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# QC is recognized by governments and international organizations

Qatar Charity has received a number of awards and other accolades in recognition of its charitable efforts around the world and the outstanding quality of its programs.

The awards and honors have come from a number of countries and regional and international institutions.

The most recent of these was the 'Sicily International Award', presented earlier in the year.

## **'Sicily International Award'**

The Sicily International Award (men and community) was presented in honor of QC's considerable efforts in building Islamic centers in Italy; supporting coexistence between Muslim communities and the societies in which they live.

The award was presented to QC CEO Yousef Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari by Program Director of The Sicily International Award, Corrado Armira, within a special ceremony held in the city of Messina in Sicily, attended by a number of local officials, including the President of the Municipal Council in the city and the head of the Islamic community in Sicily, Abdul Hafeez Khait, as well as the heads of a number of local civil society institutions.

The Sicily International Award for Men and Community is awarded by the institutions of civil society on the island of Sicily on an annual basis to personalities and organizations that have contributed to the development of society on the island economically, socially, culturally or artistically.

The twentieth award, 'Premio Sicilia 2013', was presented to QC for

services provided for the benefit of Sicilian society.

## **National Order of Merit – Burkina Faso**

The President of the Republic of Burkina Faso, Blaise Compaore, granted QC the Knight of the National Order of Merit, in a ceremony held at the presidential palace to mark 52 years of Burkina Faso's independence.

The honor came as a result of the efforts of QC in support of development in Burkina Faso in various fields, including education, health, social, income-generating and water and sanitation projects valued at some QAR 17 million. Advisor to the CEO of QC, Jassim bin Abdullah, received the medal on behalf of the organization.

## **GCC Prize**

QC was honored by the Council of Ministers for Social Affairs in the GCC countries on the sidelines of the 29th session of the Council, which was held in the Saudi capital of Riyadh. The honor was given in light of GCC encouragement to projects in the field of social work carried out by civil sector voluntary institutions. The prize came in recognition of QC's social project 'Taif', which was adopted by the Executive Office of the Council of Ministers for Social Affairs (GCC) as one of the leading projects in the countries concerned.

The award was presented to QC CEO Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari in a private ceremony in the presence of HE the Qatari Minister of Social Affairs, Nasser bin Abdullah Al-Hamidi.



# QC enters Guinness Book of Records for 'largest donation box in the world'

Qatar Charity entered the Guinness Book of Records for 'the largest donation box in the world'.

The box is comprised of donations from schools and institutions and will enable the sponsorship of 1000 orphans via the 'Katara' Cultural Village.

The announcement was made at a ceremony hosted by QC in the presence of a number of prominent figures including QC's CEO Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Thani, Chairman of the Qatar Football Association and a representative of the Guinness World Records Encyclopedia, and other officials from QC.

QC organized this global contribution project to draw the world's attention to the situation of orphans wherever they may be, in order to lend them a helping hand and alleviate their suffering.

The representative of Guinness World Records expressed his pleasure to be invited to oversee the launching of the largest donation box in the world on behalf of the Guinness Book of World Records, pointing out that the last donation box record was logged in Turkey in 2007, for a box which was 6.7 metres long, 3.6 metres wide and 3.6 metres high, adding that QC has successfully recorded its name in the World Record for a donation box measuring 7 metres long, 4 metres

wide and 4 metres high.

During the inauguration ceremony, Al Kuwari received a certificate from Guinness World Records for the pioneering donation box.

Donations were received from a number of schools and institutions including dozens of students from Read English Boys School, Ahmed bin Hanbal School and Sama Kindergarten.

Donations for the box can be made via: QC headquarters and branches within the state and collectors in malls, by email, or to the following bank accounts: Al-Masraf: 100024470 or Rayan 0003104824100.



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QC Sponsored Orphans Exceeds 50,000

# Qatar Charity Sponsored Orphans Reached 51,400 Orphans at the End of 2012



**The orphans are spread across thirty countries in several regions of the world including Asia, Africa and Europe.**

The care provided includes education and health services; as well as financial sponsorship and follow-up projects providing them with extra help with their studies, on-going health support in collaboration with their sponsors to provide them with medical treatment as required. Additionally, there are income-generating projects for families in the poorest countries, or those affected by exceptional circumstances such as war or drought, with projects

including shops, livestock, sewing workshops and transport vehicles depending on circumstance and need.

The increase of QC sponsored orphans over the past year comes as part of its ongoing quest to help the neediest all over the world.

#### Key Countries

Yemen is one of the most important countries in terms of the number of orphans sponsored by QC, with some 8350 orphans. In Palestine 7000 orphans are sponsored,

4855 in Iraq, 4827 in Somalia and 2262 in Sudan. Other notably large countries include Bosnia and Herzegovina where 2455 orphans are sponsored and 2000 in Pakistan.

QC also sponsors orphans in: Qatar, Burkina Faso, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Togo, Tunisia, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Sri Lanka, Albania and Kosovo.



## Qatar Orphans – ‘Future Leaders’

Orphans under the care of QC are prepared to bear the burdens of life through the development of their abilities and skills using educational and recreational programs including sport.

For example, 365 sponsored orphans in the State of Qatar recently took part in the ‘Future Leaders’ and ‘Future Women Leaders’ programs. These programs bring together vitally important elements of QC’s work with them in the areas of social welfare, education and faith in order to meet the orphans’ religious and cultural education.

**In terms of education and faith QC’s work focuses on the following:**

- Encouraging orphans to memorize and review their memorization of parts of the Holy Qur’an.
- Providing fiqh lessons and self-enhancement concepts and the rulings of worship and transactions.

- Providing lessons and home work duties on good character.

**In terms of the development of individual skills and leadership QC’s work focuses on the following:**

- Training courses in management and leadership skills including: creating leaders, promoting creativity and handcraft workshops amongst other fun training events

**In terms of entertainment and sports QC has organized a number of entertainment events and sports activities including:**

- The ‘Spring Break Program for Future Leaders’ is one of the most important QC programs for orphans in Qatar. This combines training sessions and workshops with visits, volunteer work and community service. The workshops covered several topics, including ‘How Can I Be Positive?’, ‘Creative and Innovative Thinking’ and ‘Creating a Leader’.

The entertainment part of the program contained a visit to Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalid’s Reserve, as well as a course on horsemanship. The volunteering aspect saw the ‘future leaders’ working with the Qatar Foundation for the Care of the Elderly, in addition to activities intended to preserve the environment, such as the forestation event, which was held in collaboration with the Municipality of Doha.

- A football match between Qatar Stars veterans and Future stars was organized at Gharafa Club during the last spring break. The event was attended by a large number of institutions, sports clubs and media organizations and aimed to encourage gifted and talented students to explore their skills and improve their behavior.

## Model Project for Orphans in Bangladesh



Several QC field offices have established child care centers and a number of other facilities for orphans, and the following center acts as a model for the others:

**Name:** Khoubayb Bin Adi for Social Welfare

**- Location:** Municipality of Gongachara, Directorate of Rangpur, Bangladesh

**- Founded:** 1994

**- Components:** This center consists of an orphanage, a school serving from first to tenth grade, a center for the memorization of the Holy Qur'an, a health center, a mosque, housing for staff and workers, playgrounds and agricultural land.

### Objectives:

- To provide comprehensive care for local orphans through the provision of basic services such as food and drink,

housing, education (public, religious and professional), medical treatment and clothing; enabling them to live a decent life and aim for a better future.

- To give needed material and psychological support to the families of orphans, including training in certain professions, such as sewing, embroidery, agribusiness, etc. enabling them to face the difficulties of life and improve their living conditions and social development.
- Assistance in implementation and supervision of the work and projects of QC in the region.

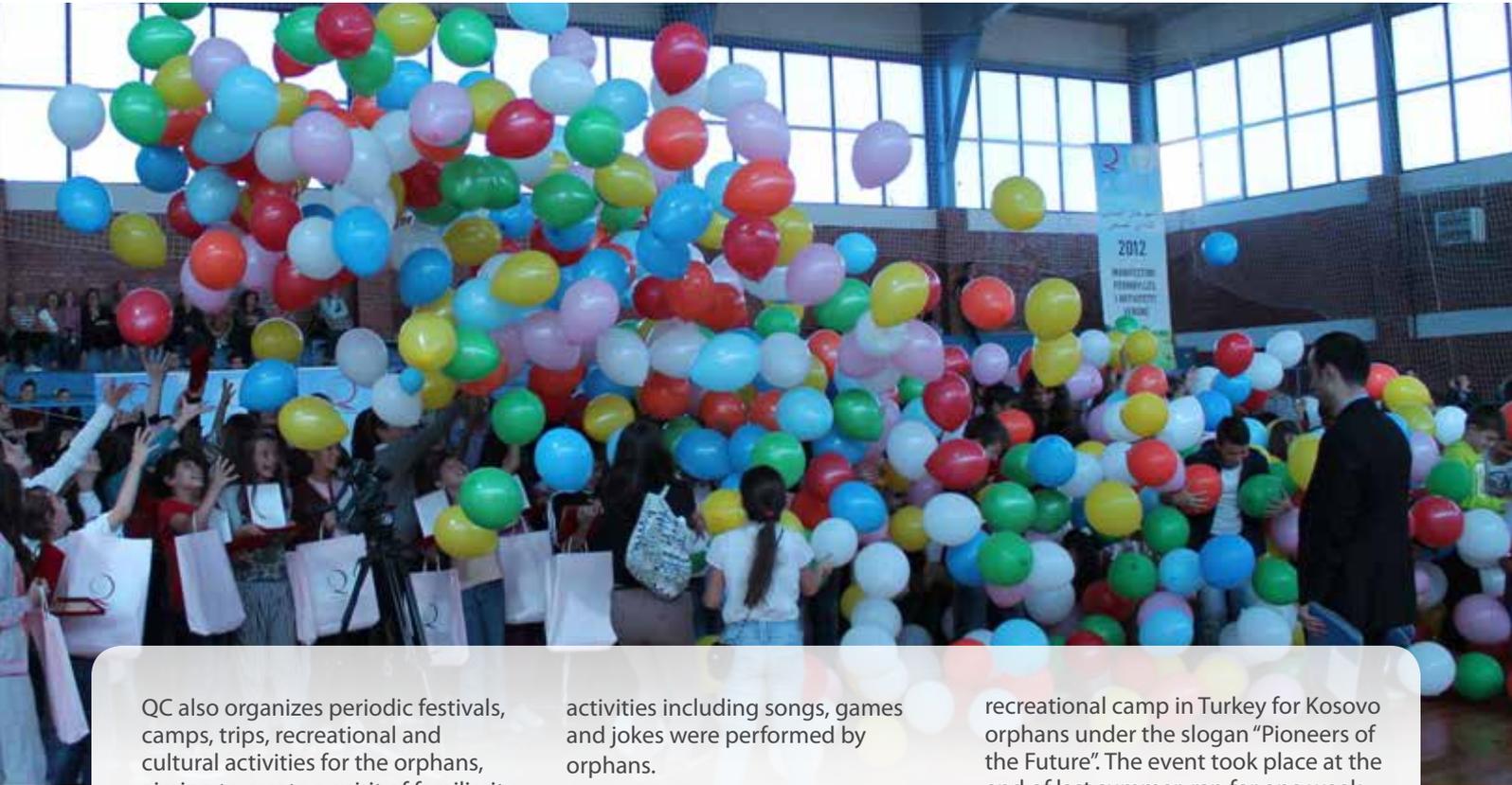
### Scope of Work

- The center oversees the provision of care and looks after 338 orphans who are at various stages of study, including vocational study.
- A number of agricultural projects

have been implemented, such as grain and vegetables farms and fish farming.

- The center contributes to the preservation of the environment by planting trees in the region, especially at roadsides.
- The center provides literacy classes for older people in the area through professional educational staff.
- The center raises religious awareness through the Holy Qur'an memorization teachers and preachers who work at the center.
- The center promotes health awareness in the region through its medical staff.

## Annual Festivals and Camps are Held for the Entertainment and Amusement of the Orphans



QC also organizes periodic festivals, camps, trips, recreational and cultural activities for the orphans, aiming to create a spirit of familiarity between fellow orphans and to bring happiness to them.

**The following are examples of such events:**

### **1100 Orphans Attended the Third Somalia Orphanage Festival**

QC organized the third annual festival for orphans in the Somali capital of Mogadishu with the participation of 1100 QC sponsored orphans, under the slogan 'Orphan's Smile is Our Desired Wish'.

The festival was attended by a number of senior officials and representatives of international organizations working in the country and came within the framework of comprehensive care for QC orphans as part of its annual plan and on the occasion of the end of 2012.

Words of guidance and educational activities were addressed to the orphans as well as recreational

activities including songs, games and jokes were performed by orphans.

### **Kosovo Festival for 400 Orphans**

Earlier in the year QC held its annual festival for orphans in Kosovo in the presence of more than 400 orphans and their families to honor over 70 students of excellence.

The orphans enjoyed an atmosphere of joy and happiness at the festival, which also honored twenty winners of Holy Qur'an and cultural competitions and a winning sports team who were presented with a trophy for sporting excellence.

The events were held in a large gym in Kosovo's capital, Pristina, and included educational and cultural activities, sports, Holy Qur'an recitation and religious songs, in addition to organizing athletics events between orphan care centers and QC.

### **Educational Camp in Turkey**

QC also held an educational

recreational camp in Turkey for Kosovo orphans under the slogan "Pioneers of the Future". The event took place at the end of last summer, ran for one week and was attended by 39 orphans aged from 13 to 17.

The camp involved a number of themes including raising awareness about the Islamic civilization as a source of pride for Muslims, as well as visits to various landmarks of the Ottoman Empire and other historical places including Abu Ayyub al-Ansari and Sultan Ahmed Mosque, the Mosque of Mohammed the Conqueror and the Qasim Basha area.





## QC Orphan Success Stories

### ..from being sponsored to becoming a sponsor!

*Walid Abdel Moneim Mohammed Omar* was among the orphans sponsored by QC in Sudan.

The financial support QC provided him had an extremely positive effect on him and his love of giving and helping others.

Walid was determined to sponsor an orphan himself in the future.

He majored in French and immigrated to the

United Arab Emirates for work and then later to France in order to progress in his specialty.

He has now fulfilled his dream and sponsors a number of orphans in poor families in his old neighborhood in Sudan.

Walid thanked QC for the care it gave him as a youngster.



### A Personal message from a sponsored orphan:

*Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah*

*Through this letter I want to thank you for the valuable assistance you gave me and my family in buying us a dairy cow. This has made a big difference to us in these difficult circumstances.*

*I would like to thank you from my heart for your help. I hope that you do not forget us and know that we will not forget you. We ask God to give you sustenance in whatever form He sees best and to keep you from all evil.*

*-Amina Chirkizovic, Bosnia*

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## Qatar Charity expands to 16 countries

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Qatar Charity Has Opened New Offices in Tunisia and Yemen in 2012

The decision was taken in order to better enable the high quality implementation of projects and services within the two countries and takes the number of QC offices to 16 across the continents of Africa, Asia and Europe.

QC CEO Yousuf Bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari opened the offices in Tunis, Tunisia and Sana'a, Yemen while QC was in the midst of launching a number of new projects through these offices.

QC has been operating for over twenty years in some countries and has several branches in some, for example in Pakistan, where QC operates from seven locations, employing dozens of staff and volunteers.

Other QC offices are located in Burkina Faso, the Comoros Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Somalia, Sudan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan, Palestine, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo. There are also 14 local branches and the Headquarters in the State of Qatar.

These offices are located in countries experiencing challenging circumstances such as drought and other natural disasters and offer quality projects. These are done through a combination of direct QC implementation and/or via a number of joint agreements with local and international organizations. QC relief and development projects include sponsorships of orphans, poor families, students, tutors of Quran and preachers.

QC has won the confidence of local residents and governments



and local and international organizations in the countries where it is present, such as UNHCR in Niger, which enabled QC to be one of the most important organizations operating in those countries.

QC has received several honors from the governments of the countries in which it operates as

a result of the quality services it provides which are valued at tens of millions of riyals.

Increasing the number of offices allows QC to bring its services closer to the beneficiaries and to provide these services as fast and efficiently as possible, which is achieved through its presence on the ground allowing direct supervision.

QC has developed an electronic system linking it to its offices abroad and branches within Qatar, which provides easy access to donation information and quickens the workflow. This system is used regularly also links QC headquarters with 64 cooperating organizations in 30 countries.

## High Ranking Appreciation of Qatar Charity Projects and Services

### **Burkina Faso**

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burkina Faso Blaise Compaore awarded QC the Knight of the National Order Merit on the anniversary of the independence of his country in August 2012.

### **Indonesia**

The Indonesian Minister of Social Affairs Sayed Muakkel: "We thank Qatar Charity for its efforts in promoting our social development."

### **Pakistan**

Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, the Prime Minister of the Punjab region: "Qatar Charity's urgent intervention to help the victims immediately after the disaster (floods)

has had a great impact in alleviating their human suffering."

### **Somalia**

Somali Prime Minister Dr. Abdul Wali Muhammad Ali: "We note the important contribution of Qatar Charity to relief efforts in Somalia where they have managed to reach even remote areas."

### **Yemen**

The Minister of Planning and International Cooperation in Yemen, Dr. Saadi congratulated QC on the occasion of the opening of its office and thanked the organization for its humanitarian work over the past years.



Since it began working in the Gaza Strip in 1996,

**QC has spent nearly QAR 123,000,000 benefiting approximately 2 million people.**

*Qatar Charity has recently appointed Engineer Ibrahim Zainal Musa as QC's Country Director in Gaza. QC is the first Qatari charity to appoint a Qatari national as director outside Qatar. This decision was made in order to further improve the already high-quality performance of our work in Gaza in light of the new and important projects the organization intends to implement. This appointment will also work to strengthen the supervision of these projects and communicate better with partners and beneficiaries.*

Since it began working in the Gaza Strip in 1996, QC has spent nearly QAR 123,000,000 benefiting approximately 2 million people. 'Ghiras' met Engineer Ibrahim to discuss the most important achievements of QC in the Gaza Strip to date, its partners and the problems faced by residents.

**What are the most important achievements of QC in Gaza to date?**

QC's greatest efforts in the Gaza Strip since establishing its presence there in 1996 have covered relief, education, health, social welfare and economic empowerment, as well as a range of in-kind assistance and materials allocated

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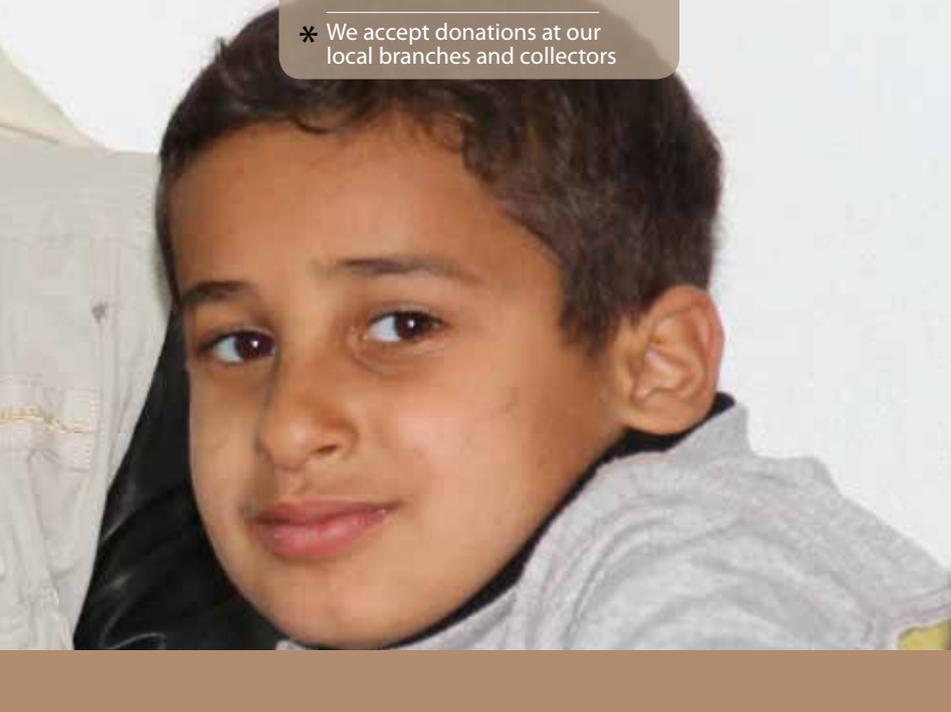
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to needy families through our seasonal projects such as Iftar of the faster, Zakaat al-Fitr and Qurbani.

QC has spent QAR 122,915,000 on these various projects since it began work in Gaza, benefitting 1,991,940 people. We accomplished an important part of these projects in cooperation with our partners such as the Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Islamic Development Bank. However, it is still not enough and we will give more. The needs of the people are increasing day by day as a result of the siege imposed on them.

### What are the most important projects that have been carried out?

Among the most important QC projects in Gaza have been the 14 relief and nutritional care projects which have benefited more than 1,144,000 people at a total cost of QAR 7,379,000, mosques and Quran memorization centers at a total cost QAR 667,000, benefitting 4060 people, education projects, which cost about QAR 37,000,000 for the benefit of 488,200 people, in addition to several projects in the field of social development at a total cost of QAR 43,000,000

and seasonal projects for Zakaat al-Fitr which cost about QAR 18,000,000 and benefited 314,400 people. There have also been health and housing projects worth about QAR 10,000,000.

### Can you tell us about some of the achievements last year (2012)?

Last year saw a number of projects in Gaza, including construction projects, sponsorship, in-kind help and seasonal projects.

Social solidarity projects were particularly successful; including the sponsorship of 3823 orphans, 724 poor families, 453 people with disabilities and 41 students, as well as a number of preachers, and the cost of these projects exceeded QAR 7,131,000. There was also a project for mass marriages for 50 people at a cost of about QAR 500,000 and a project offering assistance for people with disabilities worth QAR 146,000, which included the provision of wheelchairs. Seasonal projects for Iftar and Zakaat al-Fitr cost about QAR 2,200,000.

A variety of other projects were also implemented, such as the rehabilitation of Shifaa Laboratory and supplying it with medical supplies and importing

and endoscopy for it, as well as equipping the departments of heart and neurosurgery at the Children's Hospital at a total cost of over QAR 1,500,000. Work is also under way to implement the rehabilitation and construction of 64 homes for the poor and the disabled in Khan Younis at a cost of almost QAR 5,700,000 funded as part of a joint venture between QC and the Islamic Dawa Organisation, in addition to the implementation of dozens of diverse income-generating projects for poor families, including sewing machine embroidery, shops, fishing boats and sheep and cow breeding.

This is in addition to the completion of construction and development projects that were started some time ago, including vital projects in the education sector worth about QAR 24,000,000. Most notable of these was the expansion of schools by adding 139 rooms, benefiting 9000 students in 11 schools, a project to supply equipment to science laboratories of the Islamic University and Al-Azhar University which benefited 6000 students and 12,000 teachers and the establishment and furnishing of three training centers in the Ministry of Education. A number of other large-scale projects are also in the completion phase, including an 'Emergency Fishing Project', began in September 2011, funded by Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented for a period of three-years, expected to be completed by mid-2014 at a total cost of about QAR 37,000,000.

### Who are the main partners of Qatar Charity in Gaza?

The main partners of QC in Gaza are the Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Islamic Development Bank. These partners have helped finance a number of large-scale projects carried out by QC in the Gaza Strip as well as a number that are currently being implemented. Of course, the philanthropists and benefactors of Qatar are also a constant source of help to us in providing the necessary assistance to the people of Gaza. We aim to constantly build effective partnerships with associations working in Gaza.

### Can you describe to the reader the suffering in Gaza which you have witnessed firsthand?

I cannot fully describe the suffering of the people of Gaza in all its complexity and seriousness, as it is experienced by someone who has seen it for themselves, but what I can say in this regard is that the blockade on Gaza is still standing. No goods are entering the area, except informally and not in an adequate quantity to meet the needs

of the people. This shortage of goods has led to a rise in the price of basic materials. The biggest victims of this siege are children, women, the elderly and the sick, because of the acute shortage of medicines, food and health care. Among the major challenges is the provision of potable water as many of the wells are no longer operational.

On the subject of shelter, let me convey to you this influential image. I witnessed a teacher who lived in a tent with his family of 14 people pitched in the public square of the municipality, just in the road because they have no other shelter and he was evacuated from it. A Qatari lady has paid for an accommodation for him for one year. This is just an example of the kind of suffering experienced by people in Gaza.

Gaza is suffering from a permanent break in electricity which is rationed to eight hours per day for each neighborhood. You can imagine how a family suffers when only having eight hours electricity a day that comes and goes without warning. Many undergraduates are also suffering due to the inability to pay their tuition fees, meaning that they have been forced to quit university, unable to complete their university degrees and go on to find jobs.

Another aspect of the suffering in terms of education in Gaza is the fact that 75% of the schools are now using a 'shift system', with some students attending in the daytime and others in the evening due

to a lack of schools. Even the fishing industry was not spared, where damage from the recent aggression including the bombing of some facilities in Khan Younis has had a disastrous effect and which QC had restored in the past and is planning to restore again.

**You are the first Qatari to be appointed Country Director by a Qatari charity in Gaza. What does this step signify?**

This step comes within the framework of the utmost importance QC places on the needs of the people of Gaza and our desire to develop performance there through the implementation of important projects. I have come to Gaza in order to strengthen the supervision of these projects and communicate with partners and beneficiaries. In this context, I met with a number of current and former ministers in Gaza and senior officials of the university, who all welcomed the move to appoint a Qatari national to represent QC for the first time. Our donors also praised the move which aimed at enhancing QC's performance in the field and raising the level of projects in terms of quality, number and cost during the current year 2013.

In the coming period our focus will be on education, health and economic empowerment and enhancing employment opportunities for unemployed

youth who have the experience and academic training but suffer unemployment. We will double income-generating projects and we will make more efforts to create, renovate and equip schools and libraries. This is in addition to providing greater assistance and projects in the context of providing medicines to private health hospitals and support programs for maternal and child health, combatting malnutrition and other health problems.

**How have you adapted to the reality of life in Gaza?**

Despite the difficulty of life in all respects in Gaza the nobility of my mission and the honor I feel in performing this role compensates for the hardship, as does seeing the reality of the people of Gaza and their steadfastness despite their suffering. One cannot help but offer as much as he can.

**Do you have a final message for our readers?**

I am in this position and on behalf of QC would like to call upon all, especially the Qatari people's delegations and Qatari donors to contribute to the breakage of the siege and provide assistance to the people of Gaza who need everything in every area from health and housing, to infrastructure and education. The situation here cannot withstand more suffering. Your brothers and sisters in Gaza rely upon you and are still in need.



# QC Provides Relief Rohingya Refugees

A delegation from Qatar Charity has provided QAR 1,100,000 relief assistance to the Muslim Rohingya and begun planning a further QAR 18,000,000 project for Burma.

The assistance was carried out in cooperation and coordination with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) following a field visit by a QC delegation to the territory of Arkan in northwest Burma. This delegation investigated the humanitarian situation of the displaced Rohingya, visiting the areas most affected by the violence as well as the QC projects implemented by UNHCR.

The QC delegation included Mohamed Ali Al-Ghamdi, Executive Director for International Development, Mohamed Mubarak Salem Al-Adsani, Secretary of the Asset Committee and Mohammed Aderdor, Head of Preparedness and Disaster Response Department.

Five thousand aid packages were distributed. Each included two blankets, two mosquito nets, a tarpaulin sheet and a kitchen set, as well as 500 personal hygiene kits for families displaced in camps around the cities of Sittwe and the Bocto. These areas were the worst affected by violence and displacement.

QC is also planning the launch of a QAR 18,250,000 project to cover

the most important needs of the displaced and affected in Burma. Al-Ghamdi said that QC's partnership with UNHCR and field visits aimed to provide more aid in order to cover the basic needs of the refugees.

The delegation held a working meeting with UNHCR country director before visiting Sittwe where they were briefed on the conditions of displaced people living in the camps and met with the local UNHCR team. The delegation also visited the city of Bocto where they inspected camp Kien Ni Bien and received a briefing on the situation of the displaced and the various aspects of their suffering.

The delegation learned about the abandonment of the fishing and agriculture industries for fear of violence, and the health risks; particularly among women and children who are subjected to very difficult conditions, including primitive birthing conditions that often lead to the death of the newborn.

QC assessed the needs of the displaced, many of whom do not have enough food and are surviving on one meal a day or less, living in poor and dilapidated tents with no access to potable water.

The delegation was particularly impressed by the determination of the people to educate their children,

teaching them from simple copies of the Qu'ran.

Previous QC projects in Burma have included support for Rohingya refugees on the Bangladesh-Burma border through its office in Bangladesh and an inspection of the Bengali-Burmese border with other charities operating in the country.

QC signed an agreement with UNHCR to provide urgent assistance to the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar in June 2012 and hosted the second meeting of the humanitarian organizations on the humanitarian situation in Myanmar's Arakan State. Thirty local, regional and international organizations participated in this October 2012 meeting and raised QAR 6,000,000 in initial aid.

QC also took part in the first consultative meeting on the Rohingya crisis in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur organized by the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in August 2012. QC was chosen as a member of the Committee on Humanitarian Affairs and Community Development which was recommended by the meeting. In the same month QC launched its 'Burma .. Until the Pain Goes Away' project.



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# Qatar Charity Builds 11 Islamic Centers in Italy

Qatar Charity will build eleven Islamic centers on the island of Sicily at a cost of approximately QAR 28,000,000. The centers will enable QC to better serve Muslim communities on the island.

Four of these centers have been completed to date at a cost of more than QAR 11,000,000:

- Islamic Center in Ispica at a cost of QAR 1,200,000
- Islamic Center in Catania at a cost of QAR 2,000,000
- Islamic Center in Messina at a cost of QAR 4,105,000
- Islamic Center in Comiso at a cost of QAR 3,782,000

QC will finance the remaining 7 centers at a cost of QAR 17,000,000. The cities are: Mazara del Vallo, Balrimo, Modica, Bidona Locata, Checley, Barcellona and Victoria.

A QC delegation led by CEO Yousuf Bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari, Executive Director of Executive Department of International Development Mohamed Ali Al-Ghamdi and Dr. Ahmed Al-Hammadi visited Sicily, where they oversaw the opening of the Islamic Center of Catania, which includes the largest mosque in Southern Italy.

The opening was attended by the Mayor of Catania, Rafael Stacanila, Deputy Governor of Catania, Rosaria Geoffrey, President of the province

of Catania, Giuseppe Castiglione, Chief Justice of the Court of the city, Social Policy Adviser and other local personalities.

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Adding to the tragedies of displacement and homelessness now comes the harshness of winter...

Hundreds of thousands of Syrians are sleeping under the rain and snow...

Tents are blown away... and the sad ruins remain...

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Scenes from Visiting Syrian Refugees in Lebanon from 11 - 8  
February 2013

# Among the Graves



## Adult Pain

*Date: Friday, 8 February 2013*  
*Location: Beirut (Chihaim area), Lebanon*

In collaboration with the House of Guidance Society (Dar ul Irshad), Lebanon, QC organized a ceremony for Syrian refugee children and their families in the courtyard of a school. Here, the words of a father from Daraa area are still giving me sleepless nights when he said in a voice full of pain: "You may have introduced joy and happiness to the hearts of the young, but at the same time you may have hurt the adults because they saw their children playing and having fun while they cannot secure the most basic needs for them or secure their mysterious future behind the walls of this abandoned school".

## Among the Graves

*Date: Saturday 9 February 2013*  
*Location: Baalbek, Lebanon*

After we have finished our visit to the school we went to visit another place and witnessed more misery and suffering, stumbling across a child playing ball between the graves in a local graveyard.

Ibrahim, a Palestinian child from the Yarmouk refugee camp in Damascus fled to Lebanon about six weeks ago. Feeling the despair of being a refugee for the second time, as his family fled from Palestine to Syria and then to Lebanon after the Syrian conflict began. Ibrahim is now living with his family and about 35 other Palestinian families in rooms, some of which are inside the cemetery and the rest overlooking it.

Ibrahim was playing with his small sister in front of the graves in a scene



that would break even the most cynical of hearts. When you look into his eyes you realize he is playing in an attempt to forget his suffering and after a few hours the night will arrive and his suffering and the suffering of his family will return as they walk among the graves like something from a horror movie.

### Widow Consoles Our Weakness

*Date: Monday 11 February 2013 11  
Location: Sidon, Lebanon*

Among the most painful stories we heard was that of sister Hasnah, from Al-Qsair, Homs. She, along with her husband and children were driven from their village to escape the heavy shelling. A mortar hit the car while they were escaping and she lost her beloved husband and children as well as both of her legs and was found lying in the road. She was transferred to the Lebanese border and taken to a nearby hospital. Here she benefitted from a QC project to install artificial limbs. When we sat to console her, we found her consoling us and thanking Allah, telling us that the suffering will soon come to an end.

### Living in a Leather Tannery

In Sidon in southern Lebanon we found Syrian refugee families living in a leather tannery behind the city's landfill. In fact the smell of the landfill is more bearable than the strong smell of rotten leather inside the tannery. You heart breaks when you watch the children playing in such miserable place, with such horrible smell filling the air.

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## Qatar Charity Signs Partnership Agreements with Local and International Organizations

Qatar Charity has signed a number of cooperation agreements with local and international organizations in order to strengthen its humanitarian and development work inside and outside Qatar.

The agreements include cooperation with Al-Azhar, UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), Qatar Red Crescent, Qatar Center for Organ Transplantation and the Youth Centers Department.

### Al-Azhar

QC signed a cooperation and partnership agreement with Al-Azhar and the Islamic Development Bank in January 2013 for the teaching of Arabic to non-native speakers. The agreement came after QC CEO Yousuf Bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari visited Cairo, Egypt.

The agreement aims to form a framework for coordination between the three bodies to improve the teaching of the Arabic language and empower it Islamically and internationally and support Al-Azhar plans and programs to improve the performance of its Arabic Language Center and expand its reach. The agreement addresses the priorities of joint work between the signatories, cooperation mechanisms and tools, methods of finance, preparation and follow-up and any other necessary measures that would serve the Arabic language and facilitate its spread.

### UNHCR

QC and UNHCR signed an agreement worth approximately QAR 3,500,000 in the Somalia

capital of Mogadishu in November 2012 for a project to support the voluntary return of displaced people in southern Somalia. This project is part of the 'Reconstruction' project being implemented by QC for 5000 families of Somali refugees. This is expected to have significant and positive impact on development and to contribute to the stability and prosperity of the lives of these displaced families in Mogadishu and the provinces of Lower Shabelle and Bay regions in southern Somalia. Under the agreement UNHCR and QC joined efforts to restore the displaced to their areas of origin in Somalia. To date they have successfully supported the voluntary return of 1100 families of the 5000 target. UNHCR funded the project with a budget of QAR



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3,400,000 [ how much money is it 3,400,000 or 3,500,000??] while QC - represented by its field office in Somalia - implements the project.

### Qatar Red Crescent

QC signed a QAR 4,000,000 operational partnership agreement with Qatar Red Crescent in December 2012 during a press conference held at the headquarters of the Jordanian Red Crescent in Amman, Jordan. This partnership will provide medical humanitarian assistance to the Syrian refugees in Jordan.

The agreement was signed by Nasser Al-Zahr Al-Yafei, QC's Executive Director of Support Affairs on behalf of CEO Yousuf Bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari and Qatar Red Crescent's Rashid Saad Al-Mohannadi on behalf of its Secretary General, Saleh Bin Ali Al-Mohannadi.

The agreement is the most important of its kind in terms of supporting the medical treatment of Syrian refugees in Jordan. QC allocated QAR 2,650,000 to finance the agreement and Qatari Red Crescent allocated QAR 1,000,000.

The execution of this agreement will take around six months and will treat wounded Syrians living in Jordan.

### Qatar Center for Organ Transplantation

Qatar signed an agreement with the Qatar Center for Organ Transplantation of Hamad Medical Cooperation in January 2013 in order to activate the Doha agreement for organ donation. This agreement seeks to honor the organ donors as well as their families and provide social care to the families of donors after their death, as deserved.

The agreement was signed at QC's headquarters by CEO Yousuf Bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari and Dr. Yousef Maslamani, Director of the Center for Qatar Organ Transplantation at the Hamad Medical Corporation.

### Youth Centers Department

QC signed a joint cooperation agreement with the Youth Centers Department at the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage in February 2013 at the headquarters of QC in Doha. This includes the implementation of six joint

programs to serve the community each year, as well as the provision of transport buses for the benefit of youth clubs. The agreement continues for a period of five years from the date of signing and is renewable upon agreement and was signed by CEO Yousuf Bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari and Abdul Razak Bin Abdullah Al-Kuwari, Director of Youth Centers Department at the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage.

### Additional Agreements

An agreement was signed with Pearl Residential Complex in Qatar during January 2013 in order to receive in-kind donations from institutions, families and individuals to help needy groups in a manner that preserves their human dignity.

An agreement with Aspire Logistics was signed in July 2012 to support charitable work within the Qatar society through the provision of wedding venues, helping facilitate marriage for young people with limited income, in addition to the possibility of holding cultural events and social activities for the benefit of the community.

# Qatar Charity Launched a QAR 52.5 million Campaign for Syria

The 'Warmth for Syria' campaign is the largest of its kind for the benefit of the Syrian people and provides emergency aid including heating, winter clothing and food for 450,000 displaced people and refugees.

## The campaign consists of the following:

- The heating component will provide diesel and heaters for a month for 26,000 beneficiaries at a cost of around QAR 9,000,000.
- Flour valued at QAR 1,100,000 will be distributed for the benefit of 50,000 people.
- Food, mattresses, hygiene kits and kitchen sets for families at a cost of QAR 5,240,000 will benefit around 54,000 people.
- Three projects will provide clothing at a cost of QAR 1,760,000 for the benefit of 66,000 people.
- A project to provide 4400 blankets at a cost of QAR 440,000 will benefit 22,000 people.
- Food baskets will be distributed for the benefit of 75,000 people, at a cost of QAR 5,400,000.
- Tents project at a cost of QAR 6,000,000 will provide a tent for

each family of 5 and will benefit 25,000 people.

- Monthly rent of houses for 500 families will be paid at a cost of QAR 250,000.

## 'The Warmth for Syria' campaign also provides a number of projects for major donors, including:

- A project to treat the wounded at a cost of QAR 9,000,000 for the benefit of around 3,000 injured people. Contributions can be made to QC at three levels: QAR 3,500,000, QAR 2,500,000 and QAR 1,500,000.
- A project to provide 17 ambulances at a total cost of QAR 1,887,500 which will benefit around 20,400 people. Contributions can be made to QC at three levels: QAR 205,000, QAR 115,000 and QAR 63,250.
- A project to provide 40 trucks of flour, each truck containing 24 tons of flour for the benefit of 96,000 people, with a unit marketing cost of QAR 50,600.
- A project to support bakeries for a period of 6 months by providing 160,000 liters of diesel per month at a total cost of around QAR

8,000,000 expected to benefit around 7,200 people.

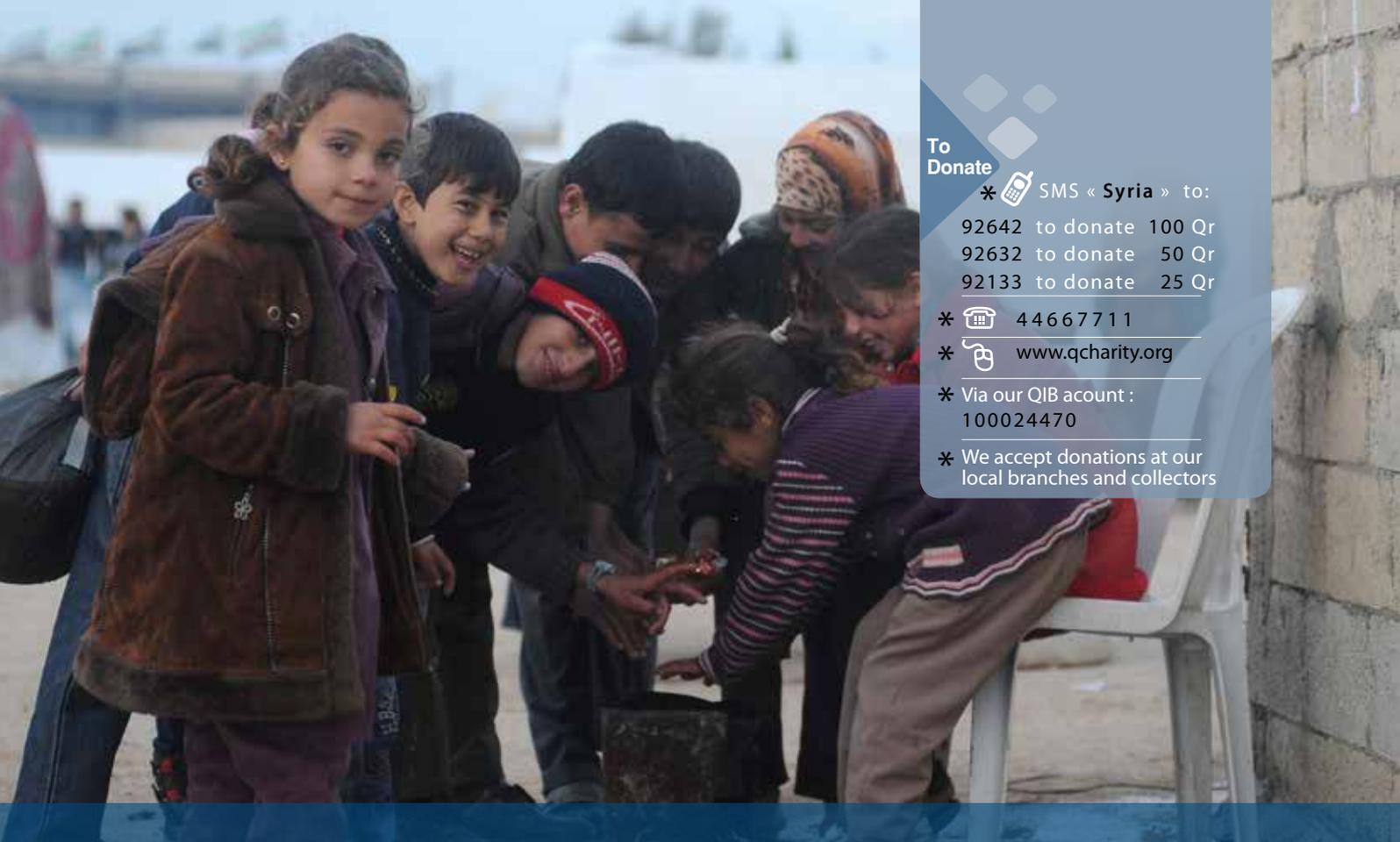
- A mobile kitchen at a cost of QAR 2,817,756 for a period of six months serving 6,000 people a day.

QC receives donations for the 'Warmth for Syria' campaign at its headquarters and branches within the state, via collectors in commercial complexes, by online donations through the website, by texting the word 'clothes' to 92632 to donate QAR 50 or the word 'warmth' to 92642 to donate QAR 100, or to the following bank accounts: Al-Masraf: 470 024 100 or Al Rayyan: 0003104824100.

QC has implemented a number of projects for the benefit of the Syrian people, including shelter, food and medicine at a cost of over QAR 50,000,000 since the beginning of the events.

QC's work has focused mainly on those displaced inside Syria, with %60 of this aid being distributed within Syria, equivalent to around QAR 30,000,000.

Syrian refugees in Lebanon have benefited from %23 of the QC aid, %12 went to refugees in



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Jordan, equivalent to around QAR %3 ,5,815,000 to refugees in Turkey amounting to around QAR 1,758,000 and %2 to those in Iraq at a cost of QAR 1,230,000.

QC spent over QAR 14,000,000 on food aid for the benefit of 172,739 Syrian displaced and refugees and QAR 20,600,000 on shelter and non-food items, such as home equipment, housing and financial support for the benefit of over 91,000 Syrians.

Health projects have benefited 86,500 Syrian at home and abroad at a cost of QAR 15,650,000.

#### Over the past few months QC projects have included:

- Paramedic training for 100 Syrians in Lebanon. The participants received intensive first aid training in collaboration with the Islamic Medical Association in Lebanon.

- Artificial limbs project: for the benefit of wounded Syrians who had limbs amputated after being injured during the conflict. This first phase of the project enabled 12 injured people walk again at a cost of QAR 730,000. The beneficiaries included two women, three children and seven young people aged 30 – 18. Beneficiaries were selected from among wounded Syrians currently living in Lebanon after a QC field visit to Lebanese hospitals, when artificial limb specialists chose patients based on priority.

The beneficiaries underwent all the necessary stages of treatment, which lasted for over a month, including intensive physical therapy and training on modern specialized equipment before the high quality limbs were fitted.

- Bakery support projects: these

projects were carried out by QC and Qatar Red Crescent in order to support bakeries in the provinces of Aleppo and Idlib, benefitting around 6,000 families a day, at a total cost of over QAR 4,250,000.

This project was funded by Qatar Red Crescent (who contributed QAR 3,157,000) and QC, who paid QAR 1,100,000 and the projects were implemented by Qatar Red Crescent in accordance with the partnership agreement that was signed in Jordan. The project provides 160,000 liters of diesel a month in order to run basic bakeries in areas with high numbers of displaced people and that do not fall under the control of the Syrian government, such as areas in the Provinces of Idlib, Aleppo and their surrounding areas, in a bid to tackle food shortages.

**• So far QC has implemented projects for the benefit of the Syrian people, including shelter, food and medicine at a cost of QAR 50 million, %60 of which inside Syria.**

**• 12 injured Syrians were enabled to walk again at the end of the first phase of QC's artificial limbs project.**



## Qatar Charity Signed Agreements Worth Over QAR 41 Million with the Ministries of Health and Agriculture in Tunisia.

- The agreements cover the completion of development projects in the health and agriculture sectors across Tunisia and are part of QRC's ongoing 'Sustainable Work for the Future' (Da'm) project.
- A QAR 5,500,000 emergency aid program targeting the poorest areas in Tunisia has also been launched.

The first agreement was signed with the Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture in the presence of the State Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, Habib Jamli and the Director of QC's Tunis office, Mustafa Alsti, at a total cost of QAR 36,500,000.

The second agreement was signed by QC and the Tunisian Minister of Health, Abdul Latif Al-Makki, at a cost of QAR 5,000,000.

The agreements are the second stage

of the 'Sustainable Work for the Future' (Da'm) project launched by QC at the end of November 2012 in the presence of members of the Tunisian government headed by the Minister of Agriculture, Mohamed Bin Salem, HE Qatar's Ambassador in Tunisia, Saad Bin Nasser Hamidi and a QC delegation headed by CEO Yousuf Bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari and Executive Director for International Development Mohamed Ali Al-Ghamdi.

Al-Kuwari explained that this program

will contribute to the development of remote rural areas in Tunisia, through a number of projects in the areas of education, health, drinking water, support for agricultural cooperatives, creating agricultural roads in rural areas and upgrading social housing.

Jamli praised QC's efforts on the humanitarian and developmental level, adding that these agreements come as part of the implementation of the cooperation initiative between QC in Tunisia and the Ministry of Agriculture,

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stressing that it would open the door to future cooperation.

Al-Makki also thanked QC for their generosity in donating to the completion of these projects.

"This agreement is not just about the material and facilities to be built, but more importantly it builds bridges of brotherhood with the people of Qatar and allows us to benefit from the experience of Qatar Charity in the implementation of projects," Al-Maliki said.

"This is the first initiative of civil society organizations of this magnitude," he added.

QC has also launched an urgent aid program targeted at poorer areas in Tunisia and including the rehabilitation of a number of schools, health centers and housing for poor families.

The launch was made in a special ceremony held in the state of Zaghuan Tunis, in the presence of the Governor of Zaghuan State, Nabil Alhojji, the First Deputy Bashir Neffati, Mayor Mohamed Fadel, the Director of QC Tunisia and President of the Merhama Society - a local partner in the implementation of the project.

The project will improve housing for 37 poor families in the states of Zaghuan and Jendouba, provide

in-kind assistance for 22 poor families, rehabilitate and equip 4 health centers and 3 elementary schools in Zaghuan as well as the rehabilitation of a slum and the purchase of housing for 25 families living in shacks in one of the marginalized neighborhoods of the city of Amenhalh.

Alhojja thanked QC for this important initiative and agreed to meet all the requests of the visiting QC delegation to Zaghuan, expressing his willingness to provide all necessary assistance to facilitate the work of QC in the region and hoped that the organization would continue to support development efforts in the region.

The QAR 36,500,000 agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture will include the following projects:

- The rehabilitation of 23 km of roads in agricultural land worth QAR 9,000,000
- Drilling 100 solar-powered wells for drinking water in 13 states at a cost of QAR 9,125,000
- Supporting 500 professional bodies in 13 states at a cost of QAR 18,250,000

The QAR 4,745,000 agreement with the Ministry of Health will include:

Building 10 vital health centers in central and southern Tunisia at a total cost of QAR 4,745,000

# 'Introduction to International Humanitarian Law'



by Dr. Fawzi Aosidik

The Faculty of Islamic Studies in Bosnia and Herzegovina recently translated the book 'Introduction to International Humanitarian Law' by Algerian academic Dr. Fawzi Aosidik, Chairman of the Islamic Forum of International Humanitarian Law, into the Bosnian language from Arabic. It was printed in collaboration with Qatar Charity's Sarajevo office.

The book has been welcomed in scientific and intellectual circles in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as the first to deal with the subject of humanitarian needs during war; examining war crimes and genocide from an Islamic perspective. Two reviews of the book were presented in the presence of the author and copies of the book were distributed in both Sarajevo and Tuzla in mid-November 2012, in the presence of a group of academics, imams, intellectuals and university students.

## Comparative Study with Islamic law

According to the author, the book examines international humanitarian law in detail, comparing it with the Islamic law by developing a legal framework of reference in this prolific and new field in the international law and international relations. The book discusses philosophical and legal aspects and identifies many of the terms in relation to the four Geneva Conventions and their additional Protocols as compared with Islamic Sharia.

The foundations of Islam have highlighted this humanitarian dimension during armed conflicts by the adoption of several principles, including that fighting should not be resorted to except if it is necessary for lifting an aggression and that prisoners of war should have priority to food over fighting soldiers. These splendid principles of the rules of war and the protection of civilians are stipulated in all the heavenly religions, including Islamic Sharia.

The signing of The Hague Agreements (1899 - 1908) which established the rules for the use of armed force between states was an important step in establishing the rules of international humanitarian law in the modern era and was followed by the Geneva Conventions of 1949, requiring humane treatment of civilians who are not involved in the war.

The book concludes with an assessment of the humanitarian work that came after the Geneva Conventions and questions the past, present and future of the Geneva Conventions in an attempt to provide a feasibility study of the merits and failures of the Convention and what is required to develop and upgrade these humanitarian principles.

## Subdivisions of the Book

The book is divided into three chapters and a conclusion as follows:

### Chapter One: *The Principles of International Humanitarian Law and Their Relevance to Contemporary Armed Conflicts*

- The first topic: the historical development of international humanitarian law
- The second topic: the concept and philosophy of international humanitarian law
- The third topic: the distinction between civilians and combatants

### Chapter Two: *The Rules of War in Contemporary Law and in the Contemporary International Community*

- The first topic: sources of international humanitarian law
- The second topic: the right to war and the law of armed conflict in light of the United Nations Charter
- The third topic: the protection of victims of armed conflict in humanitarian law and Islamic law

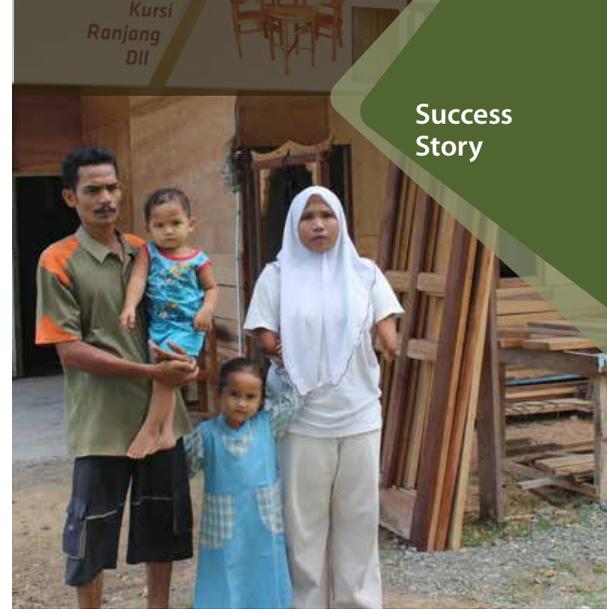
### Chapter Three: *Types of Armed Conflicts and Protection Assessments*

- The first topic: protection accorded to the wounded, sick and those shipwrecked at sea
- The second topic: protection accorded to the prisoners of war

The translated book is comprised of 103 A4-sized pages.



Izmir, Indonesia



Success Story



## Disability is No Obstacle to Success

Izmir was born in a small village in northern Indonesia. Up until the age of seven he lived a normal life, but one day he fell from a tree in front of his house and suffered injuries that left him deaf and dumb.

Izmir traveled to a special school in Banda Aceh, the capital of Aceh, where he learnt carpentry skills; working with doors, windows, tables, etc., and after graduating in 1997 he got a job as a craftsman in a furniture workshop. However, his income was very little and not sufficient to meet the basic daily needs of him and his family, consisting of his wife, daughter Zahida, aged four and son Zaki, two.

Izmir's is not the only disability in his family; his wife also has special needs, being born without arms, though Allah the Almighty bestowed her with a special skill for sewing.

Izmir's family came to the attention of QC's Jakarta office and we decided to offer them some support in order to overcome the difficulties and challenges of living with disabilities and help improve their income so as to ensure they can live a decent life.

Since June 2009, Izmir and his family have benefitted from a QC program that sponsors poor families and at the end of 2011 they received financial support to enable them to establish an income-generating project in the form of a small carpentry shop. The building of the workshop was overseen by QC from the start and with their help it was fully equipped.

Izmir and his family lived in a classroom in an old school for people with special needs in Banda Aceh, but once their conditions had improved, Izmir was able to provide his family with more suitable housing and he

has also been able to register his daughter in a kindergarten.

Now Izmir has moved a step further by employing another worker with him to help him in the workshop, and play the role of a sign language interpreter between him and his customers.

Izmir feels great satisfaction with his newly found stability and offers his thanks to the benefactors whom have helped improve the conditions of needy families, particularly those with special needs, allowing them to regain their independence.

*"Thanks to everyone who helped me to provide a decent life for me and my family. I can now say that disability is no obstacle for me in becoming self-sufficient financially and as successful as anyone else," he said.*