is part of the organization's vision for comprehensive digital transformation. He noted that the implementation of the ERP system is a strategic initiative that will bring a qualitative leap in institutional work efficiency, enhance the organization's ability to respond to humanitarian needs effectively, and reinforce transparency in Qatar Charity's performance.

Purpose and Significance

The ERP system aims to unify and integrate financial and administrative operations at Qatar Charity's headquarters and all its field offices,

A Milestone Toward Digital Transformation

Qatar Charity Completes Phase One of ERP System Implementation

in accordance with best global practices. It represents a qualitative shift intended to provide outstanding services to donors, enhance the efficiency of humanitarian work, and emphasize performance transparency.

What Does Completion of Phase One Mean?

It means that financial data, budgets, purchase requests, and invoices are now fully managed through the system.

What's Next?

The next phase includes integrating the system with Qatar Charity's electronic portal to further streamline financial and administrative processes.

Training

To ensure effective implementation of the system, the organization plans to conduct training workshops for relevant staff, aiming to empower them to use the system in the best possible way.



Unleashing the Power of Local Participation: A Strategic Imperative for Sustainable Humanitarian Impact

By: Abdelaziz Khatir Jadeed

The integration of local communities into humanitarian project design and execution is not a peripheral enhancement; it is a transformative strategy rooted in necessity, experience, and evidence. Qatar Charity's decision to embed local committees into the core of its operations in Bangladesh emerged not from theoretical models, but from years of immersive engagement with the very people we aim to serve.

In a country where poverty, infrastructure gaps, and bureaucratic inertia often hinder development, the presence of voluntary, community-elected committees has proven to be a game-changer. These committees are not symbolic—they are operationally central. They are composed of individuals who possess an intimate, lived understanding of their community's socio-economic dynamics, cultural sensitivities, and historical context. This embedded knowledge enables them to identify needs with surgical precision—something no external consultant or top-down assessment can replicate.

Moreover, these committees operate without financial compensation, which is not merely a cost-saving measure—it is a profound indicator of intrinsic motivation and ownership. Their commitment stems from a sense of duty, pride, and belief in the transformative power of the projects they help

implement. This level of engagement fosters a culture of accountability and resilience that is often absent in externally managed interventions.

Field evaluations have consistently shown that these local actors outperform traditional models in three critical areas:

1. Contextual Intelligence - They understand not just what the community needs, but why it needs it, when, and how best to deliver it.
2. Operational Agility - They can mobilize resources, resolve conflicts, and adapt to changing conditions far more swiftly than centralized teams.
3. Sustained Commitment - Their involvement does not end with project completion; they remain stewards of the initiative, ensuring its continuity and relevance (Qatar Charity, 2025).

This model also addresses a long-standing critique of international aid: the tendency to impose solutions rather than co-create them. By shifting from a donor-recipient dynamic to a partnership model, Qatar Charity is not only enhancing project outcomes but also restoring dignity and agency to the communities it serves.

In essence, the local committee model is not just more efficient, it is more ethical, more inclusive, and

more sustainable. It challenges the outdated notion that expertise must come from outside and instead affirms that those who live the challenges are best positioned to solve them. As our data and experience in Bangladesh show, when communities are empowered to lead, the results are not just better—they are transformational (Qatar Charity, 2025).

A Revolution in Practice: Translating Vision into Groundbreaking Impact

The integration of local committees into Qatar Charity's operational framework in Bangladesh is not a peripheral enhancement—it is a structural transformation that has redefined how humanitarian work is conceptualized, executed, and sustained. What began as a localized experiment has evolved into a cornerstone of our strategy, turning systemic challenges into scalable opportunities.

A compelling embodiment of this model is the Haj Esmat Center in Bhairab, Kishoreganj—a sanctuary of hope and resilience since 2010. Serving 650 orphans, this center is not merely a service provider; it is a living ecosystem of empowerment, education, and community-driven development. Its success is not accidental—it is the result of a meticulously designed, community-anchored model that addresses both the symptoms and root causes of vulnerability. How does this model succeed? Here are the reasons we see it as a revolution:

1. Precision in Needs Assessment

Unlike top-down models that rely on generalized surveys or distant assessments, local committees possess an unparalleled ability to diagnose community needs with surgical accuracy. Their proximity to the lived experiences of beneficiaries allows them to identify not only what is needed,

but why, when, and how it should be delivered. This ensures that every intervention is contextually relevant and resource-efficient (Qatar Charity, 2025). In a sector where misaligned aid can do more harm than good, this precision is revolutionary.

2. Cost Efficiency Without Compromise

One of the most compelling outcomes of this model is its economic efficiency. By leveraging local networks and sourcing materials at near-cost prices, committees have consistently reduced project costs by at least 30% compared to conventional contractors (Qatar Charity, 2025). This is not merely a budgetary advantage—it is a paradigm shift that challenges the assumption that quality requires high expenditure. It proves that community trust and local knowledge can yield superior financial and operational outcomes.

3. Sustainability Rooted in Local Ownership

True sustainability is not achieved through one-time donations or externally managed programs—it is cultivated through local ownership and resource mobilization. From construction to maintenance, the Haj Esmat Center relies on community assets and volunteerism, transforming it from a temporary solution into a long-term investment. This model currently supports 460 resident orphans and 190 others under family care, demonstrating that sustainability is not just a goal—it is a lived reality (Qatar Charity, 2023).

4. Navigating Bureaucracy with Local Intelligence

Governmental red tape is often a major bottleneck in humanitarian work. However, local committees, with their deep understanding of administrative systems and social networks, are able to navigate bureaucratic processes with remarkable agility. This not only accelerates project timelines but also reduces the burden on central teams, freeing up resources for strategic planning and innovation.

5. Scalable Autonomy

While many organizations struggle with scaling due to centralized bottlenecks, Qatar Charity's decentralized model allows for simultaneous implementation of dozens of projects. Each committee operates with a degree of autonomy, ensuring that growth is not only possible but also sustainable. This is not just operational efficiency—it is a blueprint for exponential impact.

6. Financial Resilience Through Trust

In traditional models, financial delays often stall progress. In contrast, local committees in Bangladesh

have demonstrated extraordinary resilience by initiating work on credit, confident in Qatar Charity's commitment to reimburse them. This mutual trust keeps projects moving forward, even in the face of logistical or financial uncertainty (Qatar Charity, 2025). It is a testament to the strength of relational capital in humanitarian ecosystems.

7. Ownership That Drives Excellence

Perhaps the most profound impact of this model is the sense of ownership it instills in communities. When people feel that a project belongs to them, their engagement transcends obligation—it becomes a source of pride and purpose. At the Haj Esmat Center, this is reflected in the 81.18% satisfaction rate among students regarding their education (Qatar Charity, 2023). Ownership is not just a motivational tool—it is a catalyst for excellence.

Tangible Impact: The Haj Esmat Center as Living Proof of a Transformative Model

The Haj Esmat Center in Bhairab, Kishoreganj, is not merely a humanitarian project—it is a living, breathing embodiment of what happens when community-driven development is executed with precision, trust, and vision. With an annual operating budget of QAR 1,480,272, the center delivers far more than basic services. It provides a holistic, future-oriented education to 650 orphans, integrating the national curriculum of Bangladesh with vocational training and spiritual enrichment. This multidimensional approach ensures that beneficiaries are not only literate but also equipped with the skills and values to thrive in a complex world.

The outcomes speak volumes. A full 100% of students report feeling safe from violence—an extraordinary achievement in a region where vulnerable children often face systemic risks (Qatar Charity, 2023). This statistic is not just a number; it reflects a carefully cultivated environment of psychological safety, emotional support, and community vigilance. Furthermore, 47.06% of the girls identified "women's empowerment" as the most important lesson they've learned—an indicator that the center is not only educating minds but also reshaping mindsets and challenging generational cycles of gender inequality (Qatar Charity, 2023).

Yet, the journey is not without its complexities. Determining the appropriate scope and scale for each intervention requires continuous innovation, adaptive planning, and localized insight. But rather than being a setback, this challenge underscores

our commitment to excellence. It is a reminder that meaningful change is not achieved through replication alone, but through thoughtful customization and relentless pursuit of improvement.

Strategic Recommendations: Practical Levers for Scalable, Sustainable Impact

Drawing from the success of the Haj Esmat Center and our broader operational experience in Bangladesh, we offer the following strategic recommendations for NGOs, donors, and community leaders seeking to replicate or scale this model:

1. Leverage Local Wisdom from Day One

Engage local committees at the earliest stages of project design. Their insights are not supplementary—they are foundational. Without their guidance, interventions risk being misaligned with actual community needs.

2. Maximize Cost Efficiency Through Local Procurement

Source materials and services locally at cost, as demonstrated by our 30% savings (Qatar Charity, 2025). This not only reduces expenses but also stimulates the local economy and builds trust.

3. Invest in Continuous Teacher Development

Organize quarterly training workshops to equip educators with the tools to address the unique psychological and educational needs of orphans (Qatar Charity, 2023). A well-trained teacher is the cornerstone of quality education.

4. Eliminate Financial Barriers to Access

Provide essential learning materials—books, stationery, uniforms—free of charge. This is not charity; it is a strategic investment in human capital.

5. Integrate Life Skills into the Curriculum

Equip students with practical tools such as computers and sewing machines. Education must be both theoretical and applied to be transformative.

6. Prioritize Infrastructure Maintenance

Address urgent repairs promptly—such as the replacement of 80 doors and 60 windows at Haj Esmat—to ensure safety and dignity in learning environments (Qatar Charity, 2023).

7. Foster Community Ownership and Pride

Cultivate a sense of shared responsibility and pride in the project. When communities feel ownership, they become the most effective stewards of quality and sustainability.

8. Secure Long-Term Viability Through Endowments

Diversify funding streams by establishing waqf (endowment) mechanisms. This ensures continuity even in the face of funding delays or economic shocks.

A Model Worth Sharing: From Local Success to Global Blueprint

The Haj Esmat Center is not an isolated success—it is a scalable prototype for a new era of humanitarian development. At Qatar Charity, we believe this model is not proprietary. It is a public good, a replicable framework that can be adapted by any organization, donor, or policymaker committed to maximizing impact while minimizing cost.

Imagine a world where every humanitarian initiative is rooted in local leadership, driven by data, and sustained by community pride. The Haj Esmat Center proves that this vision is not utopian—it is achievable. It breaks cycles of poverty, empowers girls to become leaders, and transforms aid from a transaction into a partnership.

So why settle for incremental change when transformational impact is within reach?

Join the Movement: Your Voice Can Ignite the Next Chapter

What are your thoughts on this community-first approach to humanitarian work? Have you witnessed or participated in similar models that sparked real change? Your insights matter. Share your experiences, ideas, or questions in the comments—or reach out directly. Your voice could be the catalyst for the next breakthrough.

Together, we can refine this model, scale its reach, and co-create a world where every child's potential is realized and every community thrives. Don't just observe—engage. Don't just admire—act. Because your voice is not just an opinion—it's a force capable of shaping futures and rewriting destinies.

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Measuring Humanitarian Impact Beyond Numbers

In today's world, humanitarian work is no longer measured merely by the volume of aid delivered or the number of beneficiaries reached. The spotlight has shifted toward the actual and sustainable impact that humanitarian interventions have on individuals and communities. This includes improving the quality of life for recipients, enhancing the resilience of communities during crises, empowering local populations to become self-reliant, and evaluating tangible, measurable outcomes as key indicators of success.

In this special feature, we explore the concept and significance of "Humanitarian Impact". Also, we spotlight the pioneering role of Qatar Charity and OCHA in launching a dedicated annual forum that serves as a vital platform for addressing key gaps in humanitarian response, driving innovation, and promoting sustainability. Through thought-provoking articles and expert interviews, this issue invites you to reimagine humanitarian aid as a catalyst for lasting change.



Humanitarian Impact Forum Pioneering Vision, Launching the Identity, and the Importance of the Annual Gathering

In line with the State of Qatar's commitment to promoting effective and coordinated humanitarian action, Qatar Charity, in partnership with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), has announced the launch of the Human Impact Forum. The official unveiling of the forum's identity in February marked the formal announcement of a strategic annual event — a pivotal platform designed to address critical gaps in humanitarian coordination, foster innovation, and promote sustainable solutions.

The launch of the Human Impact Forum reaffirms the leadership role of both Qatar Charity and OCHA in the humanitarian sector. This initiative aims to turn dialogue into tangible action, ensuring that progress is not just discussed, but realized ultimately making a real difference in the lives of those most in need.

Forum Objectives

The event seeks to bring together key stakeholders from across the humanitarian and development sectors to discuss the pressing challenges facing global humanitarian efforts, explore collaborative solutions, and lay the foundation for a long-term, ongoing initiative. The partnership between Qatar Charity and OCHA serves as a powerful catalyst for strengthening humanitarian systems and driving forward human-centered, impactful solutions.

The forum focuses on addressing three core needs:

1. Enhancing Coordination

By creating a centralized platform for collaboration, the forum will help bridge operational gaps, ensuring that resources and expertise are utilized efficiently to achieve the greatest possible impact.

2. Driving Innovation

Through the exchange of best practices and presentation of innovative approaches, the forum will encourage forward-thinking strategies to address emerging humanitarian challenges on the ground.

3. Delivering Measurable Results

With a focus on concrete outcomes, the forum will spotlight practical projects and initiatives that deliver sustainable benefits to affected communities.

Identity Launch Event

The unveiling of the Human Impact Forum 2025 identity was attended by key dignitaries, including His Excellency Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Jassim Al Thani, Chairman of Qatar Charity; Her Excellency Ms. Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi, Minister Development and Family; Her Excellency Ms. Maryam bint Ali Al Misnad, Minister of State for International Cooperation; Her Excellency Dr. Lolwah bint Rashid Al Khater, Minister of Education and Higher Education; Dr. Ahmed Marai, OCHA Representative in Doha; alongside representatives of international organizations, civil society groups, and research institutions in Qatar.

During the ceremony, H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Nasser Al Thani and H.E. Maryam Al Misnad jointly revealed the 2025 forum identity a visual representation reflecting the core principles and aspirations that the forum stands for.

The event also featured three thought-provoking panel discussions:

- "Human Impact and the Compass of Change Leadership"
- "Bridges of Collaboration: Cooperative Solutions for Humanitarian Access in Complex Political Environments" – held in collaboration with OCHA
- "Innovative Solutions for Food Security and Sustainability" – organized in partnership with the Middle East Council on Global Affairs

The Significance of an Annual Forum

The inaugural annual forum is set to take place in the fourth quarter of 2025. Establishing the forum as an annual event is a strategic decision that reflects the evolving and dynamic nature of humanitarian needs.

An annual gathering allows stakeholders to assess progress, recalibrate strategies, and build on successes to ensure continuous improvement and lasting relevance. Moreover, the forum's outcomes will contribute to enhancing Qatar's national humanitarian framework, support regional cooperation in the Middle East a region disproportionately affected by crises and help shape global humanitarian policies and practices





Director of Research at Middle East Council on Global Affairs to *Ghiras*:

The global context demands a focus on programs with greater humanitarian impact

On the sidelines of a ceremony launching the identity of the "Humanitarian Impact Forum 2025" organized by Qatar Charity in collaboration with OCHA, "Ghiras" conducted this interview with Dr. Nader Kabbani, Senior Fellow and Director of Research at the Middle East Council on Global Affairs. The interview highlighted the importance of establishing a vital platform concerned with humanitarian impact to address critical gaps in coordination, promote innovation, and enhance sustainable solutions. It also touched on the pressing need for humanitarian and charitable organizations to collaborate with research institutions in order to improve their programs — from design and implementation to impact evaluation. The discussion explored the nature of the

partnership between Qatar Charity and the Middle East Council on Global Affairs.

How do you view the significance of the Humanitarian Impact Forum, whose visual identity was launched by Qatar Charity and OCHA? And why is it important for humanitarian and development organizations to focus on "humanitarian impact"?

The idea of the Forum is excellent at all levels. Qatar Charity's efforts — in collaboration with OCHA — to launch and promote it are commendable.

Bringing 'impact' as topic to the forefront of the humanitarian sector is extremely important, given the lack of focus on it and the increasing need for it, whether in relief or development work. We live

today in a drastically changed global environment. Resources allocated to humanitarian work are in decline, especially due to the withdrawal of some Western actors from their roles in this field and budget cuts by their governments. At the same time, humanitarian needs are rising due to escalating conflicts and crises worldwide, climate change, and worsening economic conditions in several countries. This situation requires humanitarian organizations to focus on programs and activities that yield greater impact, incorporating innovation and collaboration with relevant stakeholders to meet these growing needs — because we simply do not have alternative solutions.

From this perspective, Qatar Charity stands out as a pioneer in raising the issue of humanitarian impact and dedicating a specialized forum to it. The importance of this initiative will become even clearer in the coming years as needs continue to grow, with international resources becoming scarcer.

Innovation and Coordination

Can you elaborate on the importance of collaboration and coordination between humanitarian actors, and the role of innovation in relief and development efforts? How do these elements contribute to greater impact?

Indeed, both innovation and coordination are deeply interconnected with achieving greater humanitarian impact. But innovation without real impact — or without yielding positive outcomes — is a waste of resources. At the same time, both innovation and impact evaluation require coordination and collaboration with entities that bring experience, research, and applied tools at an international level, to ensure that we are making a greater humanitarian impact.

Considering humanitarian impact and its evaluation—and its connection to scientific research tools— to what extent do humanitarian organizations need to collaborate with research centers and think tanks to enhance their fieldwork and maximize the impact of their projects?

Speaking from my experience as a researcher interested in development and humanitarian issues, I believe this need is significant and urgent. It is rare to find researchers well-versed in the design and implementation of humanitarian and development programs. Likewise, it is uncommon to find humanitarian practitioners who understand the fundamentals of research and its tools. There is a clear disconnect between academic research and field implementation. They often seem like two completely separate worlds.

On the other hand, to what extent do you think research centers and institutions need hands-on experience in humanitarian work to ensure their studies are meaningful in advancing humanitarian efforts and achieving greater impact in the projects implemented by humanitarian organizations?

The need is very real and pressing. Unfortunately, most researchers in these centers come from academic backgrounds, with their focus primarily on conducting studies and publishing them in scholarly journals. Research linked to an organization's fieldwork is often left unpublished, despite its potential to significantly enhance the organization's performance—and, by extension, the broader humanitarian sector.

Qatar Charity and the Middle East Council on Global Affairs recently signed a cooperation agreement. How do you view the significance of this partnership and the expected outcomes?

I believe this agreement is highly significant. Qatar Charity is a leading international organization in the field of humanitarian and development work across the region and the world. As a research center, we are honored to collaborate with them in enhancing program effectiveness and driving innovation in this field.

Final Thoughts

Does your participation in the Forum's activities fall under the outcomes of the agreement?

Yes, indeed. We held a joint panel session at the Forum in partnership with Qatar Charity. However, we are still deepening the dialogue to activate the agreement's provisions—particularly in the area of programs. The goal is for Qatar Charity to benefit from our scientific and research expertise, while we, in turn, benefit from its practical field experience.

Do you have any messages for humanitarian organizations regarding the importance of scientific research in their work?

It is both essential and necessary for humanitarian organizations to establish partnerships and collaborative relationships with entities specialized in scientific research. These organizations should actively seek out experts and researchers who are familiar with their work and capable of enhancing their programs—from the design phase, through implementation and application, to impact evaluation—ensuring that such experts become an integral part of their operational teams.

Director of External Affairs at Qatar Charity, to Ghiras:

Forum's inaugural event will spotlight humanitarian sustainability

"Ghiras" conducted an interview with Mr. Mana Mohammed Al-Ansari, Director of External Affairs at Qatar Charity to further highlight the Humanitarian Impact Forum, the critical gap it aims to address, the structure of its upcoming inaugural event in November 2025, and the practical outcomes it seeks to achieve.

What kind of response did you receive from humanitarian organizations after launching the Forum's identity?

The identity launch in February was met with strong enthusiasm, especially from international humanitarian organizations focused on field implementation. That is because the subject of impact—and how humanitarian interventions impact beneficiaries—has been long overlooked in major humanitarian conferences, despite its obvious importance.

Recognizing this, Qatar Charity and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) decided that the Forum's annual events should focus more on implementation, coordination, and impact evaluation rather than purely academic research.

Was the February event merely to unveil the Forum, or did it serve other purposes?

While visibility was one objective, the primary aim was to encourage organizations and stakeholders to join the Forum and contribute to it with impactful topics.

The Forum is not exclusive to Qatar Charity or OCHA—it is open to all who wish to contribute, share field experiences, and enrich the dialogue. We view the identity launch as a strategic move to draw

attention to the Forum and to motivate international organizations to participate. So far, 15 humanitarian organizations have expressed interest in participating, leading workshops, and contributing content aligned with the Forum's mission.

Filling the Gap

Did the identity launch pave the way for the upcoming annual event later this year?

The event saw participation from the Qatari government, UN agencies, and both local and international humanitarian organizations. This turnout underlined the importance of the Forum, and especially its core theme—humanitarian impact—as well as the credibility of its organizers. There is a clear gap in the humanitarian sector when it comes to impact-driven interventions, feasibility studies, and the evaluation of real outcomes for beneficiaries. The Forum aims to bridge this gap, marking a qualitative shift in how humanitarian and development efforts are designed, implemented, and assessed.

When will the first annual event take place?

The event is expected to be held over one day: November 3, 2025.

What is the theme and focus of this year's event?

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Mr. Mana Mohammed Al-Ansari
Director of External Affairs at Qatar Charit

- The theme for this year's event is: "From Crisis to Impact: Sustainable Pathways for Humanitarian Action"

Qatar Charity and OCHA have defined five key objectives for the event:

1. Strengthening Global Collaboration: Uniting global humanitarian actors and policymakers around effective, cooperative strategies for addressing humanitarian challenges worldwide.
2. Raising Global Awareness on Impact and Its Measurement:

Emphasizing the importance of measuring humanitarian impact—especially in the field—and the urgent need for globally coordinated efforts.

3. Sharing Global Best Practices: Providing an international platform to exchange best practices, innovative solutions, and success stories in humanitarian impact.

4. Enhancing Global Partnerships: Reinforcing existing partnerships and forging new ones to boost the collective impact of global humanitarian efforts.

5. Advocating for Policy Change: Promoting policy reforms that support humanitarian work and address the root causes of the lack of impact tracking and other challenges hindering humanitarian interventions.

Steering Committee

Will the Forum lead to research output or practical, field-oriented outcomes?

In its first year/edition, the Forum will establish a steering committee, initially composed of Qatar Charity and OCHA, with the possibility of including one or two additional partners. The committee's role is to ensure that all Forum outcomes are consolidated into a single action paper. Tasks will then be assigned either to the committee members or to humanitarian organizations capable of executing them. Implementation will be closely monitored, and accountability will be enforced in cases of non-compliance.

To demonstrate the Forum's commitment to meaningful outcomes, its second edition will include a thorough review of the first edition's deliverables—tracking task completion, evaluating success and failure rates (if any), and analyzing the reasons behind them. This follow-up mechanism will continue in future editions.

How will you engage academic institutions and research centers Qatar Charity has signed agreements with?

Research centers are a vital component of humanitarian work. Our emphasis on practical outcomes does not mean we are moving away

from research and analysis. On the contrary, we consider academic institutions a cornerstone of humanitarian action. Through the Forum, we aim to bridge the gap between scientific research and field operations—by producing concise working papers, policy recommendations that support humanitarian efforts, feasibility studies, field needs assessments, and impact measurement tools.

Will there be ongoing collaboration among Forum participants beyond the annual event?

While the main gathering takes place once a year—typically over one or two days—the Forum operates year-round, driven by the outcomes of that event.

Participating entities remain in contact throughout the year to coordinate, collaborate, and carry out assigned tasks.

We also aim to launch specialized workshops and working groups that delve into more focused topics. These initiatives will benefit Qatar Charity and other organizations by expanding their practical expertise, opening new operational fields, and facilitating the exchange of best practices and successful experiences. Ultimately, the Forum is designed to be a dynamic platform that delivers continuous value to all participants.



How Compassion Shaped Dr. Arshad's Medical Journey

By Remla Tosee, Pakistan

From a remote and impoverished village in District Khyber, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, emerges a story that embodies determination, compassion, and the transformative power of opportunity. Dr. Arshad Khan, a young and ambitious doctor, is currently serving as a Trainee Medical Officer (TMO) at the Khyber Institute of Child Health (KICH) in Peshawar. His unwavering goal is to become a pediatric specialist and serve the children of his community.

Student Support

His academic journey began at a charity-run school that nurtured his early education. Recognizing both his potential and the financial barriers he faced, the school reached out to Qatar Charity. In 2019, Arshad was enrolled in the Qatar Charity Student Support Program, receiving five years of crucial financial assistance. This support allowed him to focus wholeheartedly on his studies without the burden of financial stress.

Driven by ambition and resilience, Arshad prepared for the highly competitive medical entrance exam and secured admission to Khyber Medical University (KMU) in Peshawar—one of the most reputed medical institutions in the region.

Hard Work

With unwavering dedication and hard work, Dr. Arshad successfully passed all his exams and earned his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree. Today, he is proudly working as a TMO and continues to pursue his goal of becoming a pediatric specialist.

Dr. Arshad stated, "I am grateful to Qatar Charity and the generous financial support from Qatar for my higher education, whose support helped to transform my dreams into reality. My journey is a powerful example of how opportunity and compassion can uplift lives and empower future generations."

An Initiative Saving the Lives of Kidney Failure Patients in Yemen

Yemen - Mabrouk Al-Qubaisi

Since the outbreak of the ongoing conflict in Yemen nearly nine years ago, the country's healthcare system has suffered a devastating collapse. Among the most severely affected are patients with kidney failure. With roads blocked and many dialysis centers shut down; their survival now hinges on accessing the few remaining operational centers, something that typically requires two dialysis sessions per week.

Urgent Numbers That Demand Action

In this dire context, and amid worsening living conditions for the general population and patients in particular, thousands of individuals suffering from kidney failure have found themselves unable to bear the physical and financial burdens of reaching dialysis centers especially those living in remote and rural areas. As a result, their health has deteriorated dangerously, placing their lives at serious risk.

According to international organizations, over 4,400 people in Yemen suffer from kidney failure. Since 2015, approximately 25% of dialysis patients have died each year due to the lack of access to life-saving treatment. This alarming figure has called for urgent humanitarian intervention to ease their suffering and help save their lives.

What Has the Initiative Achieved?

In response to this crisis, Qatar Charity, in collaboration with its local partner the Human Development Program (a Yemeni humanitarian organization)—launched a swift and effective intervention by expanding and supporting the dialysis center at Khalifa General Hospital in the city of Al-Turba, south of Taiz. This initiative has had a profound impact on alleviating the suffering of many patients, who now benefit from the center's services across Taiz and Lahij governorates. Before this intervention, patients endured long and difficult journeys to reach distant centers in neighboring cities.

The humanitarian initiative involved a complete renovation and expansion of the dialysis center, including the construction of a new building equipped with modern facilities and advanced medical equipment.



Additionally, a fully equipped ambulance was provided to transport patients from remote and mountainous areas. The project also included capacity-building for medical staff to ensure high-quality healthcare services.

A Lifeline of Hope

The reopening and expansion of the dialysis center brought renewed hope to patients who now see it as a true lifeline. Many shared moving accounts of their past struggles. One patient, Dawla Ahmed, recounted:

"I used to travel through mountains from one city to another just to undergo dialysis. On top of living with kidney failure, I also suffer from diabetes and had my leg amputated due to gangrene. Today, thanks to the generous efforts from people in Qatar, the new dialysis unit here in Al-Turba has greatly eased my suffering."

Another patient, Abdul Latif, used to spend long hours traveling from his remote village in Akhmour, Taiz, to

reach the governorate's main center for twice-weekly dialysis sessions.

"The travel was exhausting, and my family often couldn't afford the transport costs. But since the expansion of the Khalifa Center, it has saved us the money, effort, and hardship of traveling," he said.

Towards Sustainable Solutions

The intervention was widely welcomed within the healthcare sector. Dr. Sadeq Najib, Director of the Khalifa Dialysis Center, expressed his deep gratitude to Qatar Charity, the Human Development Program, and all those with compassionate hearts for their generous support. He noted that the center now receives around 65 patients per month in morning and evening shifts.

Overall, this initiative represents a sustainable solution that ensures the continued provision of essential medical care in a country where healthcare services are in severe decline and the population's living conditions are deteriorating rapidly.



The Enduring Legacy of Sheikh Ali bin Abdullah Al Thani: **Benevolence and Knowledge Through Endowments**

Sheikh Ali bin Abdullah bin Jassim Al Thani was the fourth ruler of the State of Qatar. He was renowned for his wisdom in governance, humility, patience, and love for benevolence and dedication to good deeds. His contemporaries unanimously praised his noble character, refined personal

traits, and exemplary moral conduct.

Sheikh Ali was born in 1894 and became the Ruler of Qatar in 1949. He led the nation until 1960, when he willingly abdicated in favor of his son—motivated by a spirit of detachment from power and a heartfelt desire to dedicate himself to

knowledge and worship. He passed away in 1974, may Allah have mercy on him.

Renowned for his piety, generosity, and love for knowledge, Sheikh Ali was known for his close relationships with scholars and his efforts to promote learning. He played a pivotal role in building and restoring mosques across Qatar and in various Arab and European countries.

Waqf Library

In line with his deep love for knowledge, Sheikh Ali was known for collecting books, supporting their publication both in Qatar and abroad, and establishing libraries. The Sheikh Ali bin Abdullah Al Thani Waqf Library in Qatar's Umm Ghuwailina district stands as a testament to this commitment. He dedicated the land, the building, and other income-generating assets to sustain the library solely for the sake of Allah.

This library is considered one of the most important in Qatar. It houses thousands of books in various fields. It serves as a year-round destination for researchers and students. The library stands as a living embodiment of the Islamic waqf tradition and its vital role in enriching libraries, supporting scholars, and fostering a culture of research and authorship.

The library was established in 1982 and includes specialized units for cataloging and classification, acquisitions and exchanges, and bookbinding and preservation. It also hosts a variety of cultural activities, such as a summer center for children, research seminars, and a Ramadan competition featured in Qatari newspapers. Currently, the library building is undergoing renovation to expand its capacity and incorporate modern reading halls and services, enabling it to host larger events.

In his book *Al-Huli Al-Dani fi Sirat Al-Sheikh Ali Al Thani*, researcher and scholar Sheikh Khalid bin Mohammed bin Ghanem Al Thani highlights Sheikh Ali's love for books and manuscripts, as well as his establishment of numerous libraries both within Qatar and abroad. These efforts had a profound impact on the educational and cultural renaissance not only in Qatar but across the region, and

emphasize Sheikh Ali's pivotal role in reviving Islamic heritage, printing books, and distributing them freely for the sake of Allah.

International Endowment Prize

In 1998, Qatar's Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs established the "Sheikh Ali bin Abdullah Al Thani International Endowment Prize," a prestigious, peer-reviewed award in the fields of Islamic culture and thought. Named in honor of Sheikh Ali to commemorate his legacy and recognize his contributions to the advancement of knowledge and support for scholars and researchers, the prize is funded by his charitable endowments. The winning researcher receives a monetary award of 200,000 Qatari riyals.

Over more than a quarter of a century, the prize has distinguished itself through its innovative and dynamic themes and titles, which address the challenges facing the Muslim world, closely engage with its issues, and seek to propose solutions from an Islamic perspective.

Impactful Initiatives

Among Sheikh Ali's impactful charitable initiatives is the "Sheikh Ali bin Abdullah Al Thani Housing Complex"—one of the most significant endowment-based real estate projects in Qatar. Reopened after redevelopment in 2022, the complex comprises 94 residential villas, a commercial building, a sports facility, several athletic halls, and a range of additional services.

The housing complex falls under the projects of the Waqf Fund for Family and Childhood—an initiative that represents a milestone in the history of endowments in Qatar. Rooted in the belief that the family is the cornerstone of a cohesive and resilient society, this endowment aims to support vital social needs. Its objectives include providing various forms of assistance to families in need, offering appropriate solutions for social, psychological, and health-related challenges, and collaborating with specialized institutions to implement joint programs in the fields of childhood, motherhood, and beyond.



Furqan:

A Journey of Hope Through the Holy Quran

Qatar Charity remains true to its humanitarian mission, carrying light to hearts yearning for knowledge and faith. Among its many impactful initiatives, the Furqan Program, part of the 'Rofaqa' Initiative, stands out as a beacon of hope. It offers vulnerable communities a renewed chance at life through the teaching of the Holy Quran.

Implemented under the guidance of certified specialists, the program targets women, men, and children in the most fragile environments. It uses simplified, carefully designed curricula tailored to their needs, and is delivered through a flexible, scalable model that ensures sustainability and adaptability to emerging challenges.

A Prophetic Vision: Cultivating Values and Building Character

'Furqan' goes beyond teaching letters—it aims to instill values and nurture individuals, inspired by the words of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ: "The best among you is he who learns and teaches the Quran." This initiative awakens hidden potential, encourages youth to excel in Islamic scholarship, honors outstanding learners, and plants seeds of compassion and moral integrity.

Four Pillars of Furqan

- **The Young Certified (Al-Mujaz Al-Saghir):** Opens the door to Quranic learning for children and youth with limited access to education, guiding their first steps on a transformative journey.

- **Bearer of Light (Hamil Al-Noor):** Trains teachers and Quran instructors to become ambassadors of the Quran within their communities.

- **The Best Among You (Khayrukum):** Connects giving with learning through ongoing charity and educational scholarships.

- **My Companion, Through Whom I Live (Jaleesi wa Bihi Ahya):** A space for spiritual and cultural engagement, combining Hadith, Arabic language, and educational activities.

Impact That Transcends Borders

From Accra, Ghana—where the program began with 60 students—to Bangladesh, where over 600 sponsored children gathered in a grand

celebration titled "A Journey Toward the Light of the Quran", Furqan continues to weave threads of hope. It enhances recitation, memorization, and comprehension skills in joyful, interactive learning environments.

Education for a Better Life

Furqan is more than an educational initiative—it is a promise of a brighter future, a message of love and peace that Qatar Charity turns into tangible change in the lives of thousands of children and families. It is an investment in humanity—in the soul, and in the power to transform.

An Introduction to Humanitarian Action

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introduction to humanitarian action, reflecting the increasing complexity of global crises and the humanitarian system's response. It is designed for master's degree students, professionals in humanitarian action, and those in executive education programs. The authors seek to equip readers with a solid understanding of the sector's foundations, key debates, and practical skills necessary for effective engagement.

Content and Structure

Structured into 12 chapters, the book covers a wide range of topics such as:

- The sector's historical foundations and the need to decolonise.
- The main types of crises and sectors of humanitarian response.
- State and non-state actors and institutions.
- The key rules, norms, and project management approaches.
- Key trends and challenges, including access, innovation, and anticipation.

Each chapter includes a "Zoom in" section, offering alternative perspectives, particularly from the Global South, and enhancing the book's inclusivity. Enhancements such as case studies, multimedia resources, and interactive exercises further enrich the learning experience.

Methodology and Approach

The authors adopt an interdisciplinary approach, integrating insights from political science, international relations, and humanitarian practice. They emphasize critical reflection, encouraging readers to question standardized approaches and consider diverse viewpoints. The inclusion of both practitioners and academics provides a balanced perspective, fostering a deeper understanding of humanitarian action's complexities.

Unique Features

A notable feature of the book is its focus on decolonization and localization within humanitarian action. By confronting mainstream narratives and highlighting alternative views, the authors challenge readers to reconsider power dynamics and biases inherent in the humanitarian system. The equal

representation of women and men as chapter authors, along with contributions from both the Global North and South, underscores the book's commitment to diverse perspectives.

Educational Value

Designed for both academic and professional audiences, the book's structure facilitates self-learning. Each chapter begins with an introduction, followed by detailed discussions and concludes with reflective questions to stimulate critical thinking. The essential reading and reference lists at the end of each chapter serve as concise literature reviews, supporting further study. Hyperlinks to key humanitarian actors and instruments provide additional resources for readers seeking to deepen their knowledge.

Contribution to the Field

An Introduction to Humanitarian Action makes a significant contribution by bridging the gap between theory and practice. Its emphasis on contemporary debates, such as the triple nexus and innovation, positions it at the forefront of current discussions in the field. The book's global case studies and inclusive approach ensure that readers gain insights into diverse contexts, enhancing its relevance in a rapidly changing world.

Conclusion

In conclusion, "An Introduction to Humanitarian Action" is an indispensable resource for anyone seeking a comprehensive and critical understanding of the humanitarian sector. Its blend of theoretical insights and practical applications, combined with a commitment to diverse perspectives and inclusive approaches, makes it a standout textbook. Whether you are a student beginning your journey in humanitarian studies or a seasoned practitioner looking to refine your skills, this book offers valuable knowledge and tools to navigate the complexities of humanitarian action.

Transformative projects address Africa's drought

Qatar Charity (QC) has placed the fight against drought and desertification in Africa at the forefront of its humanitarian agenda. Among the primary areas of its fieldwork are Somalia and Djibouti, where millions suffer from the far-reaching effects of desertification and severe water insecurity—especially in remote and rural regions.

With the generous support of donors in Qatar, the organization focused on drilling wells and launching vital water projects to tackle water scarcity. These initiatives aim to provide safe, clean drinking water, protect the environment, reduce waterborne diseases, and ease the burden on women and girls who spend countless hours each day fetching water. These interventions allow them more time to pursue education, carry out household responsibilities, and participate in community life.

Ongoing Achievements

In 2024 alone, Qatar Charity implemented 78 water and sanitation projects in Somalia, benefitting more than 140,000 people. In Djibouti, between 2023 and 2024, 48 surface wells were drilled, serving 24,000 people, alongside 38 water network extension projects that brought clean water to hundreds more. In 2025, five solar-powered artesian wells were completed, providing sustainable, cost-effective water access in line with modern environmental and development standards. These wells alone have positively impacted another 24,000 individuals.

The Search for Water

One compelling success story comes from "Yoroon", a remote village in Somalia's Galgaduud state. Once devoid of both water and electricity, women in the village were forced to walk more than 10 kilometers daily in search of water.

These grueling treks left children out of school and exposed families to the dangers of contaminated water—bringing diseases like cholera and severe diarrhea.

That bleak reality began to shift when Qatar Charity drilled a deep artesian well in the village. The project brought clean water not only to Yoroon but to neighboring areas as well. Today, women are free to focus on their homes, children dream of returning to school, and the men of the village are now planning to raise livestock rather than migrate in search of better living conditions.

Recognition and Praise

Such projects reinforce Qatar Charity's pioneering role in the fields of humanitarian action and sustainable development, earning praise from both government officials and the communities served. In Djibouti, H.E. Mohamed Ahmed Awaleh, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, and Water, commended the organization's significant contributions, highlighting its essential role in meeting water needs—especially in areas affected by years of drought in the previous years.

These projects continue to receive praise from the very beneficiaries themselves—those most intimately aware of their impact—who are witnessing firsthand the meaningful changes these development initiatives bring to their daily lives.



Renovating 1,500 houses in Syria's Hama Countryside

Qatar Charity, in partnership with the Emergency Response Team, has launched a project to renovate 300 houses in the Al-Ghab Plain region of western Hama countryside in Syria. This initiative is part of a broader campaign to restore damaged homes, announced during the "27th Night Challenge" in Ramadan, which received overwhelming support from generous donors across Qatar.

This intervention, launched in May, is one of Qatar Charity's projects aimed at contributing to the rehabilitation of damaged infrastructure—an effort designed to enable families to return homes and restore stability in areas witnessing the gradual return of displaced populations. The Ghab Plain in western Hama countryside is currently grappling with widespread destruction of its infrastructure and facing an urgent need for secure housing to ensure both stability and dignity.

Restoring Hope

The launch event was attended by Mr. Abdulaziz Jassim Hejji, Director of Development Operations at Qatar Charity, and Mr. Mohammad Jihad Taameh, Deputy Governor of Hama, in addition to representatives from local council.

In his speech during the ceremony, Mr. Mohammad Jihad Taameh praised Qatar Charity's efforts in supporting affected families in northern Syria.

He emphasized the importance of this project in rebuilding damaged houses and improving living conditions—contributing to the restoration of stability and hope for the local population, especially for those returning to their villages after years of displacement.

Numerous Projects

For his part, Mr. Abdulaziz Jassim Hejji, Director of Development Operations at Qatar Charity, said, "I am honored to be with you in The Ghab Plain, at a moment filled with hope and commitment, as we launch together a project aimed at restoring and renovating more than 1,500 houses across the governorates of Idlib, Aleppo, and Hama. The projects' first phase includes 300 homes, implemented by Qatar Charity in collaboration with the Emergency Response Team. This initiative is part of a campaign aimed at reconstructing damaged houses and restoring security and dignity for our Syrian brothers and sisters."

It is worth noting that Qatar Charity continues to play an active humanitarian role in supporting those affected within Syria, through the implementation of diverse relief and development projects, in response to the growing needs of the population. Its efforts focus on securing dignified livelihoods, improving living conditions, and empowering local communities to recover and rebuild.





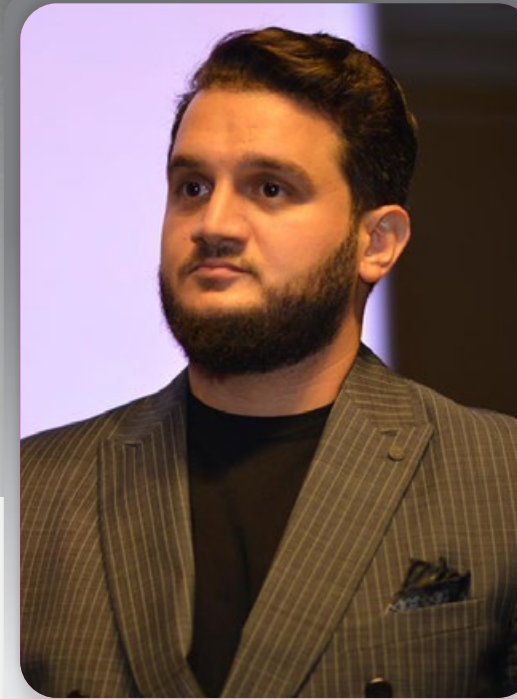
Hacen Mohammedi:

Humanitarian initiatives will reach broader audiences, attracting more funding.



Mr. Swar Aldahab Ali:

To achieve the greatest impact, the network must be guided by a clear and measurable strategy.



Mr. Fouad Sayed Issa:

This network can offer real solutions to the challenges that limit the scale and effectiveness of collaboration between influencers and humanitarian organizations.

Influencers for Humanity Network Importance, Required Role, and Anticipated Impact

Less than a year ago, the Molham Volunteering Team and Violet Organization organized a conference in Istanbul titled "Influencers for Humanity." The event brought together a diverse group of media professionals, social media influencers, artists, community activists, and humanitarian advocates from across the Arab world. One of the most prominent and urgent recommendations to emerge from this conference was the creation of a network of influencers dedicated to championing humanitarian causes.

What are the motivations and significance behind establishing such a network, especially in light of the

current state of collaboration between humanitarian organizations and influencers? And what are the anticipated impacts of this network—on influencers, charitable institutions, and the broader humanitarian and development sectors?

In this Symposium, Ghiras posed key questions to three distinct guests:

Mr. Fouad Sayed Issa, Founder of Violet and an activist in youth and community work

Mr. Swar Aldahab Ali: Media personality, sports commentator, influencer, and host of the humanitarian

program "Omran"

Mr. Hacen Mohammedi, Executive Director, Forum des ONG Internationales au Mali (FONGIM)

Limited Collaboration

What follows are the responses we hope will enrich and deepen the ongoing discussion.

How do you perceive the current state of collaboration between humanitarian and charitable organizations and social media influencers?

Mr. Fouad Sayed Issa: Collaboration between humanitarian and charitable organizations and social media influencers is extremely important. However, in the current reality, it falls short of what it ideally should be. While there are indeed partnerships between several Arab humanitarian organizations and Arab social media influencers on platforms, these efforts remain limited. Several key factors contribute to this limitation, most notably:

- The absence of a clear platform for collaboration

between social media influencers and charitable organizations.

- The lack of a defined framework governing this collaboration. (for example, how can an influencer verify the transparency of the organizations they promote campaigns and projects for, and guarantee the availability of information and outcomes that they can announce to their audience who donated to them). This reality needs development and increased effectiveness. It requires more structuring, experimentation, and clarification to encourage more influencers to engage in charitable work, assist humanitarian organizations in fundraising, mobilize support for their projects, promote them, and support volunteer efforts.

Mr. Swar Aldahab Ali: The current collaboration between the two parties is limited to promoting certain projects. It is not yet realistically built on genuine marketing, nor on linking this famous or influential personality with real projects or a clear plan.

There is also a flaw in how public figures and influencers are selected to promote humanitarian projects. Ideally, these projects should be closely aligned—as much as possible—with the influencer's interests and those of their audience. When this alignment is achieved, the promotion becomes more impactful.

Humanitarian work resonates with nearly everyone—regardless of their background or interests, whether religious, media-related, athletic, or entertainment-based—because it is rooted in human nature. Yet it is unfortunate that there are still no programs tailored for these groups—programs that are clear, relevant to them, and capable of creating a genuine impact on their followers.

There are, however, a few notable exceptions—one of which is Qatar Charity's "27th Night Challenge" in Ramadan. This initiative stood out for its deep spiritual resonance, being rooted in the significance of the blessed night. It also featured two or three well-known figures from the Qatari community. As a result, it proved to be a successful and inspiring experience that generated remarkable engagement and impact.

I believe that media departments within charitable organizations still have a long way to go in keeping pace with the continuous developments in this field. I also think their efforts remain focused on promotion rather than media that serves the goals of relief and developmental work.

Hacen Mohammedi: The collaboration is growing, but still in a formative stage. While some humanitarian organizations have begun to engage influencers, the partnerships are often ad hoc and lack long-term strategic alignment. When influencers are involved early,

given context, and supported with clear messaging, their contribution can significantly enhance outreach and community engagement.

Comfortable Environment

What are the key reasons and significance of creating such a network?

Mr. Fouad Sayed Issa: Once established, this network can offer real solutions to the challenges that currently limit the scale and effectiveness of collaboration between influencers and humanitarian organizations. It can serve as:

- A dynamic communication between both sides—connecting them through the platform itself or through in-person meetings whenever needed.
- A tool for developing clear policies and procedures that help both parties reach agreements and build frameworks for fundraising and promoting humanitarian initiatives.
- A means to strengthen communication among humanitarian influencers, encouraging them to engage in meaningful humanitarian action, coordinate their efforts, and exchange expertise in the field.
- A platform to raise awareness and mobilize support for major and pressing humanitarian causes—such as the humanitarian dimension of the Palestinian issue—through collaboration.
- An instrument to introduce charitable organizations, highlight their projects and operational contexts, and promote transparency in their work.

Mr. Swar Aldahab Ali: The establishment of the network will carry great significance and impact—provided it maintains its independence. It will be well-positioned to meet the needs and aspirations of influencers and public figures, based on the unique nature and characteristics of each of their audiences. It will also offer the foundational platform each influencer requires, along with a tailored strategy that aligns with their individual circumstances and areas of interest.

Undoubtedly, the existence of such a network would empower influencers to act with greater ease and confidence. Collaborating directly with humanitarian organizations—or operating under their umbrella—can sometimes raise concerns or cause discomfort for influencers. It may even limit their reach, especially in light of certain media campaigns targeting Arab and Islamic charitable organizations, labeling them with biased and harmful terms like "terrorism."

In addition, this network—bringing together a wide spectrum of influencers—will be well-equipped to propose and discuss ideas that resonate with their interests and aspirations.

It will serve as a gateway for refining and advancing the goals for which the network was originally established.

Hacen Mohammedi: A dedicated network would offer structure, training, and shared values, ensuring that influencers promote humanitarian causes ethically and effectively. It also fosters mutual trust, enhances coordination across organizations, and creates a collective voice to advocate for vulnerable communities.

Numerous Benefits

What are the anticipated impacts of such a network on influencers, charitable organizations, humanitarian initiatives, and development efforts?

Fouad Sayed Issa: The benefits and anticipated impact of establishing this network will, Allah willing, be significant for all stakeholders involved, most notably:

- Strengthening public confidence in charitable work and the organizations that represent them in implementing humanitarian projects—especially among younger audiences and youth who follow influencers and are inspired by their promotional content.
- Increasing the volume of donations and support for humanitarian and development projects led by charitable organizations.
- Introducing charitable organizations more broadly, highlighting the humanitarian impact of their projects and their societal role—especially during field visits to project sites.

Mr. Swar Aldahab Ali: The creation of this network will undoubtedly have a positive impact. I still remember when we attended the 'Influencers for Humanity' conference in Istanbul last summer—the combined follower count of the influencers, celebrities, and media figures present reached nearly 50 million. Just imagine the impact if even 20 million followers were inspired through humanitarian programs delivered via this network!

To achieve the greatest impact, the network must be guided by a clear and measurable strategy. This includes developing tailored programs—designed by the marketing and media departments of humanitarian organizations—for each influencer individually. These programs should align with the influencer's interests and their audience, while also instilling a sense of responsibility through clearly defined, measurable tasks. These tasks should come with appropriate recognition and incentives that match the voluntary nature of the work.

Hacen Mohammedi: Such a network can amplify reach, improve public understanding, and drive action. Influencers gain credibility and purpose-driven content; organizations benefit from increased visibility and support; and ultimately, humanitarian initiatives reach broader audiences, attract funding, and create lasting impact on development efforts.

Morocco's Earthquake Through the Eyes of Relief Workers

By: Nisryne El Rhanhaoui Hadrat - Morocco

On a quiet autumn night in 2024, as people prepared to sleep, the ground trembled beneath the feet of Moroccans. At exactly 11:11 p.m. on September 8, a powerful 6.8-magnitude earthquake struck multiple regions of the country, with its epicenter in Al-Haouz Province.

In those first moments, one question echoed in our minds: "Did our families survive?" But with communication networks down, worry gripped every home. No one yet knew the true scale of the disaster that had struck the country. As the first light of dawn broke, my colleagues at Qatar Charity and I rushed to our office—then headed straight to Marrakech, and onward to the heart of the tragedy: Al-Haouz.

There, it was not just the walls that had crumbled—hearts had shattered too. It was the start of an unrelenting, around-the-clock mission. We began by coordinating with local authorities to identify priorities and started purchasing aid from across Morocco. That very first night, we prepared and distributed hot meals to families sleeping in the open, as the cold wrapped around into their exhausted and frightened bodies.

Unforgettable images etched themselves into memory forever.

Children crying, having lost their parents. Fathers weeping before the rubble that once sheltered their families. People froze in silence, unable to speak, overwhelmed by the magnitude of tragedy.

On our way to Aghbar, our relief convoy was nearly crushed by falling rocks, a stark reminder that in disaster zones, danger is part of the job.

But thanks to Allah's mercy, we survived. This is one of the most serious challenges faced by relief workers during crises and disasters.

During those difficult hours, we were not alone. Our colleagues at Qatar Charity's headquarters in Doha stood by us—minute by minute, sleepless, constantly coordinating, supporting, and helping us overcome every obstacle. Their support went beyond logistics; they sent a field team from Doha to join us at the epicenter, sharing with us the pain, the effort, and the mission of rescue.

Repeatedly, heart-wrenching scenes unfolded before us: An elderly woman carrying on her back the last remnants of her life. A mother sifting through the rubble, searching for a photo of her missing son. Young villagers rushing toward us to help unload trucks filled with blankets, tents, and food supplies. The work was not easy. The roads were blocked. But our team's determination was stronger than every challenge.

We rested for mere moments—sleeping on blankets meant for distribution, inside trucks or on the cold ground—sharing in the exhaustion, the cold, and the hope with the people.

In the midst of pain, glimmers of light emerged: a mother's heartfelt prayer, a child's tear of gratitude, or a shy smile rising from the rubble.

A School Changing Lives in Rural Bangladesh

By: Moin Uddin Khan, Dhaka

In the quiet, remote village of Mohammadpur, nestled in the Meherpur district of Bangladesh, a quiet revolution in rural education is taking shape. Once a region with limited educational opportunities, especially for children from disadvantaged families, Mohammadpur is now home to one of the most inspiring educational institutions in the area: First Choice Modern School, a transformative project supported by Qatar Charity.

Launched six years ago, this initiative is part of Qatar Charity's broader mission to improve education accessibility and quality across Bangladesh, with a particular focus on underserved rural communities. Since its inception, First Choice Modern School has become a beacon of hope for hundreds of children, offering more than just lessons but a chance at a brighter, more empowered future.



A Nurturing Haven for Learning

Currently, 535 students are enrolled in grades 1 through 5 at First Choice Modern School, guided by 18 dedicated and compassionate teachers. The school welcomes at least 200 new students each year, a reflection of the growing trust and esteem it holds within the local community.

From the very first day, students are welcomed into an environment that encourages both academic excellence and personal growth. The school is more than just a place of learning—it's a nurturing space where children are treated with care, respect, and encouragement.

Mr. Md Arifuzzaman, a Grade 3 teacher, explains: "We treat each child as if they are our own. Some come from very difficult home environments. So in class, we don't just teach—we listen, we encourage, and we help them believe in themselves."

This personalized approach has set the school apart from many other rural institutions, where such emotional support is often lacking.

Mr. Md Hasib Al Muhaimin, the school's head teacher, adds: "Our classrooms are safe spaces. Children are free to express themselves without fear. And if any student falls behind, we give them extra help—even after school hours—so no one is left behind."

The results speak volumes: attendance is high, academic performance is rising, and the students' enthusiasm for learning is unmistakable. Once-shy children now confidently express dreams of becoming doctors, engineers, and educators.

The Voices of Tomorrow

The most powerful testimony to the school's success comes from the students themselves.

Tyeba Reza Elma, Grade 3:

"I love coming to school! My teacher helps me read stories. I also made many friends here."

Tahmid Abrar Abid, Grade 4:

"My favorite subject is math. The teacher makes it fun with games and group work. I never want to miss school."

Abdus Sami, Grade 5:

"I want to be a doctor one day. This school makes me feel like I can do it. The teachers believe in me."

Their words reflect more than academic progress—they reflect confidence, happiness, and dreams made possible by an education that truly empowers.

Beyond Classrooms: A Home for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

A particularly touching aspect of this initiative is the adjoining orphanage, also built by Qatar Charity. Currently home to 62 orphaned



children, it provides them with not only education but also shelter, nutritious meals, and the emotional support they need to thrive.

Mohammad Abdullah, a 12-year-old resident, says with a smile:

"I feel like I belong here. I have friends, teachers who care, and I believe I can become someone."

This holistic approach ensures that even the most vulnerable children are not left behind.

Transforming a Community

Before the school's establishment, many children in Mohammadpur had little or no access to education. Families couldn't afford to send their children—especially daughters—to distant schools. But today, the story has changed.

Proud parents now watch their children walk confidently into classrooms, learn in safe and supportive spaces, and dream big.

Rashed Kabir, a local resident, shared:

"This school opened our eyes. We never imagined our children would speak English, use computers, and talk about becoming professionals. It's all because of the care and guidance they receive here."

Qatar Charity's Impact in Bangladesh

First Choice Modern School is just one of many initiatives by Qatar Charity in Bangladesh. The organization has a deep and sustained presence across the country, with projects spanning development, humanitarian, education, healthcare, livelihoods, and support for orphans. Its belief is simple yet profound: education is the foundation for lasting change.

To date, over 100,000 students have benefited from 300+ educational projects supported by Qatar Charity across Bangladesh.

WASH project helps 29,500 Afghan refugees commence an era of dignity

By: Mohammad Ataur Rab

For over four decades, the Afghan refugee families living in Surkhab Camp, Pishin, Balochistan, endured not just displacement, but a daily struggle against the indignity and danger of poor sanitation. Now, that struggle has turned into a story of resilience and hope, as 29,455 refugees residing in 14 villages proudly celebrate their new status:

Open Defecation Free (ODF).



Powerful Partnership

This remarkable transformation is the result of a powerful partnership between Qatar Charity and UNICEF, as part of the Refugee Response Program (RRP, Phase I). It was not just about building toilets, it was about rebuilding dignity, improving health, and restoring the right to live in safety.

Surkhab Camp

Established in the aftermath of the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Surkhab Camp has long been a place of refuge. With limited access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation, the community—especially children and women—suffered from repeated outbreaks of cholera, diarrhea, typhoid, and other preventable diseases.

Community at the Heart

Recognizing the urgency, Qatar Charity and UNICEF launched a comprehensive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) initiative designed to go beyond infrastructure. Behavioral change and community ownership were placed at the heart of the solution.

The program trained 28 Community Resource Persons (CRPs)—local champions who went door-to-door

promoting hygiene awareness, guiding families on building and maintaining latrines, and shifting deep-rooted habits. Their commitment lit a spark across the villages.

More than 3,000 hygiene promotion sessions were conducted, supported by mobile awareness campaigns, a community-led "Sanitation Week," and widespread distribution of hygiene and dignity kits.

Reaching the Most Vulnerable

Financial hardship, especially among large families, remained a major barrier. To ensure equity, the program provided 800 of the most vulnerable families with essential latrine construction materials—water closets, P-traps, vent pipes, and cement. For many, this was their first access to a private, safe toilet.

"For years, we watched our children fall sick and our elders suffer," recalls Bibi Kalsoom, a 55-year-old resident. "There was no privacy, no safety, and too many heartbreaking losses. Thanks to Qatar Charity and UNICEF, our villages are clean, our children are healthier, and we have hope again. Alhamdulillah, this is a new beginning."

"I am the sole earner for my 14 family members," shares Hikmat Ullah, a daily

wage laborer. "Illness often kept me from work. But now, my children are healthier, and I can provide for my family without fear."

Recognition & Certification

Progress was rigorously monitored. A dedicated ODF Committee—comprising government officials, the Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees (CAR), WASH committee members, CRPs, and Qatar Charity staff—conducted evaluations and awarded ODF certification to the villages upon successful compliance.

Mr. Zakir Durrani, District Administrator (CARPishin), praised the initiative, stating: "This Afghan refugee camp faced a high burden of disease due to lack of sanitation and safe water. Poverty hindered families from building toilets or accessing healthcare. Qatar Charity's intervention reached the most vulnerable and has brought a transformational change. Their work is deeply appreciated."

Movement of Dignity

It is worth mentioning that since April 2023, Qatar Charity has been implementing Phase II of the UNICEF-funded Refugee Response Plan, expanding WASH programs across six districts of Balochistan, impacting over 425,000 people, including 276,250 refugees and 148,750 host community members.

What began as a sanitation program evolved into a movement of dignity, empowerment, and shared purpose. In Surkhab Camp, children now play without fear, women reclaim their privacy, and families dream again—with health and hope by their side.



Organized by Qatar Charity and OCHA

Strategic Meeting to Enhance Humanitarian Coordination in Syria

At the beginning of July in Doha, Qatar Charity and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) organized the "Strategic Consultative Roundtable to Enhance Humanitarian and Development Coordination in Syria," as part of their ongoing partnership to promote effective humanitarian work, develop dialogue platforms among stakeholders, and build strategic partnerships that support cohesion and sustainable response in Syria and crisis areas.

Participating Entities

The meeting was attended by representatives of relevant United Nations agencies, international NGOs, Syrian civil society organizations working in humanitarian and development fields, implementing partners of UN agencies and donors, regional and international humanitarian networks and alliances, and humanitarian experts. Some entities followed the meeting remotely.

Objectives of the Meeting

This gathering aims to be a comprehensive and organized dialogue space among humanitarian NGOs operating in Syria, by providing a shared framework for exchanging perspectives and coordination, identifying common challenges, and exploring practical mechanisms to improve the quality and effectiveness of humanitarian response. It seeks to highlight the importance of strategic partnerships,

especially with international entities, to promote a more integrated and sustainable humanitarian approach.

It also aims to develop a collective vision based on principles of coordination and transparency, define humanitarian intervention priorities, and maximize the collective impact of the response to ensure fair distribution and guarantee aid reaches the most vulnerable groups.

This gathering gained special importance in light of recent developments regarding the easing of some restrictions and sanctions on Syria, presenting an opportunity for humanitarian organizations to discuss the implications of these changes and explore ways to benefit from them to enhance access, expand partnerships with national entities, and strengthen the integration between humanitarian and development work. It also represents a necessary space to rebuild trust and strengthen relationships among various humanitarian actors, including local and international organizations, UN offices, and donors.

Discussion and Interactive Sessions

The meeting included a consultative discussion session on "Field Challenges in a Changing Environment and Prospects for Joint Coordination," and an interactive session titled "Towards Effective Empowerment of Local Organizations and Strengthening Strategic Partnerships," both moderated by Mr. Manaa Al-Ansari, Director of External Relations at



Qatar Charity. The participants' discussions covered several key topics reflecting current challenges and available opportunities, most notably: the current humanitarian environment in Syria, coordination among humanitarian organizations, integrated programming between humanitarian and development work, sectoral integration to ensure sustainable impact, strengthening the role of Syrian NGOs, opportunities and challenges following the lifting of

some sanctions, and building humanitarian partnerships and alliances.

The roundtable concluded with Qatar Charity and OCHA emphasizing the importance of follow-up steps to the outcomes of this strategic consultative meeting, to ensure the enhancement of the real impact of humanitarian and development efforts on the lives of targeted groups.

Opening Session Speeches

Three speakers addressed the opening session, and here are the key points from their remarks:

Mohammed Al-Ghamdi, Assistant CEO for Governance and External Relations – Qatar Charity

This meeting comes at a critical moment as the Syrian arena witnesses rapid transformations, including the easing of some restrictions that hinder humanitarian work. It is a highly important opportunity that should be translated into practical steps to help reorganize intervention priorities, strengthen the role of local actors, and open the door for constructive contributions from various entities to meet urgent needs and support prospects for stability and sustainable development.

Michel Saad, Deputy Director of Operations and Advocacy at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) – New York

At OCHA and Qatar Charity, we emphasize the importance of empowering Syrian NGOs and civil society components to contribute effectively to development. We urge participants to focus on presenting practical proposals to enhance efficiency and integration in the coming period, rather than merely reviewing past achievements.

Nawaf Al-Hammadi, Assistant CEO for International Operations – Qatar Charity

It is essential to highlight the pivotal role of Syrian NGOs and the importance of benefiting from their accumulated experience during the more than ten-year crisis in humanitarian and development work needed in their country.

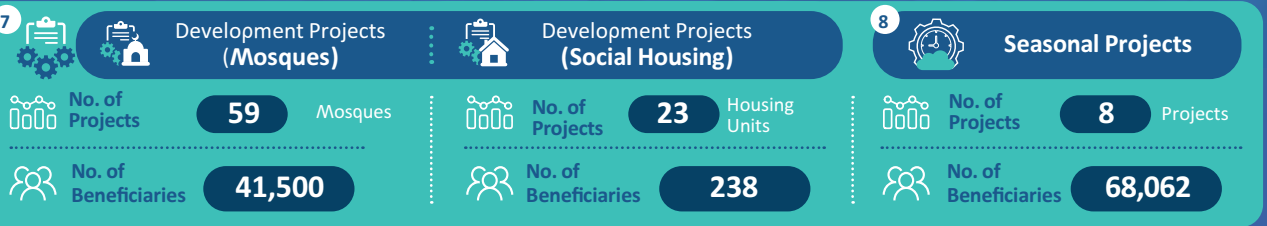
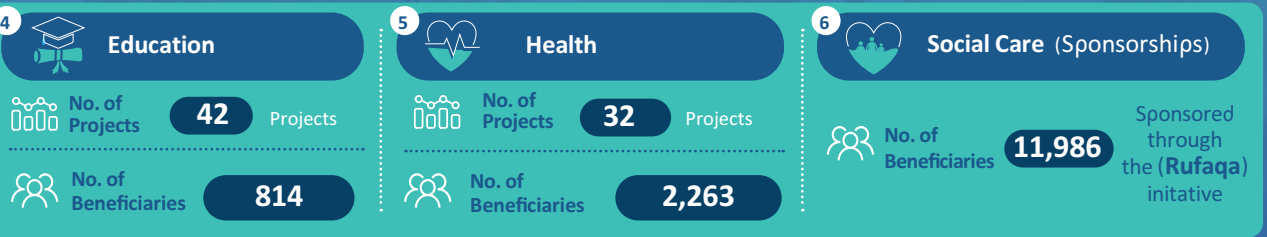
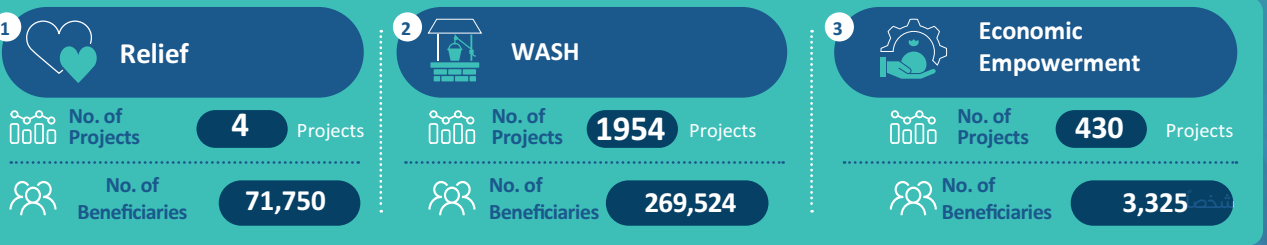
It is also important to commend the ongoing joint cooperation between Qatar Charity and OCHA, including the organization of this roundtable, which will contribute to supporting development, restoring stability, and coordinating efforts through dialogue, consultation, and joint work among relevant entities and humanitarian actors in the Syrian context.

Achievements of Qatar Charity's Office in Pakistan during

January 2024 - June 2025



Areas of Work



How Did Students from 90 Qatari Schools Engage with the "Generational Impact Makers Challenge"

Minister of Education and Higher Education: The initiative is a pioneering educational model in promoting human values through practical engagement, enhancing social awareness, and affirming the role of volunteerism in shaping future generations

Launched last October by Qatar Charity in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the "Generational Impact Makers Challenge" aimed to promote values and behaviors aligned with humanitarian work. It encouraged students, teaching staff, and administrative teams in schools to contribute to charitable efforts no matter how small through a spirit of competition in fundraising, awareness-raising about humanitarian issues, and fostering social responsibility, all via innovative and interactive activities

Students from the participating schools actively engaged with the initiative, as demonstrated by the outcomes celebrated at the closing ceremony held in May this year. The success of the initiative's first edition was evident both in the charitable contributions collected and in the creative awareness activities carried out.

Closing Ceremony Highlights

During the ceremony, H.E. Ms. Lolwah bint Rashid Al-Khater, Minister of Education and Higher Education, emphasized that the initiative serves as a pioneering educational model, transforming abstract human values into real-life practices. She highlighted its role in raising community awareness among students, reinforcing

the importance of volunteerism in building future generations, and positioning schools as vital institutions for nurturing proactive, impactful individuals.

A School for Syrian Children

For his part, Mr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari, CEO of Qatar Charity, expressed his delight with the overwhelming participation in the initiative by 90 public schools across all academic level's boys and girls in Qatar. He also noted the involvement of families and school staff, underscoring the initiative's positive impact on enhancing students' understanding of giving and philanthropy. This engagement ultimately led to the funding of a school for Syrian children affected by the ongoing crisis

Exhibition and Awareness Booths

At the end of the ceremony, awards were presented to the winning schools in three categories: highest fundraising, best awareness activity, and most outstanding performance in monthly reporting and follow-up.

An accompanying exhibition was also inaugurated, featuring 20 booths where schools displayed handcrafted works. A student art gallery showcased creative pieces available for purchase, with proceeds directed to charitable causes. Various organizations also participated in the event with awareness booths focused on philanthropy and community service.

Worldwide

Nearly 22 million beneficiaries across 70 countries in 2024

Qatar Charity (QC) implemented relief, humanitarian, development, and social welfare projects worth approximately QR 1.57 billion in 2024. These efforts benefited around 22 million people across nearly 70 countries, with a special focus on crisis-affected and disaster-hit regions and the most vulnerable communities. Qatar Charity also continued supporting orphans and other marginalized groups through its "Rofaqa" initiative



Yemen

700 income-generating projects for vulnerable families in 2025

Qatar Charity's Yemen Branch has announced that it will implement 700 economic empowerment projects in Yemen during 2025, with a total budget of QR 2.6 million. The initiative aims to support vulnerable groups and is expected to benefit approximately 5,000 individuals.

This initiative builds upon years of successfully implementing income-generating projects, empowering vulnerable groups to overcome challenges and build a more secure future.



Ghana

New health center ends the suffering of thousands

Qatar Charity (QC) has put an end to the suffering of thousands of women and children in northern Ghana who had to travel long distances to receive medical care. Thanks to the generous support from the people of Qatar, it has established a new, specialized health center offering essential medical services. This initiative is part of its ongoing humanitarian efforts in West Africa.

The new health center, built on an area of 375 square meters, includes dedicated wings for women, children, and men. It features a maternity ward, a fully equipped laboratory, a pharmacy, and consultation rooms, as well as isolation and medical examination areas. Additionally, it has a waiting area, and a specialized dental section equipped with the latest tools.



Mali

Inaugurating multi-service center

Qatar Charity (QC), with the support of donors in Qatar, has inaugurated a multi-service center in the Willsi Bougou Area of the Koulikoro Region in Mali. The center comprises a school, a clinic, a mosque, and a solar-powered well, serving 1,500 beneficiaries. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Mali's Minister of Family, Motherhood, Child, and Solidarity.

Spanning 487 square meters, the center is driving positive change by improving the quality of life, promoting sustainable development, and providing education and employment opportunities. Additionally, it focuses on enhancing health and empowering women economically.



Kyrgyzstan

IT school inauguration

With generous support from the people of Qatar, Qatar Charity (QC) has inaugurated an information technology school in the Chuy region of Kyrgyzstan. The fully equipped facility has been officially handed over to the country's Ministry of Education.

The newly constructed two-story building is designed to accommodate 150 students and features eight modern classrooms outfitted with the latest computer systems, a digital library, a dedicated teachers' lounge, and administrative offices. All rooms and facilities have been furnished with cutting-edge technological equipment, including 100 computers to meet the students' IT learning needs. This ensures a progressive educational environment that fosters academic excellence in the digital age.



Somalia

Prime Minister inaugurates an emergency center in Mogadishu

The Prime Minister of Somalia, H.E. Hamza Abdi Barre, inaugurated a state-of-the-art emergency center at De Martino Hospital in Mogadishu, which was constructed and equipped by Qatar Charity (QC).

The center is designed to address critical medical and emergency care needs for the Somali population. It features modern medical equipment, surgical facilities, intensive care units, and laboratories to provide advanced healthcare services. It also includes a radiology department with advanced X-ray and MRI machines and a pharmacy.



Syria

Al Amal City opening

Qatar Charity (QC) inaugurated Al Amal City in northern Syria, offering displaced families a safe shelter and renewed hope through permanent housing.

The residential city, established through a collaboration between Qatar Charity and the Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), comprises 1,400 fully equipped houses designed to accommodate over 8,800 people. The city is supported by essential service facilities, including schools, markets, a health center, and a mosque, marking a significant transformation in the lives of hundreds of families, who have moved from tents to dignified homes that offer them both safety and stability.



Chad

Housing complexes for needy families

Qatar Charity (QC), with the generous support of donors in Qatar, has handed over some 107 social housing units to families in need in Chad, benefiting 750 people. The organization is also preparing to commence work on 212 additional houses, which will accommodate an estimated 1,500 individuals.

This life-transforming project offers safe and dignified housing for needy families. These houses not only provide a roof over their heads but also give an opportunity for community bonding and address the critical issue of inadequate housing. Key handover in front of local authorities was a moment of immense joy and relief for the residents.

These housing units, located in three residential complexes in N'Djamena, Chad's capital, are equipped with essential services and meet high standards of quality, security, and safety.



Qatar

Unveiling the identity of Humanitarian Impact Forum 2025

Qatar Charity (QC), in partnership with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), unveiled the identity of the "Humanitarian Impact Forum 2025". This marked the official introduction of an annual event that will become a transformative platform for addressing critical gaps in humanitarian coordination, driving innovation, and fostering sustainable solutions. The forum's annual event for this year, 2025, is expected to take place in the last quarter of the year.

The forum aims to gather key stakeholders from the humanitarian and development sectors to discuss the challenges facing global humanitarian responses, explore collaborative approaches, and set the stage for the future of this ongoing initiative. The collaboration between Qatar Charity and OCHA will serve as a powerful catalyst for

strengthening humanitarian systems and creating impactful, people-centered solutions.



KSA

Participating in Fourth Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum

Qatar Charity (QC) participated in the fourth Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum, through a delegation led by Mr. Mohamed Al Ghamdi, Chief Governance & External Affairs Officer at Qatar Charity.

The forum focused on enhancing international cooperation and supporting humanitarian efforts to improve humanitarian response and support affected communities worldwide.

The forum offered Qatar Charity the chance to stay informed about the latest trends in international humanitarian work through its panel discussions, debates, and workshops. It also provided opportunities for side meetings with representatives from global humanitarian organizations, allowing for the exchange of experiences and strengthening collaboration. Furthermore, Qatar Charity took part in the exhibition organized as part of the forum, presenting its

efforts and significant accomplishments in humanitarian and development areas to the participants and guests.



Bangladesh

Over 234,000 Rohingya refugees benefit from relief interventions

Qatar Charity (QC), with the support of the generous people of Qatar, provided a wide range of humanitarian aid to Rohingya refugees in the camps of Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char Island in Bangladesh in 2024, benefiting more than 234,313 refugees in the fields of health, education, shelter, and food.



Qatar

Maein strengthens Syrian humanitarian organizations' capabilities

Qatar Charity announced its commitment to building and assessing the capacity of partner humanitarian organizations in Syria, as part of its broader efforts to empower local partners and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian and charitable work.

According to a press release from Qatar Charity, this intervention—targeting ten partner organizations in its initial phase—includes the provision of systematic institutional support, preceded by a capacity assessment and the implementation of development plans tailored to their needs. These plans include technical and administrative training programs designed to improve institutional performance and enhance the quality of response in fragile environments, while also offering ongoing technical support to ensure sustainable progress.



The project will be implemented through the Maein Initiative, launched by Qatar Charity as a flagship program that reflects the organization's vision of localizing humanitarian action and strengthening the role of local actors. The initiative focuses on promoting professionalism, transparency, and accountability within local organizations, enabling them to rely on their own capacities and play an active role in crisis recovery and sustainable development.

Qatar

Emphasizing coordinated action at Humanitarian Leadership Conference

Qatar Charity (QC) hosted a panel session titled "Humanitarian Coordination: Complementing VS Competing Actions on the Field", as part of the Humanitarian Leadership Conference held under the theme: "Transformative Leadership in Times of Polycrisis" on April 8-9. The two-day was jointly organized by the Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies (CHS) at the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, and the Center for Humanitarian Leadership (CHL) at Deakin University, Australia.

The session explored the gap between humanitarian theory and field practice, emphasizing the importance of coordination with local governments and communities for effective action. Coordination was highlighted as a strategic tool to prevent crises rather than react to them. Speakers stressed the need to balance operational and implementing partners in both competitive and complementary roles. Data sharing was deemed essential, particularly in fragmented contexts like Gaza. Localization was

strongly advocated, with a call to empower Global South organizations. Proposals included multi-year, regionally driven solutions to overcome legal and procedural hurdles in humanitarian response.



Sri Lanka

Cataract surgeries for 300 patients

Thanks to the generosity of donors in Qatar, Qatar Charity's (QC) Ibsar (Eyesight) initiative restored sight to more than 300 individuals in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Overseen by Qatar Charity's Sri Lanka Branch, the impactful cataract surgery project brought renewed hope to those suffering from vision loss. This project targets preventable visual impairment, particularly in underserved regions, by providing medical interventions that enhance patients' quality of life and ease their suffering. It also aims to reduce pressure on healthcare institutions, raise community awareness about eye diseases, and help alleviate poverty associated with visual disabilities, especially among those who have waited a long time for treatment.



Qatar

Thanks to Ramadan campaign's supporters

With the generous support of philanthropists in Qatar, including individuals and commercial entities, Qatar Charity's (QC) "Giving Lives On" campaign for the 1446 AH / 2025 Ramadan, successfully reached over 4.5 million people in 40 countries, including Qatar. The campaign focused on those in need, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, and individuals affected by crises, with a special emphasis on Palestine, particularly the Gaza Strip

Giving Lives On
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Pakistan

Clean water for over 10,000 people

Qatar Charity (QC) has successfully installed 80 hand pumps in remote areas of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, providing clean drinking water to over 10,000 beneficiaries.

The project involved installing 40 hand pumps in the Charsadda district and another 40 in the Mardan district. It aimed to address the urgent water needs of vulnerable communities, reduce the spread of waterborne diseases, and improve access to local water sources.



Bangladesh

Life-saving medical initiatives for children and the elderly

As part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen healthcare services for the most vulnerable, Qatar Charity (QC) organized its fourth pediatric medical camp in Bangladesh to treat congenital heart defects in children, during which 110 life-saving cardiac catheterization procedures were performed for children from underprivileged families. The week-long camp was held at Bangladesh Specialized Hospital in the capital, Dhaka.

Qatar Charity also launched its first-ever medical campaign dedicated to treating adults and the elderly in need of cardiac catheterization. Held at Samarita Medical College Hospital in Dhaka, the initiative resulted in 25 life-saving procedures, in collaboration with a team of skilled local specialists, ensuring high-quality care for the patients.



Mauritania

Inaugurating sewing workshop for vulnerable families

Qatar Charity (QC), in cooperation with Mauritania's Ministry of Vocational Training, Handicrafts, and Crafts, has inaugurated a new sewing workshop in Nouakchott to benefit graduates of vocational training programs, who come from underprivileged families.



Morocco

Social housing for needy families

In a humanitarian initiative aimed at enhancing social solidarity and empowering vulnerable communities to live with dignity, Qatar Charity has successfully granted home ownership to 13 needy families in Morocco. With generous support from donors, this initiative provides permanent housing, offering families stability and a fresh start. Qatar Charity aims to extend this effort by securing housing for an additional 20 families throughout 2025.



Lebanon

Educational aid for students

In a notable humanitarian initiative aimed at strengthening the resilience of Lebanese youth in the face of economic and social challenges, Qatar Charity (QC), supported by a Qatari benefactor, has implemented the first phase of the "Support Education in Lebanon" project.

The initiative covered tuition fees for more than 300 male and female students at Lebanese universities, particularly at the Islamic University of Beirut, the University of Tripoli, and Jinan University.

The project was carried out in coordination with the administrations of the targeted universities and local institutions to ensure the aid reached its beneficiaries with high transparency and organization.



Gambia

Vice President lauds Qatar Charity' efforts

His Excellency Mohammed BS Jallow, Vice President of The Gambia, has praised Qatar Charity (QC) for its significant efforts in empowering communities and fostering economic development in the country.

This was stated during His Excellency's speech at an official ceremony organized by Qatar Charity under his patronage to launch the Empowerment and Economic Development Project to Support of The Gambia 2025.

The year-long project, with a budget of about \$1.5 million, aims to uplift vulnerable communities through job creation and improved access to essential services. It supports vital sectors such as education, healthcare, food security, and economic empowerment, with a focus on disaster-affected areas.



Syria

Home Restoration Project in Hama Countryside

Qatar Charity (QC), in partnership with the Emergency Response Team, has launched a major new initiative to restore 300 homes in Al-Ghab Plain of western Hama, Syria. This project marks the first phase of a broader home rehabilitation campaign announced during the 27th night of Ramadan under the banner "Giving Lives On". The campaign, which garnered overwhelming public support and generosity across Qatar, seeks to help rebuild war-affected communities and provide displaced families with safe shelter and restored dignity.



Kuwait

Qatar Charity receives GCC Housing Award

Qatar Charity (QC) has been honored with the prestigious Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Housing Award for the 2024-2025 cycle, during the 23rd GCC Housing Ministers Meeting held in Kuwait.

The award was received by Mr. Yousuf bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari, Chief Executive Officer of Qatar Charity, from H.E. Mr. Abdul Latif Abdullah Al-Mashari, Kuwait's Minister of State for Municipal and Housing Affairs. The ceremony was also attended by H.E. Ms. Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi, Qatar's Minister of Social Development and Family.



Qatar

Joint session on 'Building Resilient Childhoods in Afghanistan'

Qatar Charity (QC), in collaboration with Save the Children, organized a joint session titled "Building Resilient Childhoods in Afghanistan" to discuss the most prominent developments and emerging visions in Afghanistan with regional and global relevance. The session was attended by officials from both organizations, alongside representatives from diplomatic missions, Qatari government bodies, the United Nations, and partners in humanitarian and development work.

The session aimed to exchange experiences, think jointly about critical issues, and identify ways of future cooperation. It served as a platform to highlight local experiences and make the voices of less represented communities heard in the fields of humanitarian and development work.



Worldwide

Distributing Udhiah meat in 38 countries

Thanks to the generosity of donors in Qatar, Qatar Charity (QC) has successfully distributed Udhiah meat to over 850,000 people across 38 countries, including Qatar.

The initiative, which is part of Qatar Charity's Dhul-Hijjah campaign for 1446 (2025), themed "The Greatest Days", reflects the values of solidarity and compassion by enabling benefactors to share the joy of Eid with vulnerable communities around the world.



Gambia

Silent Humanitarian Stand in Doha and World Capitals Under the Slogan "Gaza Is Dying of Hunger"

Qatar Charity held a silent humanitarian solidarity vigil, in front of its headquarters in the Qatari capital, Doha. Several humanitarian organizations from around the world participated in this humanitarian action. This vigil was an urgent humanitarian call to save civilians in the Gaza

Strip, especially children, women, and the elderly, who are facing an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe under a stifling blockade and a systematic denial of humanitarian aid entry, leading to a worsening famine and a near-total collapse of basic services.



Qatar

MoU with IOFS

Qatar Charity (QC) and the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS), a specialized institution under the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at establishing a comprehensive framework for collaboration in key areas including food security, sustainable agriculture, and humanitarian initiatives across OIC member states.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Nawaf Abdullah Al-Hammadi, Chief Global Operations Officer at Qatar Charity and H.E. Ambassador Berik Aryn, Director General of the IOFS.

This strategic agreement is designed to unify the efforts of both organizations in launching impactful development and humanitarian projects. These

include the establishment of food banks, reducing food loss and waste, supporting livestock development, and promoting the exchange of agricultural expertise and innovative technologies.



Qatar

Four agreements with QFFD

The Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) has signed four strategic agreements with Qatar Charity, aiming to benefit approximately 1,307,292 individuals across several countries. The agreements include a grant for emergency aid in response to the flood crisis in the Republic of Niger, and another to support healthcare services at Bab al-Hawa Hospital in Syria. In addition, a grant has been allocated to assist Rohingya refugees in Malaysia, alongside an agreement to implement a primary emergency response project in northern Syria.

These agreements were signed during a high-profile ceremony in Doha, where QFFD formalized 16 strategic partnerships totaling QR 1.92 billion. The initiatives span humanitarian and development sectors and

are expected to reach over 17 million beneficiaries worldwide.

The ceremony showcased exceptional attendance of H.E. Sheikh Thani bin Hamad Al Thani, Chairman of the Board of Directors for QFFD, H.E. Mrs. Maryam bint Ali bin Nasser Al-Misnad, Minister of State for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of QFFD, and H.E. Dr. Theresa Tenneh Dick, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food Security of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the State of Qatar, and representatives from several embassies in the State of Qatar, and UN entities.



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