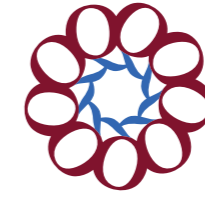


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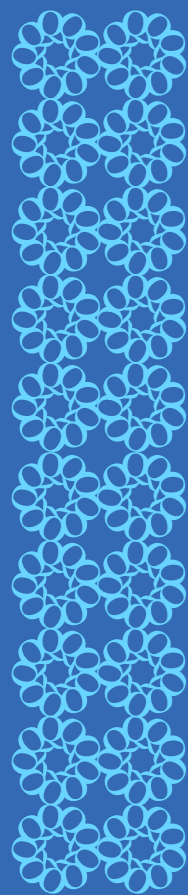


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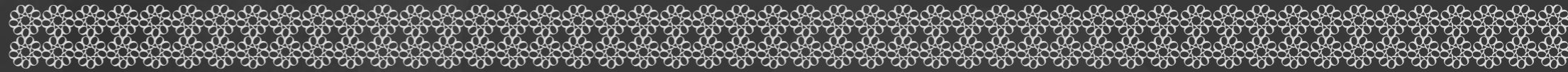
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Summary of 2016



2016

Operations in

18

Countries



Completed

22

Projects



Development

38

Projects



Other quality interventions were planned for the upcoming years



Spent

\$507

Million



Ongoing

41

Projects


















Humanitarian Assistance

25

Projects



Some of the countries where our operations are carried out:

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  Syria
10 projects |  Libya
3 projects |  Nepal
1 project |  Pakistan
1 project |
|  Sudan
9 projects |  Swaziland
2 projects |  Djibouti
1 project |  Iraq
1 project |
|  Palestine
8 projects |  Morocco
2 projects |  Senegal
1 project |  Comoros Islands
1 project |
|  Yemen
5 projects |  Tunisia
2 projects |  Slovenia
1 project | |



H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the Board of QFFD

Stemming from the interest of the State of Qatar in being an active participant in the international community and under the wise leadership of his Excellency the Emir of the State of Qatar, the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) has been able to contribute to and facilitate a large number of sustainable and comprehensive development projects in many countries around the globe.

Stability, security, peace and justice for the peoples of the region and the world cannot be realized without the achievement of sustainable comprehensive development. We at QFFD work with our friends and partners around the world to provide the tools and strategies that help realize this development.

QFFD has contributed to relieving human suffering and investing in education, health and economic empowerment. We believe that these are critical strategies to combat terrorism and violent extremism. Such contributions help to provide hope instead of despair and help make the pen an alternative to weapons, especially among social sectors such as children and youth.

Realization of QFFD's objectives and the continuance of its operations, stem from the significant efforts of the State of Qatar, and its government, to meet the humanitarian and development needs of peoples all around the globe. QFFD aims to contribute to the hopes and aspirations of development, stability and prosperity for people around the world.

In this regard, we assure that QFFD will continue supporting the development of societies and focusing on their rights to accomplish their dreams of living with dignity. We shall also continue to create local and international partnerships to achieve a sustainable impact.



Mr. Khalifa bin Jassem Al-Kuwari

Director General of QFFD

Throughout the past few years, relief and development organizations have exerted great efforts to help the peoples of developing and disaster-stricken countries. The role of the State of Qatar in these global efforts was clear and essential.

Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) is the State of Qatar's agency in supporting those nations through provision of all types of financial tools and projects to realize global sustainable development.

Since its establishment, QFFD has sought to be a cornerstone in relief and development efforts through meeting the international development commitments of the State of Qatar. QFFD has achieved rapid accomplishments by supporting various projects and providing financial grants to more than fifty geographical regions around the world.

QFFD's various departments engage in extensive efforts to take advantage of opportunities that may further develop its plans and strategies. They also explore the use of innovative tools that may realize the organization's objectives in all of its operational sectors including education, health, economic empowerment, humanitarian assistance and infrastructure.

QFFD has achieved noticeable progress in highlighting the role of the State of Qatar in the field of development. One avenue was with active participation in various meetings and forums held with other official donor assistance agencies, and international relief and development organizations. QFFD's work was not restricted to providing financial grants, rather it succeeded in leveraging other international donors to finance projects in countries that are of a priority to the State of Qatar. QFFD also coordinated continuously with local and international partner organizations to plan and implement rapid humanitarian responses for countries in need.

QFFD has a pivotal role in humanitarian relief and development efforts around the world in a continuous effort as a leading relief and development organization.

The disbursements of Qatar Fund for Development for the year 2016 were distributed among the following sectors:



Executive Summary

Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) has accomplished significant achievements in coordinating the foreign aid portfolio. These contributions were derived from the State of Qatar's belief in its commitments towards the societies of developing countries in the Arab and Islamic World and beyond.

QFFD's team managed a variety of interventions in priority sectors such as education, health, economic empowerment, infrastructure and humanitarian assistance throughout 2016. Primary financing mechanisms included grants and soft loans in cooperation with local and international implementing partners.



In its coordinating role, QFFD has contributed to auditing and supervising all of the international development and humanitarian assistance projects financed by the State of Qatar throughout 2016. It has also leveraged international donors to participate in financing some of the projects in countries of high priority to the State of Qatar.

QFFD has also effectively highlighted the role of the State of Qatar in relief and development efforts by signing agreements and launching initiatives. At the forefront of these initiatives was the QUEST initiative for education and training of Syrian refugees for US \$104 million, targeting 400,000 Syrian children and youth. Based on the role of the State of Qatar in helping the Syrian people affected by the ongoing Syrian crisis, QFFD has assigned substantial financial grants for multiple sector projects to support displaced Syrians.

QFFD has also supported developing countries in Africa. It has provided financial resources to these countries in 2016 with relief and development projects in areas such as Morocco, Sudan(Darfur), and Tunisia.



The mission of QFFD, which is based on achieving sustainable and comprehensive development, has led to negotiating new agreements and establishing local and international partnerships during 2016. QFFD has signed a contribution agreement with the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi). It has also signed a grant agreement with the Global Fund to aid the fight against specific targeted diseases. Another agreement was with The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to provide soft loans for multiple developing countries to improve their resources in sectors such as health, agriculture and infrastructure.

QFFD has also signed a grant agreement to deliver assistance to the Palestinian People at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) during 2016. In addition, QFFD signed a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to enhance cooperation and strategic partnership so as to achieve internationally agreed development goals.

The total value of grants delivered by QFFD in 2016 was US \$507 million which was distributed among the prioritized sectors to achieve impact through specified goals.



Vision

- Give hope and promote peace and justice through sustainable and inclusive development



Mission

QFFD is a public development institution committed, on behalf of the State of Qatar, to improving the livelihood of communities around the world.

This is achieved through

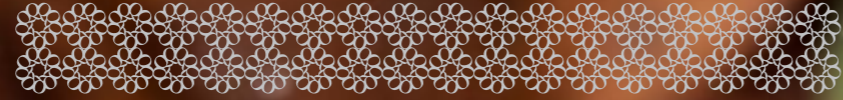
- Providing financial tools to developing countries around the world and beyond for responsive and effective humanitarian and development aid
- Empowering populations through the promotion of education, healthcare, social services, infrastructure and economic development
- Engaging in local and international partnerships to optimize impact
- Capitalising on Qatar's expertise, capabilities and skills to maximise results
- Adopting global leading practices and fostering innovative solutions in the provision of services

- Focus support to developing countries based on recipient needs and mutual interest.
- Deliver on Qatar's international commitments by supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Strengthen local and international cooperation and partnerships to achieve greater impact.
- Build and enhance QFFD's internal capabilities.
- Develop a wide range of products and ensure sustainability of public resources.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

QFFD works to achieve the goals of sustainable development 2015- 2030





Collaboration

Working together to support common values and vision to achieve shared goals.



Innovation

Distinction through fostering creative and innovative solutions.



Sustainability

Providing development that meets the needs of both the present and the future.



Excellence

Taking responsibility to achieve the development goals of the State of Qatar while meeting the highest performance standards.



Agility

Rapid response to changing and dynamic needs of the world and challenges arising from these changes.



Transparency

Building confidence and assurance in all facets of work.



Relief Sector

Infrastructure Sector

Education Sector

Economic Empowerment Sector

Health Sector



507 Total Disbursements in 2016
US MILLION

Main Achievements of 2016




The State of Qatar stood by the Syrian people.


An amount of US **\$100** million


Providing relief projects for those affected by the Syrian crisis

Launch of the Qatari initiative to provide education and training for Syrian refugees QUEST


Signing agreements valued at US **\$45** million

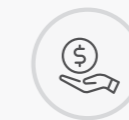

Benefiting 40,000 Syrian children and youth



Implementation of projects in all sectors



valued at US **\$40** million



Support of projects in infrastructure, education and health sectors



Early Recovery Program



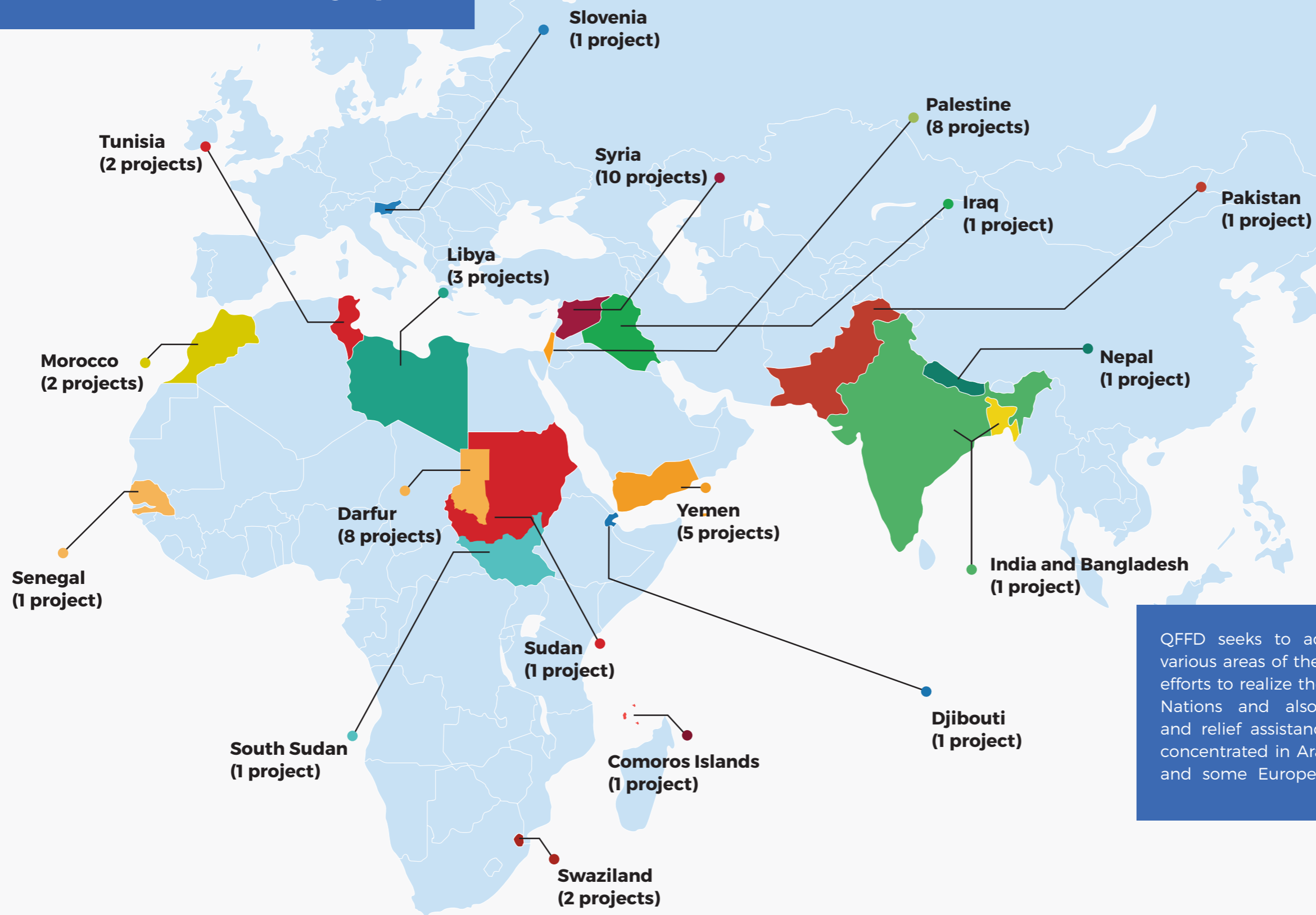
valued at US **\$88.5** million

Project for establishment of services compounds



valued at US **\$31** million

Targeted Countries and Geographies



QFFD seeks to achieve sustainable development in various areas of the globe. It carries this out through its efforts to realize the developmental goals of the United Nations and also through providing humanitarian and relief assistance around the world. Its efforts are concentrated in Arab and Islamic countries, Africa, Asia and some European countries.

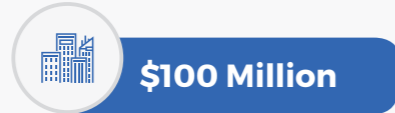


The total amount of grants paid throughout 2016 was \$507 million.

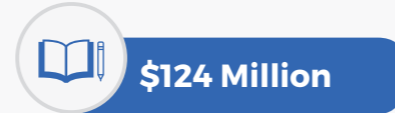
Relief Sector



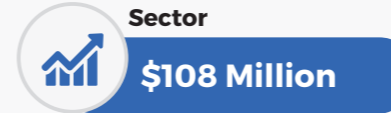
Infrastructure Sector



Education Sector



Economic Empowerment Sector



Health Sector





The State of Qatar seeks, through QFFD, to contribute to helping people and societies around the world to achieve security, enhance stability and achieve inclusive and sustainable development, with special emphasis on Arab countries. This aim is realized through the projects activated by QFFD based on priority sectors and the needs identified by stakeholders and countries. In support of human development objectives, QFFD contributed to education, healthcare and economic empowerment sectors. A key element in the operation of these initiatives is a partnership model with implementers and beneficiaries. **Highlights of some of these projects follow.**



Qatar Friendship Fund (QFF) Tunisia:

QFF was established in 2012 by providing the Tunisian people with a grant of US \$97 million for development projects. QFF contributed to creating 11,000 direct jobs and financing 3,400 new projects, which were partly created by local society partners in Tunisia. The goal is to reach 15,000 projects before the end of 2018.

- QFF assigned a budget of US \$15 million to Qatar Charity for the purpose of social sector projects in Tunisia. The projects include constructing five schools in five internal states, building ten basic health centers, preparing 250 km of agricultural tracts in several states, constructing and improving housing in rural areas, supporting 150 agricultural cooperatives, and digging and installing a number of drinking water wells in rural areas.
- QFF provided financial assistance worth US \$3 million to RAF Foundation to build a unique handicrafts village in cooperation with the Tunisian Ministry of Commerce and Handicrafts.

11,000 direct jobs were created

3,400 new projects were financed

5 schools in 5 rural states were constructed

10 basic health centers were constructed

250 km of agricultural tracts were prepared

150 agricultural cooperatives were supported

\$3 million was granted to RAF Foundation to build a unique handicrafts village



Gaza Reconstruction Program:

\$1.405 Billion Allocated for the reconstruction of infrastructure houses, hospitals and schools.

Built 384 residential units in 32 buildings

The State of Qatar promised to reconstruct Gaza by donating an amount of US \$1,405,000 between 2011 and 2016. This grant was disbursed through the Gaza Reconstruction Committee, and allocated for the reconstruction of infrastructure, houses, hospitals and schools. The following projects were implemented.

- HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa City.
- Al Amal City for HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, with 384 residential units in 32 buildings, which include maintenance, schools, a mosque and infrastructure.
- Road construction including rehabilitation of Salahuddin and Al-Rasheed main access roads.
- Local road and infrastructure projects.
- Construction of free standing residential buildings.
- Construction of HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani Hospital for Rehabilitation and Artificial Limbs.
- Agricultural and livestock projects.



\$40 million for reconstruction of buildings and universities and refurbishment of schools destroyed in the previous war in the Gaza Strip.

Al Fakhoora Programme Palestine:

Al Fakhoora Programme ensures that youth receive education in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. In 2014, Al Fakhoora signed a partnership agreement with QFFD to reconstruct buildings and universities and refurbish schools that were destroyed during the previous war in Gaza Strip. The amount of the grant was US \$40 million.





Reconstruction of Darfur Program

The reconstruction program consisted of a number of projects designed to support the displaced persons voluntary return program. It was also intended to build trust in a future based on security and stability, with a goal to prevent the return of violence.

This program was implemented through the following projects.

Construction of a Model Services Center in each of Darfur's States

The project was implemented by the following Qatari charity organizations: (Qatar Charity- Eid Charity- RAF Foundation- Qatar Red Crescent) over a period of 18 months. The first phase of the project was implemented in five village councils, one in each state. Phase one focused on establishing model services centers with a water station, a health center, a primary and secondary school, a police station and a mosque. A housing compound for those working in these service centers is also planned and families will engage in microenterprise for sustainable livelihoods. Also, families are encouraged to participate in the construction of model homes, thus promoting cooperation and social cohesion. Phase one targets 150,000 people with a total budget of US \$31 million.

Early Recovery Program in cooperation with UNDP in Darfur

Early Recovery Programs aim at building confidence in a future that is based on peace and stability, reducing dependence on humanitarian aid and finding viable alternatives for youth and women through providing education and means of earning a living. The financial requirements of urgent activities are US \$177.4 million. Qatar has contributed US \$88.5 million and the number of beneficiaries of the 12 projects is 6,631,420 individuals.

Project for Providing Clean Drinking Water to the Southern and Central Darfur States

This project began in May 2015 at a cost of \$3 million to be implemented during the following three years, ending in 2018. The project provides sources of clean drinking water to more than 88,000 individuals in areas which suffer from severe clean water shortages. Wells and water stations are under construction in 20 districts throughout the southern and central Darfur states.



Implemented during 18 months

The program was implemented through Qatari charity organizations.



Phase One targets 150,000 people



Total budget \$31 million



6,631,420 beneficiaries in 12 projects



The project cost \$3 million



Implemented throughout 3 years and ends in 2018



Provides clean drinking water sources for 88,000 people



Qatar Friendship Fund (QFF) Japan

Following the earthquake and tsunami disasters in 2011, and in line of the strong relationship between Qatar and Japan, QFF was launched with a grant of \$100 million to help in relief efforts and rapid response to the needs of victims.

The priority of QFF is to provide early and effective assistance directly to victims in disaster-stricken areas. To avoid duplication of efforts, the rehabilitation and construction projects were chosen with QFF as the primary supporting organization.

QFF supported projects designed to meet the urgent needs of the Japanese people and support long-term sustainability in four main priority areas. During the five-year implementation period 2012 - 2016, projects focused on children's education, fisheries, healthcare and enterprise development.

"Qatar Creating Vision" Initiative in cooperation with Orbis

"Qatar Creating Vision" is a new initiative launched in 2016 to provide medical vision examinations and treatment to 5.5 million children in India and Bangladesh during a period of 4 years. The initiative seeks to return these children to school and offer a path to a brighter future of opportunities. The total amount of the grant provided by QFFD for this initiative is US \$8 million. It will be implemented by partner organizations including Orbis, Sight-Savers Foundation, BRAC Foundation and 19 local hospitals.

- A grant of \$100 million** to help Japan in relief efforts and rapid response to the needs of victims
- 12 implemented projects**
- 655,000 direct and indirect beneficiaries**
- An economic impact reaching **US \$120 million** in 2016
- Economic impact of **US \$1.8 Billion** during the next 10 years
- The project aims to support the least developed countries in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation
- \$100 million** grant from the Islamic Development Bank
- \$100 million** grant from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- \$50 million** QFFD
- \$2.5 billion** soft loans for an estimated 30 least developed countries



- Value of QFFD grant for this initiative is **US \$8 million**
- 5.5 million Children** in India and Bangladesh are provided with medical vision examinations and treatment
- Implemented over 4 years**
- \$100 million** Total value of QUEST initiative
- QUEST initiative seeks to provide education and training to **400,000** Syrian refugees
- Continues for 5 years**



Lives and Livelihoods Fund (LLF)

To contribute to the most urgent needs of member countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, QFFD signed a grant agreement valued at US \$5 million to contribute core funding to LLF. In addition, \$100 million was donated by the Islamic Development Bank, \$100 million by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, \$50 million by the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development and \$50 million by King Salman Center.

LLF is an innovative mechanism aiming to raise US \$2.5 billion during five years. With QFFD as an initial signatory, these grants will target sustainable human development, healthcare, and agriculture, and offer soft loans for less developed Muslim countries. The extensive experience and expertise of each of the founding partners enhance the capacity for efficient, effective, and impactful interventions.

A loan agreement was signed by QFFD to provide soft loans valued at US \$2.5 billion for 30 of the least developed countries. These loans will provide direct investments for marginalized people in areas such as health, agriculture and infrastructure. Priority is given to low income member countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

QUEST Initiative

The Qatari Initiative to Educate and Train Syrian refugees (QUEST) was designed as an effort to coordinate current efforts by humanitarian and education organizations in Qatar. It is intended to be a rapid response to address the urgent needs in the education and training of Syrian children and youth who are displaced resulting from the ongoing Syrian crisis.

The initiative seeks to provide training and education to around 400,000 displaced Syrians inside Syria, and Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. QUEST is funded for 5 years at a total cost of over US \$100 million. The initiative is aligned with the strategies outlined in "No Lost Generation", Syria Humanitarian Response Plan and the Regional Refugee Response Plan.



Establishing a model services center in each of Darfur's five states



Gaza Reconstruction Committee



Al Fakhoora Programme



Clean Drinking Water Project in Darfur Southern and Central States



Early Recovery Program in cooperation with UNDP (to implement 12 projects)



Qatar Friendship Fund (QFF) Japan



Orbis Project



Memorandum of Understanding with Margaret Thatcher Scholarship Trust

Based on the vision and mission of QFFD and its belief that sustainable development can best be achieved through investment in human potential, QFFD negotiated a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Margaret Thatcher Scholarship Trust. Pursuant to this MOU, QFFD donated £3 million to the Margaret Thatcher Trust and Oxford University in the United Kingdom. These funds defray tuition fees and residence costs for distinguished students from Qatar and other Arab countries to pursue their studies at the Summerville University College.

The MOU stipulated that QFFD will finance academic scholarships under the name of "Qatar Thatcher Scholarships" and postgraduate studies scholarships at Oxford University under the name of "Oxford-Qatar-Thatcher" scholarships. These scholarships are intended to empower promising students from around the world to benefit from distinguished education at Summerville College, former British Prime Minister Thatcher's alma mater.



QFFD meets with Qatari Charity Organizations to Coordinate Efforts and Exchange Experiences

To enhance partnership and exchange knowledge and experience in the field of foreign assistance projects and to coordinate Qatari humanitarian assistance, heads of Qatari charities and development organizations joined at the QFFD headquarters for a strategic meeting. The purpose was to explore how to strengthen coordination among these organizations to maximize impact, reduce duplication, and leverage resources in pursuit of their international development goals.

The meeting included Qatari NGOs such as Sheikh Thani bin Abdullah Foundation for Humanitarian Services, Education Above All Foundation, Silatech Foundation, Qatar Red Crescent, Reach Out to Asia, and a representative of the Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This first meeting was the beginning of a new standard of operations and will be followed by periodic strategic coordination meetings between all interested Qatari organizations involved with international development assistance. Similar meetings were held quarterly with organizations' heads and on a monthly basis with technical operation managers.

All participants agreed on the need to facilitate joint coordination among them in international humanitarian and development assistance. The advantage to sharing knowledge and expertise as well as coordinating efforts is to raise the level of efficiency and improve delivery of services to beneficiaries.

The participants agreed to exchange information, exchange sectoral experience, facilitate networks with international partners and identify successful practices of implementing partners.

Potential future project opportunities were shared to explore how Qatari organizations might cooperate in financing and implementation. Working together in this way would enhance cooperation, potentially reduce costs, and leverage impact. In addition, sharing knowledge and exchanging research and experiences may broaden the capabilities of Qatari organizations.

The group agreed on the importance to highlight the role of the State of Qatar in the area of international development and foreign assistance. This may include organizing media campaigns and creating joint press releases.

The meeting was held to fulfill part of the responsibility QFFD holds to supervise and audit all international development and humanitarian assistance projects financed by the State of Qatar. QFFD also has the task of attracting international donors to finance projects in countries of priority to the State of Qatar.



Qatari Relief Convoys to Besieged Syrian Areas

The State of Qatar played a pivotal role in sending urgent relief assistance to the Syrian people and exerting significant efforts to mitigate the crisis. QFFD continues to provide various kinds of support to secure the safety of civilians and contribute to the reconstruction of some destroyed areas. QFFD also provides humanitarian support to the residents of heavily impacted regions through targeted projects and assistance. In particular, QFFD provided a grant valued at QAR 10 million to support relief efforts for those affected in the city of Aleppo.

Urgent humanitarian assistance from the State of Qatar's \$100 million pledge was announced at the Donor Conference held in London, UK. This support was in direct response to the recent devastation in Syria.

Since the implementation of the ceasefire in Syria in September 2015, QFFD has given urgent attention to providing assistance particularly to besieged areas, in cooperation with Qatari humanitarian organizations and United Nations agencies. Humanitarian convoys were sent to affected regions carrying supplies including materials, food and medicine. Qatar also provided ambulances, medical equipment, and equipment for civil defense personnel.

Qatari assistance and other humanitarian projects are implemented in alignment with international standards for humanitarian aid so that they can be recognized by the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) as part of the Humanitarian Response Plan.

QFFD provides necessary support for relief aid projects in an effort to help achieve a quick and effective response to those affected by disasters and crises around the world. QFFD remains active in providing relief to civilians based on its humanitarian commitments, of which the contributions by the State of Qatar to provide security and achieve stability for Syrians, is a part.



QFFD Donates US \$5 million to the Joint Humanitarian Trust in Turkey

The Syrian crisis enters its sixth year and with it Syrians enter a new stage of continuous and unprecedented suffering leading to significant deterioration in all humanitarian sectors. UN statistics say that 6.5 million people have been displaced inside Syrian territories. Approximately 5 million others have fled in search for security in other countries. An estimated 13.5 million Syrians are in need of protection and assistance.

QFFD donated US \$5 million to provide relief for Syrian refugees through an agreement to support the Joint Humanitarian Trust in Turkey.

The urgent assistance comes as part of the State of Qatar's commitments made at the Donor Conference in the UK for US \$100 million to meet the humanitarian needs of Syrians.

Qatari assistance supporting the Joint Humanitarian Trust in Turkey contributes to improving the needs-based and targeted humanitarian response. This includes support for nutritional needs, sheltering and medical services as outlined in the humanitarian response plan. It also widens provision of assistance to besieged areas that are difficult to reach, through partnership with local and international organizations.



QFFD believes in comprehensive work and integration of roles. QFFD relies on a network of partners to achieve its goals. These include many local and international institutions and organizations active in the area of development and pioneers in priority sectors. This ensures the application of project implementation mechanisms with high professionalism to effectively reach beneficiaries. This approach is based on QFFD's belief in the role of partnership in achieving a greater impact with its interventions through collaboration with experienced organizations.



Regional and International Partners



Local Partners







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