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**GIVE HOPE AND  
PROMOTE PEACE  
AND JUSTICE  
THROUGH  
SUSTAINABLE  
AND INCLUSIVE  
DEVELOPMENT.**



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The preamble to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has emphasised the significance of collective efforts among countries, communities, and individuals in the pursuit of a sustainable and prosperous future for all.

We face many challenges for the years to come. The past year has presented us with an array of events that served as proof that QFFD needs to continue its efforts to fight against the weakening of health and education systems' infrastructure, acute food insecurity, loss of livelihoods, fiscal challenges, and the alarming effects of climate change. These events have also highlighted the need for solidarity and collaboration across borders.

The urgency and significance of addressing climate change have reached a pivotal milestone this year with the climate conference COP 26 in Scotland. This event served as a powerful reminder for us to intensify our global efforts to combat climate change. Recognising that least developed countries and Small Island developing states are among the most vulnerable, Qatar Fund mobilised support to implement resilient strategies, preparing these regions to mitigate the impacts of extreme weather events and rising ocean levels, while safeguarding their development gains. Simultaneously, QFFD addressed the imperative of reviving the economic growth of low-income countries through infrastructure development projects and programmes that fostered entrepreneurship and job creation, thereby strengthening local economies' resilience.

On the other hand, the frequency and severity of natural calamities and wars on developing and least developed countries, compounded by deteriorating public infrastructure, fragile economies, and weak governance, all amplified the impact of destruction and the loss of lives. That is why, during the past year, Qatar Fund for Development was among the first responders to humanitarian crises through immediate emergency relief aid and early recovery interventions, particularly targeting internally displaced people, refugees, and other vulnerable communities.

To maximize the impact of its projects, QFFD maintained close collaboration with strategic partners, including various UN agencies and multilateral institutions. By contributing to their core operations, QFFD aimed to enable and strengthen the multilateral systems responsible for delivering important mandates. The Fund also forged new collaboration agreements across different sectors to address urgent global issues effectively.

As we reflect on these achievements, we are inspired to redouble our efforts in our journey towards an inclusive and sustainable world, rebuilding our communities better, stronger, and faster. Our commitment remains the same—no one should be left behind.

# CHAIRMAN MESSAGE



## **H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani**

Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Chairman of the Board

In an era defined by increasingly complex and interconnected global challenges, Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), among other donors, emphasizes the necessity for collective action and collaborative efforts. It has been resolute in its commitment to fostering sustainable development and driving positive change that transcends geographical boundaries and empowers communities across the world. Guided by the transformative vision and comprehensive framework of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we are steadfast in our mission to make meaningful contributions that leave a lasting impact on the lives of individuals and societies.

To achieve our ambitious goals, QFFD continues to partner with a diverse range of partners. We work hand in hand with experienced actors in the field of humanitarian and development aid, both nationally and internationally, to leverage their expertise and resources. Our national strategic partners include Qatari NGOs, government agencies, and the private sector, while our international partners encompass esteemed organisations such as UN agencies, international institutions, and development funds. Through these partnerships, we tap into collective wisdom and mobilize resources to amplify our impact and deliver sustainable development solutions on a global scale.

In fulfilling our mandate, QFFD adheres to the best practices and professional standards in the field of international development and humanitarian aid. We are fully committed to providing foreign aid through a variety of financial instruments while tailoring our support to the specific needs of partner countries in an effort to maximize the impact of our interventions. At the heart of QFFD's approach lies an unwavering belief in the power of partnerships. We recognize that collective action is the cornerstone of achieving lasting impact, and as such, we forge strategic collaborations with esteemed organisations and like-minded allies, both at the national and international levels. By pooling our resources, expertise, and networks, we are able to effectively implement initiatives that address critical global issues and drive progress on a scale that would be unattainable through individual efforts alone.

Our efforts encompass a wide range of sectors and thematic areas, reflecting our comprehensive approach to sustainable development. Education, as a catalyst for transformation, occupies a central place in our endeavours. Through our commitment to education and capacity development, we strive to provide individuals with the tools, knowledge, and skills necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world. By supporting scholarships, vocational training programs, and access to schools and educational institutions, we empower future leaders to actively contribute to sustainable development efforts, fuelling innovation and progress across diverse fields.

In the context of our emphasis on economic development and job creation, gender equality and the empowerment of women represent fundamental pillars of our work. We recognize the indispensable role women play in driving sustainable development and fostering inclusive societies. By prioritising initiatives that break down gender barriers, promote equal opportunities, and support women's economic and social empowerment, we seek to create an environment where everyone can contribute to economic growth and benefit from development outcomes.

Moreover, our commitment to humanitarian aid remains unyielding. We stand ready to respond swiftly and effectively to crises, providing essential support to vulnerable populations affected by natural disasters, conflicts, and pandemics. By collaborating with local and international partners, we deliver critical assistance that addresses immediate needs, promotes resilience, and lays the groundwork for long-term recovery and development.

Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) maintains its steadfast commitment to realising Qatar's national vision 2030. By forging strategic partnerships, implementing innovative initiatives, and leveraging collective action, QFFD will continue to contribute to sustainable development. Gratitude is extended to our dedicated staff, our esteemed partners in national and international organisations, for the unwavering support that fuels our achievements. Together, we strive to create a brighter future, overcoming challenges and fostering sustainable development on a global scale. Their ultimate aim is to shape a world where every individual has the opportunity to thrive, leaving no one behind.

# DIRECTOR GENERAL MESSAGE



**H.E. Khalifa bin Jassim Al-Kuwari**  
Director General of Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD)

The world is currently grappling with a myriad of challenges that require collective action and concerted efforts to overcome. These challenges include armed conflicts and hostilities, limited access to formal education and healthcare, and natural disasters, to name a few. Addressing these issues is crucial to achieving sustainable development and creating a better future for all.

This is not a task for a single organisation, or even a single government. At QFFD, we deeply value our national and international partnerships whose support enables us to contribute significantly towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

In pursuit of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, QFFD and its partner have been involved in several initiatives in the last year. Under the umbrella of Sports for Development and Peace, we have initiated a dedicated grant programme to support young leaders in preparation for the upcoming 2022 FIFA World Cup. This programme aims to fund and support the Sport for Development and Peace programme (SDP) in various local communities. Additionally, in collaboration with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (OSRSG CAAC), we have participated in Generation Amazing's Youth Festival. This joint effort aimed to raise awareness about the challenges faced by children affected by armed conflict and foster international cooperation to improve their protection.

Another significant initiative we have launched this year is "Women in Conflict Zones." The aim of this initiative is to mobilize efforts and provide support for the protection of women in conflict zones, while also promoting their participation in the economic and social sectors. By prioritising women's empowerment and gender equality, we strive to create a decent life for them. Through this initiative, we will focus on humanitarian and development assistance, including access to funding programmes for women, education, capacity development programs, and vocational training, all of which are crucial in bringing about positive changes in the lives of women in conflict zones.

on an equal footing, we have partnered with Orbis to launch a groundbreaking training programme onboard the Flying Eye Hospital. This unique medical training programme aims to empower women in eye care from vulnerable communities, aligning with our "Women in Conflict Zones" and "Qatar Creating Vision" initiatives.

Our commitment to education and capacity development is evident through the Qatar Scholarships Program. In 2022, we awarded scholarships to 251 new students, expanding access to quality education. Our recent graduation ceremonies at Qatar University and Geneva Graduate Institute celebrated the success of 144 students, including 52 from developing countries. These partnerships promote sustainable development and provide opportunities for future leaders.

Lastly, I would like to highlight our ongoing humanitarian aid efforts. In collaboration with our partners, we have provided emergency relief and aid to those affected by heavy rains and floods in the Republic of Chad, benefiting over 14,000 individuals. Additionally, we have dispatched 4.7 tons of urgent medical aid to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, reinforcing our commitment to supporting nations in times of crisis. Last but not least, we continued to be fulfilling our commitment to the Syrian people under the Brussels annual pledge, supporting thousands of people inside Syria and in neighbouring host countries.

I once again extend my deepest gratitude to our esteemed partners, international organisations, and dedicated employees at QFFD for their unwavering support and dedication. Together, through collective action, we can create a brighter and more sustainable future for all.

# Global outreach for a sustainable future

In 2022, QFFD and its partners committed funding towards sustainable development and humanitarian relief, making a difference to the lives of people in over 60 countries around the world.

## Asia

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Kazakhstan
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka
- Tajikistan
- Türkiye
- Vietnam

## Europe

- Albania
- Poland
- Russia
- Ukraine

## Oceania

- Kiribati

## Americas

- Colombia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Mexico
- Paraguay

## Sub-Saharan Africa

- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon
- Chad
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone

- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

## MENA

- Algeria
- Djibouti
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Morocco
- Palestine
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tunisia
- Yemen



## Number of recipient countries in 2022

# 64

### Recipient countries in 2022

Afghanistan	Iraq	Russia
Albania	Jordan	Rwanda
Algeria	Kazakhstan	Senegal
Bangladesh	Kenya	Seychelles
Burkina Faso	Kiribati	Sierra Leone
Cambodia	Lebanon	Somalia
Cameroon	Liberia	South Africa
Chad	Libya	South Sudan
Colombia	Malawi	Sri Lanka
Cote d'Ivoire	Malaysia	Sudan
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mali	Syria
Djibouti	Mexico	Tajikistan
Eswatini	Morocco	Tanzania
Ethiopia	Mozambique	Tunisia
Gambia	Myanmar	Türkiye
Ghana	Nepal	Uganda
Guatemala	Nigeria	Ukraine
Haiti	Pakistan	Vietnam
India	Palestine	Yemen
Indonesia	Paraguay	Zambia
Iran	Philippines	Zimbabwe
	Poland	

In 2022, the Qatar Fund for Development disbursed **\$707.6 million** in aid to support over **60** countries across various vital sectors as follows:

### Disbursement in 2022

 Budget Support  
**\$52,96 million**

Economic Development   
**\$53,65 million**

 Education  
**\$101,34 million**

Healthcare   
**\$71,36 million**

 Relief aid  
**\$412,14 million**

Other Sectors   
**\$16,14 million**

# FLAGSHIP INITIATIVES

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**EMPOWERING DREAMS,  
ENRICHING LIVES**

In 2022, QFFD launched or continued engaging in several flagship initiatives.

## Qatar Fund for Development launches Women in Conflict Zone in 2022

Launched in 2022 by QFFD at the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, the 'Women in Conflict Zones' (WICZ) Initiative signifies our unwavering dedication to women and girls in conflict situations.

In the midst of conflict and warfare, women and young girls still confront elevated levels of violence, poverty, exclusion, and marginalisation. They frequently become direct targets, experiencing repercussions that only exacerbate their vulnerability. Moreover, women often suffer as victims of conflict and instability, failing to be recognised for their critical roles in their societies as agents of change.

The Initiative aims to safeguard women and girls in conflict zones and foster their involvement in economic and social realms to improve their quality of life. It empowers and equips them to take on leadership positions within their communities and societies, actively participating in peacebuilding and conflict resolution endeavours.

WICZ identifies, finances, and provides technical support for projects that bolster and enable women and girls in six essential areas, which encompass crisis response, education, healthcare, economic empowerment, technology, and peacebuilding.



## Sports for Development & Peace Launched in 2022

The Sport for Development and Peace Initiative (SDP), a joint initiative of QFFD and Qatar Charity that comprises a Memorandum of Understanding with the Generation Amazing Foundation, emphasizes on the significant role of sport as a tool to attain individual, community, national and international development objectives and address challenges that arise from humanitarian crises and in conflict and post-conflict settings. Aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Qatar's National Vision 2030, this initiative builds upon Qatar's successful track record in hosting international sporting events with a focus on ensuring a lasting legacy, Qatar's leadership in co-chairing the UN Group of Friends of Sports for Development and Peace and its instrumental role in adopting the Doha Declaration that integrates crime prevention, criminal justice, and broader socio-economic challenges into the UN agenda. The SDP Initiative aims to enhance human development and promote peace through using and advocating for the use of sports as an effective tool in humanitarian, development, and peace building efforts, generate and disseminate further evidence on the impact of sports in development, humanitarian, and peacebuilding, and to position Qatar as a leading actor in the global Sport for Development and Peace Movement.





## Expansion of Scholarships in Qatar

Qatar Scholarships (QS) is an initiative implemented in cooperation with several leading educational institutions in the State of Qatar and internationally aiming to expand access to scholarships for quality tertiary education to students from developing countries. Driven by the Qatar National Vision 2030 and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4, QS contributes to ensuring fair and inclusive education and enhancing lifelong learning for all. The Initiative is committed to building capacities of and enabling future leaders from developing countries to tap into their full potential and contribute to sustainable, peaceful, and inclusive development in their home countries. The provision of scholarships ensures fair, equal, and inclusive opportunities for tertiary education including undergraduate, master's, and PhD degrees, as well as language programs, vocational and technical training. Since the program's establishment, scholarships have been provided to over 700 international students representing more than 90 different countries.

In 2022, Qatar Scholarships witnessed the successful graduation of 79 students and provided scholarships to more than 250 students to continue their education.





## Improving Eyesight with the Qatar Creating Vision Initiative

In addition, the Qatar Creating Vision initiative, a collaboration between QFFD and Orbis, has made significant progress in Ethiopia. The initiative has provided crucial eye care services, including surgeries and eyeglasses, to 1,344 people in need. Trachoma, a preventable and treatable disease, remains a burden in rural Ethiopia, with women being more severely affected. The project has made significant strides in addressing this gender imbalance through surgery for trachoma trichiasis, with 74 percent of patients being women. Over the next two years, the initiative aims to deliver over 300,000 services, including screenings, antibiotics, spectacles, and surgeries, to communities in Ethiopia. The project also prioritises training case finders and teachers to identify eye conditions and ensure more individuals receive necessary care.

Through collaboration and compassion, Qatar, Orbis, and their partners demonstrate the power of addressing global health challenges and ensuring access to essential eye care for all. This initiative serves as an example of the impact that can be achieved through strategic partnerships and dedicated efforts towards improving eye care worldwide.





# EDUCATION PROJECTS

## EMPOWERING FUTURE GENERATIONS

### UNLOCKING THE POWER OF EDUCATION FOR ALL

Education is the foundation for progress and human development. It empowers individuals, strengthens communities, and drives socio-economic growth.

Qatar Fund's education projects aim to rebuild and revitalize education, ensuring that no one is left behind. By investing in infrastructure, providing resources, and supporting students and institutions, we are paving the way for a brighter future.



## Supporting Education Projects in Least Developed Countries

QFFD, in collaboration with the Education Above All Foundation (EAA), signed seven agreements aimed at supporting the education sector in several of the less developed countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

The agreements, signed in the Republic of Uganda, the Federal Republic of Somalia, the Republics of Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and South Sudan, in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and in Haiti, are part of EAA's Educate a Child program, which focuses on providing quality education opportunities for out-of-school children.

These agreements are intended to support projects aimed at granting access to education for over 1.6 million out-of-school children and youth. The initiatives focus on various activities, including the development of educational curricula, enhancing teaching techniques and methods, promoting global citizenship, and improving school infrastructure and classrooms. Complementary projects to address the basic needs of students, teachers, and staff include access to clean water, nutritious food, and proper sanitation facilities.

Awareness campaigns targeting parents emphasize the importance of education and combatting child labour and school dropouts. Local community leaders and influential figures in the beneficiary countries will collaborate in implementing these campaigns. Additionally, certain projects involve the development of student registration systems and solutions for overcrowded classrooms.

One specific aim is to empower youth and local stakeholders in the Republic of South Sudan with the knowledge and skills necessary for advocating human rights, with a particular focus on the right to education. This endeavour aims to contribute to peacebuilding, sustainable development, and active global citizenship in fragile and conflict-affected communities.



## Joint partnerships for Education

QFFD and Education Above All Foundation (EAA) have joined forces with the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) in an extraordinary collaboration to advance education for children in low-income countries. The GPE, as the largest global funder for low-income countries, is committed to improving education systems and ensuring quality education for all children.

The GPE's 2021–2025 financing campaign, titled 'Raise Your Hand for Education,' seeks to rally partners and donors to support education in 90 eligible countries, where over 80 percent of the world's out-of-school children reside.

Through this collaboration, QFFD, EAA and the GPE are making significant strides in advancing education for out-of-school children in low-income countries. By leveraging our expertise, resources, and innovative financing approaches, we are creating further pathways to quality education.



## Financial support for Basic Education and TVET

Qatar Fund for Development has maintained its steadfast commitment by providing continuous financial support to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). The funding USD1.5 million has played a pivotal role in significantly strengthening the resilience of Palestine refugees residing in Syria, with a particular focus on enhancing the delivery of essential services, notably bolstering the agency's vital education program.

QFFD's support encompassed various facets, such as the provision of salaries for educators and staff, alongside the procurement and distribution of essential back-to-school kits and stationary supplies. Specifically, QFFD's contribution facilitated the remuneration of salaries over a six-month period and supported the compensation of various teachers for three months. Additionally, the project enabled the acquisition of around 50,000 back-to-school kits, meticulously scheduled for distribution to schoolchildren at the commencement of the academic year.

These strategic interventions have played a pivotal role in maintaining the continuity of basic education, encompassing grades 1 through 9, benefiting Palestine refugee students across 102 schools situated in diverse regions, including Damascus, Rif Damascus, Aleppo, Hama, Homs, Latakia, and Dera'a. Among these, 60 schools are presently operational within UNRWA-owned facilities, while 39 schools function as second-shift programmes within premises secured through agreements with the Ministry of Education (MoE). Additionally, three schools operate within rented facilities.



During the 2021/2022 academic year, UNRWA extended free basic education to 50,001 school-age children, of which 24,779 were female students and 25,222 were male students. Subsequently, in the 2022/23 academic year, a total of 49,689 Palestine refugee students were enrolled, comprising 24,628 girls, 25,061 boys, and 1,375 students with disabilities. This underscores the enduring relevance of UNRWA's educational initiatives.

QFFD and UNRWA also joined forces to support the delivery and enhancement of Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) to the Palestinian refugees in Syria. With a project budget of USD 1.5 million, our aim is to sustain and strengthen the provision of TVET programmes for the benefit of the refugee population.

So far, the project contributed to the delivery of 15 long-term courses to 265 Palestine refugee students (115 male, 150 female), as well as offering 7 life skills sessions to 143 trainees (98 male, 45 female), and 5 individual cases to 33 trainees (11 male, 22 female), offering targeted vocational training opportunities that enable the programme beneficiaries to access economic opportunities, overcome barriers, and contribute to the socio-economic development of their communities.

Collectively, these ongoing projects have ushered in a transformative and positive influence on the lives of Palestinian refugee students. Their remarkable dedication and resilience, coupled with the invaluable support offered through these endeavours, have not only enriched their educational experiences but also opened doors to brighter prospects and promising opportunities.



## Sports for Development and Peace with “Street Child United”

Following the State of Qatar’s preparation for the upcoming 2022 FIFA World Cup, in October 2022, Qatar Fund for Development launched a dedicated grant programme to support young leaders from Street Children United with the strategic partnership of Qatar Charity. The programme will fund and support the Sport for Development and Peace program, within various local communities.

The event offered a fantastic opportunity to further pursue our goal of reshaping lives. One of the most inspiring aspects of this initiative was the involvement of Street Child United (SCU) Young Leaders—former participants of previous Street Child World Cups. These exceptional individuals were carefully selected for their outstanding leadership potential and personal development.

Funded by QFFD, SCU introduced a grant programme to help young leaders establish and maintain sports for development projects in their local communities. Leveraging the skills and experiences already gained through SCU’s ‘Change10’ program, the young leaders were tasked with developing business plans for their initiatives, receiving dedicated support and mentorship along the way. In October 2022, they presented their ideas to a selected jury in Doha, including members from QFFD, Qatar Charity, the Generation Amazing Foundation and Qatari Athlete, Lolwa Al-Marri. The goal is to empower and enable these young visionaries to bring their projects to life, thereby ensuring a sustainable impact in their home countries.

Two remarkable young leaders stood out among many: Sadock and Drika. Sadock, who scored the first-ever goal at the inaugural SCWC in South Africa in 2010, now runs his own successful business in Mwanza, Tanzania, while also working as a social worker to support the very project that once helped him. According to Sadock, “I believe I have what it takes to be a role model for others. I want to make a change in people’s lives by telling my story, inspiring them and showing them that it is possible to lift other people up with nothing in your hands but with something in your head which is a positive mindset.”

Drika, on the other hand, listed in the BBC 100 Women in 2017 after captaining Brazil to victory at the SCWC, now serves as a coach in her project and runs her own personal training business. Both Sadock and Drika have become role models, demonstrating to street children worldwide, that through determination and a positive mindset, they can overcome adversity and achieve their dreams.

By transforming lives through the Street Child World Cup 2022 in Qatar and beyond, SCU, this initiative will leave an enduring legacy of hope, empowerment, and positive change for street-connected young people around the world.



## Empowering women, youth & children through Tomorrow's youth organisation

Under the agreement between Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) and Tomorrow's Youth Organisation (TYO), the Bokrah 2 project is being implemented in Palestine. The overarching objective of this initiative is to advance sustainable development in the West Bank by encompassing a range of strategic endeavours. These initiatives include education, mental health support, employment opportunities, and programmes focused on women's empowerment.

Since 2017, QFFD has been collaborating with TYO providing access to education and psycho-social services to over 12,000 disadvantaged children, women and families so far. The Bokrah 2 project, supported by a USD 4 million grant from QFFD to TYO, seeks to empower marginalised children, youth, and women, equipping them with the tools and opportunities needed to realize their full potential as resilient and active members of the community. In 2022, more than 3000 children, young people, adults and families have accessed tailored services that contribute to the realisation of a dignified life for both current and future generations in Palestine.



## Reallocation of Afghan student to Qatar

Education is the foundation for progress and human development. It empowers individuals, strengthens communities, and drives socio-economic growth. QFFD's education projects aim to improve access to quality education for all, ensuring that no one is left behind. By investing in infrastructure, providing resources, and supporting education systems and students, we are paving the way for a brighter future.

In response to the needs in Kabul in August 2021, which led to the American University of Afghanistan (AUA) ceasing operations and academic programs, QFFD, Qatar Foundation (QF), and AUAF collaborated on a strategic agreement to temporarily evacuate students from Afghanistan to Qatar. This initiative allows the students to continue their education in a safe and supportive environment.

During the period from 2022 to 2024, students, faculty, and staff from the university are being temporarily hosted at QF's Education City. Accordingly, they are continuing their regular studies at AUAF, fully funded by QFFD. This move reflects Qatar's unwavering commitment to ensuring access to quality education also when education is under attack.

The strategic agreement between QF, QFFD, and AUAF was formed in response to the challenging circumstances in Afghanistan. It supports the continued education of the numerous university students now residing and studying in Doha during this temporary emergency relocation.

The students are provided with accommodation and classroom space at QF's Education City, a multifaceted ecosystem encompassing numerous schools, homegrown and international universities, research and innovation centres, and community facilities. In this safe, diverse, and multicultural environment, they are able to continue their education through a blended learning approach.

QFFD's dedication to assisting AUAF students in these challenging times demonstrates its strong commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 4 of Quality Education and the importance of ensuring access to education for all, even under the most difficult circumstances.



## The 'Afghan Dreamers' robotics team pursue their passion

In 2021, members of the all-female Afghan robotics team, known as the 'Afghan Dreamers', were brought to Doha through a strategic partnership between Qatar Foundation (QF) and Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD). Now housed at Education City, these inspiring young women have received scholarships enabling them to continue their studies and pursue their passion for robotics.

At QF, the Afghan Dreamers are not only supported in their educational endeavours but are also provided with the opportunity to enhance their robotics skills through access to the state-of-the-art facilities and the expertise available within the QF ecosystem.

In a separate initiative, QFFD has collaborated with the Digital Citizens Fund (DCF) to support former students of the Academic Bridge Programme (ABP) who have been accepted into universities in the United States. Through this collaboration, QFFD is funding the education of these students, ensuring they can pursue their academic goals and make a positive impact on the world.

Both these projects highlight QFFD's dedication to providing access to quality education, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 4, and empowering students from diverse backgrounds to pursue their ambitions, to innovate, and to contribute to the development of a more equitable and inclusive global society.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

## BUILDING RESILIENT ECONOMIES

### EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES, DRIVING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Economic development is essential for lifting communities out of poverty and fostering sustainable growth.

QFFD's economic development focuses on infrastructure, entrepreneurship, and job creation. By investing in these projects, we are building resilient economies, empowering communities, and paving the way for a more prosperous future.

# Addressing challenges for refugees communities in Jordan and Türkiye

In June 2020, an inspiring partnership took shape between QFFD and the SPARK Foundation, a Dutch non-governmental organisation for international development, that comprises a financial contribution of USD 10 million by QFFD. The partnership aims to address the pressing economic challenges faced by refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and vulnerable host communities in Jordan and Türkiye foster economic resilience and create sustainable jobs.

The project is designed around the following four integrated outcome areas, aiming to empower individuals, enhance their skills, and create opportunities that unlock the economic potential for those in need:



## Scale-up

Building on the potential of existing businesses, the project focuses on enhancing the management skills of 150 MSMEs and business owners. Through tailored coaching programmes covering financial management, marketing, and quality assurance, these entrepreneurs are equipped with the tools necessary for growth and sustainability. In 2022, specialised coaching was provided to 107 SMEs, enabling them to develop robust growth plans.

## Match-up

To further empower individuals, the project facilitates job placements within local companies, providing candidates with the necessary skills training and vocational education programs. In 2022, 400 job placements and 250 internship placements were arranged. By connecting talent with opportunities, the project strives to create lasting impact and enhance employability.



## Start-up

Encouraging the spirit of entrepreneurship, ten business startup competitions were organised, focusing on key growth sectors. These competitions provided a platform for promising entrepreneurs to showcase their innovative ideas and receive seed funding. By 2022, the project had supported 64 selected startups, offering financial assistance and technical support, including registration guidance and training.

## Skill-up

In our commitment to nurturing talent and fostering innovation, the project partnered with four higher education institutions. Together, higher education curricula were redesigned, incorporating entrepreneurship modules to ignite creativity and cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset. In Jordan and Türkiye, successful curricula development workshops have already been held.



With \$7 million disbursed by QFFD in 2022 and an additional \$3 million remaining, our joint efforts have made a significant impact in supporting economic resilience for refugees, IDPs, and vulnerable host communities. By creating sustainable job opportunities, enhancing skills, and fostering entrepreneurial spirit, we are paving the way for a brighter future, where individuals and communities thrive.

## Cash assistance to Palestine Refugees in Syria

QFFD has allocated a total of USD 4 million to facilitate cash assistance programmes in support of economic empowerment and providing relief for Palestine refugees in Syria. This initiative has been instrumental in assisting individuals in meeting their essential needs, facilitated through collaboration with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

In 2022, QFFD's contribution helped provide assistance to vulnerable individuals in several rounds of cash assistance distributions that allowed them to cover their basic needs, including food and shelter. Cash assistance is a successful tool to empower refugees and other vulnerable population groups and support them in regaining control over their lives and foster economic resilience, thereby improving their socio-economic situation. With improved access to basic necessities, individuals can allocate their resources towards income-generating activities, promoting self-reliance and reducing their dependence on aid. A first round of cash assistance distribution benefitted 89,811 vulnerable Palestine refugees; a second round benefitted 851 individuals, and a third round added another 14,699 vulnerable beneficiaries.



## QFFD supports the Lives and Livelihood Fund

The Lives and Livelihoods Fund (LLF) plays a pivotal role in addressing funding gaps within the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) member countries, especially those facing economic challenges. Utilising an innovative blended finance model, the LLF provides concessional finance to the poorest IsDB member nations, specifically earmarked for critical projects in healthcare, agriculture, and infrastructure development. The conditionality of IsDB's loans is further softened by grant contributions of several donors, among them USD 50 million from QFFD. This strategic approach empowers recipient governments while establishing a sustainable mechanism to stimulate economic growth and elevate the quality of life for the most vulnerable populations, also in countries that may otherwise not afford additional loans.

In alignment with this commitment, Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) pledged a substantial amount of USD 50 million to support projects within the LLF framework. These projects span the domains of healthcare, agriculture, and infrastructure, with a shared goal of enabling individuals to uplift themselves from poverty.



## \$5 million Pledge for Afghanistan

The Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) has offered USD 5 million to the UN Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan as part of the UNDP-led Area-Based Approach for Development Emergency Initiatives (ABADEI) in Afghanistan. The contribution is aimed at restoring access to essential services, protecting livelihoods, and supporting local economic recovery in Afghanistan. This funding is part of Qatar's larger commitment of USD 25 million announced during the High-Level Pledging Event for the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan.

The focus of the initiative is to support vulnerable groups, with a particular emphasis on improving the conditions of women and contributing to their resilience amidst increasing humanitarian needs, among others through supporting livelihood opportunities and small enterprises led by women. The ABADEI programme aims to protect the development gains made over the past 20 years and promote gender equality and women's empowerment, inspiring hope for a better future for the people of Afghanistan.





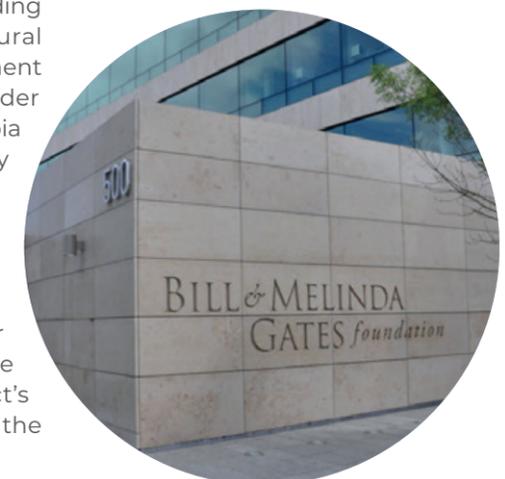
## Fostering Partnerships to Livelihood

A strategic partnership between QFFD and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation called 'Nanmo,' meaning 'growing together' in Arabic, was announced at the 2022 Doha Forum. This collaboration aims to invest in climate-adaptive agricultural tools and technologies to build resilient food systems and markets that provide nutrition, income, and economic opportunities to small-scale producers and their communities.

The joint pledge by QFFD and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation amounts to up to USD 200 million to support agriculture, climate resilience, and economic development projects that assist the smallholder farmers disproportionately impacted by climate change in dryland regions of the African continent. In doing so, Nanmo recognizes that smallholder farmers in Africa are suffering the most from climate change despite having contributed the least to it, and wishes to change this dynamic by investing in resilience and security for farmers to help millions of people avoid hunger and extreme poverty caused by climate change.

The partnership funds projects aligned with various United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including those referring to poverty alleviation, agricultural transformation, nutrition, and economic empowerment of women and youth; first project co-funded under Nanmo will be a dual-Purpose Poultry Project in Gambia and Sierra Leone implemented by the World Poultry Foundation.

The project's primary focus is to contribute to improving the livelihoods of rural communities by facilitating the establishment of small-value poultry chains. These chains involve private sector participation, creating numerous jobs through the distribution of improved poultry over the project's five-year duration. A special focus is on improving the livelihoods of low-income women poultry farmers.





## Forming partnerships to alleviate poverty in Afghanistan

QFFD has formed a partnership with Turquoise Mountain Trust (TMT) to implement the programme “Response, Resilience and Global Engagement: Alleviation of poverty in a humanitarian crisis through direct support for livelihoods for female weavers”. This collaboration was formed within the framework of QFFD’s Women in Conflict Zones Initiative.

Under this agreement, QFFD provides financial support to TMT through one-year to directly support the livelihood of 3,261 female weavers and indirectly benefit an additional 9,783 individuals in the weavers’ households. The programme seeks to alleviate poverty in a humanitarian crisis by fostering resilience in the Afghan carpet sector by enhancing contacts in international market linkages.

The programme holds the potential to transform the lives of thousands of Afghan families, offering a unique opportunity for the growth and development of the Afghan carpet economy.



## Ms. Ichraf Haouet gets support for a clay and ceramic business in Tunisia

Through Zitouna Tamkeen, a financial institution in Tunisia, we provided support to the talented Ms. Ichraf Haouet, a 32-year-old entrepreneur and the owner of a clay and ceramic art factory in Nabeul. Ms. Haouet's products include tagine, Zazwa, Kolla, and other clay products, which she sells wholesale and retail, currently exhibiting them at the Sidi Ali Azouz Nabeul fair.

Zitouna provided financing to Ms. Ichraf for the acquisition of raw materials (clay). This funding enables Ms. Ichraf to continue producing high-quality clay products, supporting her business and contributing to the growth of the local economy.

These projects are prime examples of the innovative and creative business ventures that we are supporting. This project reflects our vision of driving economic growth in Tunisia by supporting small and medium-sized enterprises and promoting entrepreneurship.



## A business of spice and cream processing in Maamoura gets aid from Zitouna Tamkeen

Through Zitouna Tamkeen, we provided support to Mr. Wassim Ben Tiba, one of the associate owners of Saveurs du CapBon, a factory for the processing and packaging of spices, creams, butters, honey, and more. This factory, located in Maamoura, has established strong market conventions with several major brands, including Anouar Market and Merkato.

Financial assistance was provided to help Mr. Ben Tiba acquire raw materials and packaging, which will allow the project to sustain its operations and win new markets, contributing to the growth of the local economy and creating job opportunities for the community.



# HEALTH PROJECTS

## STRENGTHENING GLOBAL HEALTHCARE

### ENSURING ACCESSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE HEALTH SOLUTIONS

Access to quality healthcare is a fundamental right that should be available to all. QFFD's health projects prioritise improving access to vaccines, enhancing healthcare systems, and combating diseases. Through partnerships with healthcare organisations and targeted interventions, we are working towards a healthier and more resilient world.



## Healthcare support in Yemen

The Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) has signed an agreement with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to provide comprehensive health services for vulnerable people in Yemen. The project aims to enhance the health conditions of those individuals in Yemen by delivering comprehensive primary and secondary healthcare services across three governorates. It focuses on improving access to a high-quality integrated package of minimum healthcare services in 10 health centres and district hospitals, as well as strengthening access to advanced healthcare services.

Considering the urgent need to increase access and availability of health services in Yemen, as currently only half the health facilities in Yemen remain functional, the partnership will contribute to enhancing the health and well-being of Yemenis, in particular of women and girls, addressing critical needs and working towards a more dignified life for the population.



# Flying Eye Hospital

QFFD and Qatar Charity have partnered with Or-bis, an international eye care charity, to establish a pioneering training programme aboard the Flying Eye Hospital. The programme aimed to empower women in the field of eye care from vulnerable communities and enhance eye care in regions with limited access to quality training. The training programme invited ophthalmologists and nurses from countries including Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Palestine, Somalia, Syria, Sudan, and Yemen. It is the first Flying Eye Hospital project exclusively designed for female participants and is facilitated by an all-female volunteer faculty, marking a significant stride towards gender empowerment and inclusivity in ophthalmology. The training utilizes a blended learning approach, combining virtual theoretical learning with hands-on simulation training. Participants learn from experienced practitioners and experts in the field.



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## Global Financing Facility in Tajikistan and Ghana

In partnership with the Global Financing Facility (GFF), in 2022, Qatar invested a total of USD 18 million out of USD 30 million pledge announced in Oslo in healthcare sector in Tajikistan and Ghana to serve various projects over the next few years. In Tajikistan, GFF is actively involved in the prioritised investment plan for the Strategy for the Healthcare of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan (SHPR) with a total investment of USD 150 million. This investment plan, serving as the GFF's investment case, provides strategic guidance and resource allocation for various healthcare interventions. Through this collaboration, we aim to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Tajikistan's healthcare system in order to ensure improved health outcomes for the population.

By supporting these GFF initiatives, QFFD aims to strengthen health systems, improve service delivery, and address the underlying determinants of health in Tajikistan and Ghana. Through close collaboration with national stakeholders, we are driving sustainable development and creating resilient healthcare systems that can effectively respond to the evolving needs of the population, enable all individuals to lead healthy and productive lives and leave no one behind.



# Healthcare Services for Palestinians in Syria

Considering UNRWA's mounting challenges in delivering healthcare services, primarily driven by the socio-economic crisis in Syria, QFFD supported UNRWA in providing direct primary healthcare services to Palestine refugees in Syria. Access to quality healthcare services is facilitated through a network of 25 healthcare facilities, comprising 15 fully equipped health centres, eight health points, and two mobile clinics strategically positioned in areas with restricted access and those experiencing acute emergencies.

Significant damage and destruction were inflicted upon several UNRWA health facilities during the conflict, with notable impact observed in Yarmouk, Dera'a, and Ein El-Tal camps. Access to healthcare services in certain regions of Dera'a remained tenuous due to the persistently tense situation. In response to these challenges, UNRWA established health points and deployed mobile clinics to ensure the sustained accessibility of its services to Palestine refugees.

QFFD's contribution played a pivotal role, particularly in covering the salaries of an average of 58 healthcare staff members per month over a span of five months. This support enabled UNRWA to maintain the delivery of primary healthcare at its health centres and mobile clinics.

Throughout the reporting period, UNRWA's 25 healthcare facilities in Syria, including 23 health centres and 2 mobile clinics, provided a comprehensive range of primary health services. These services encompassed outpatient consultations, immunisations, infant and child growth monitoring, medication dispensing, gynecological consultations, laboratory services, non-communicable disease (NCD) care, maternal and child healthcare, dental services, as well as mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services. This concerted effort resulted in a total of 377,560 outpatient consultations being administered, thereby significantly benefiting the Palestine refugee population.

Additionally, QFFD's contribution enabled UNRWA to extend support for secondary and tertiary healthcare through hospitalisation and patient subsidies at a network of partnered hospitals and private laboratories. UNRWA's support covered between 75 and 95 percent of the costs, with the extent of coverage depending on the level of vulnerability. This activity benefitted approximately 1,032 Palestine refugees.



# Qatar commits to five health projects in support of Rohingya refugees in Malaysia



QFFD has committed to support a health programme for Rohingya refugees in Malaysia with a budget of USD 16 million; Qatar supports five health projects for Rohingya refugees in Malaysia. This initiative, which is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 3, aims to ensure good health and well-being for all and targets 284,072 beneficiaries.

The health programme includes implementing and operating the following projects:

## 1. Comprehensive Primary Health Care Centres (CPHCC) for Refugees in Malaysia

Five of these Comprehensive Primary Health Care Centres, established in the Northern, Central, and Southern regions of Malaysia, provide primary healthcare services to the Rohingya refugees, including treatment for acute and chronic diseases, maternal and child health services such as vaccination, antenatal, and post-natal surveillance, education, and health awareness programs.

## 2. Primary Healthcare Services Through Mobile Clinics for Refugees in Malaysia

The mobile clinics complement primary healthcare services by providing healthcare access to remote and outskirt areas. These mobile clinics not only provide routine screening and treatment but also vaccinations and health awareness programs, ensuring greater access to healthcare for the refugees.



## 3. Healthcare Referral System

A referral system is developed and implemented for referrals from primary health facilities to hospitals. This project therefore improves access to high-quality medical care for the refugees, with both secondary and tertiary referrals.

## 4. Vaccination Programme for Refugees in Malaysia

Free vaccination projects services to Rohingya refugee children under the age of 12 and to the refugee communities, protecting them from various diseases such as Tetanus, Measles, Rubella, Polio, and Hepatitis B. This initiative also protects the wider Malaysian community from communicable diseases.

## 5. Health Promotion Education

The fifth project's objective is to improve health awareness among the refugee communities in Malaysia, contributing to a comprehensive health response that meets the existing health needs of the refugee and asylum-seeker population.





# CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTS

## FORGING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

### NURTURING OUR PLANET, PROTECTING GENERATIONS

Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, with far-reaching consequences for our planet and for future generations. It therefore demands urgent and collaborative action.

Qatar Fund's climate change projects focus on resilience building, sustainable solutions, and protecting vulnerable communities. By mobilising support, implementing resilient strategies, and promoting sustainable practices, we are taking steps towards a more sustainable and habitable planet.

## Empowering women and young entrepreneurs in the Pacific and Caribbean Regions

QFFD has been actively working towards promoting economic empowerment and addressing climate change challenges in the Pacific and the Eastern Caribbean regions. In December 2020, an agreement was signed with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) to support the Pacific and the Caribbean Green Entrepreneur Networks with a total budget of USD 5 million.

Implemented across six islands in the Pacific region (Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu), and seven Eastern Caribbean Islands (Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines) this project aims to establish and support green micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), while empowering women and young entrepreneurs through enhancing economic resilience, create employment opportunities, and generate green jobs in these regions.

So far, the inaugural accelerator programme supported 32 growth-stage green enterprises in the Pacific region, with 40% of them being women-led, a significant exception in this typically male-dominated sector, and 27 participants in the Caribbean 15 accelerator participants were connected with investors through national pitch events in Kiribati, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu; 20 funding proposals for repayable grants were submitted. 16 grant submissions were submitted by MSMEs in the Eastern Caribbean region, of which 11 were selected for funding.

Seed grants have resulted in the creation or support of 178 green jobs so far, demonstrating business growth and profitability among recipients. Strategic partnerships and resource mobilisation efforts have expanded programme impact and sustainability, with new resources secured and partnerships formalised with regional stakeholders, chambers of commerce, and business assistance organisations.

Through these initiatives, the Pacific and the Eastern Caribbean Green Entrepreneur Networks are making significant strides in enhancing economic resilience and creating sustainable employment opportunities in both Small Island Developing States regions. By empowering green entrepreneurs, especially women and youth, we are fostering innovation, economic growth, and environmental sustainability.



## Solar powered Irrigation for climate-smart agriculture projects in Senegal River Valley

QFFD, in collaboration with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), has joined efforts to provide support to the communities residing in the Senegal River Valley. This collaborative endeavour entailed the execution of a comprehensive feasibility study, with the primary objective of evaluating the feasibility of integrating solar power into the Senegal River Valley grid.

An extensive assessment of the existing Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices related to rice cultivation was undertaken across three project areas: Dagana, Matam, and Podor. A series of specialised training sessions were meticulously organised, catering to the needs of 1,500 farmers, with a notable emphasis on the inclusion of 750 women and youth participants. These training sessions were designed to both promote and pilot climate-smart agricultural practices. QFFD is providing invaluable support to this initiative through a generous grant totaling USD 2.9 million.



# Addressing the impact of floods and Droughts in Somalia

In collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), QFFD has assisted in implementing the Climate-resilient and Shock-informed Anticipatory Action project in Somalia. This transformative initiative, which received a grant of USD 1,700,000 from QFFD has made a tangible difference in strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities to climate-related shocks, helping over 500,000 people to address the impact of floods and droughts.

Since its launch in November 2021, the project has focused on proactively addressing the impact of floods and droughts in Somalia, with a specific emphasis on boosting smallholder agriculture and livestock production. By diversifying the farmers' production through the distribution of drought-smart agriculture packages, we have enabled farmers to adapt their practices and maintain productivity even in the face of prolonged droughts. This approach has not only helped secure their livelihoods but has also contributed to food security and the generation of sustainable income.

To safeguard the health and well-being of livestock and prevent the spread of drought-related diseases, we have also provided essential livestock feed. This intervention has been crucial in protecting the livelihoods of livestock keepers, who rely on their animals for sustenance and income. The procurement and strategic pre-positioning of a substantial quantity, specifically 67,000 units, of assorted veterinary medicines enabled the treatment of an impressive total of 5,930,977 animals, including camels, cattle, goats, and sheep. This achievement notably surpassed the initial plan, which had originally targeted the treatment of 3 million animals.

Another vital aspect of the project has been the renovation of existing watersheds to collect floodwater. By improving the management of water resources, we have facilitated water availability during droughts and minimised the impact of floods on agricultural and livestock activities. This strategic intervention has not only contributed to climate resilience but has also created opportunities for sustainable water use, benefiting the entire community.

Throughout the project, QFFD and FAO have worked closely with local stakeholders including farmers, livestock keepers, and relevant government entities. By involving the beneficiaries in the decision-making process and prioritising their needs, we have ensured community ownership and sustainability. This participatory approach has fostered a sense of empowerment and enabled the beneficiaries to actively contribute to the success of the project.

In response to the escalating drought conditions experienced in 2022, a reallocation of funds initially designated for livelihood inputs was implemented. This strategic adjustment allowed for the implementation of life-saving unconditional cash transfers (UCT) to support households grappling with the severe and protracted drought impacts.

Consequently, FAO distributed UCT to a total of 1,850 households in the Dinsoor district. Notably, among these households, 645 were led by female heads of households. Each of these households received a singular cash transfer, thereby providing much-needed financial relief in the face of the drought-related hardships they were enduring.



# HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

## TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH GLOBAL INITIATIVES

### ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

QFFD provides emergency relief to people affected by natural disasters, conflict and fragility aiming to save lives and alleviate suffering by ensuring that most vulnerable and crisis-affected countries, communities and individuals receive the needed assistance and protection. QFFD also invests in disaster preparedness and resilience building through anticipatory action that aims to reduce vulnerabilities and risks and mitigates impacts of shocks if they occur.

## Supporting organizations to help vulnerable people during winter

QFFD, in collaboration with several partners including the Qatar Red Crescent Society, the Lebanese Red Cross, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), has undertaken several projects to help refugees and vulnerable populations in Syria cope with the challenges of winter. These initiatives have focused on addressing critical winter preparedness and on providing essential assistance to those in need.

In Lebanon, QFFD's contribution has played a vital role in implementing winter preparedness activities in Aarsal Camp. The projects included infrastructure development such as the construction of water-drainage systems and fire breaker walls to mitigate the risk of flooding and fires in the camps. Additionally, essential winter supplies including clothing, blankets, dignity kits, and hygiene kits have been distributed to Syrian families, benefiting a total of 25,000 individuals.

Another project in Lebanon, in collaboration with UNHCR, has focused on providing one-time cash transfers to refugee families. The cash transfers have allowed families to address their specific winter needs and acquire essential resources.

In Syria, QFFD has worked with partners to provide winterisation assistance to vulnerable communities in the northwestern part of the country. Crucial items such as blankets, winter clothes, hygiene kits or baskets for women have been distributed to address the immediate needs of the beneficiaries and protect them from the harsh winter conditions.

Furthermore, QFFD has implemented a project in partnership with UNHCR in Jordan to alleviate the winter challenges faced by Syrian refugees. One-time cash transfers have been provided to refugee families, empowering them to prioritise their winter-related expenses.

The various projects implemented by QFFD improve the resilience and living conditions of refugees and vulnerable populations during the winter season, prioritising their safety, well-being, and self-determination.



## Emergency Response to people affected by Drought in Somalia five states

In 2022, QFFD, in collaboration with Qatar Charity, donated over USD 3 million on a humanitarian mission to provide essential drought assistance to the Somali Disaster Management Agency. Under this initiative, QFFD extended vital support by delivering food assistance to 35,000 families who had been displaced by the devastating drought, particularly in the most severely affected regions. An additional 1,407 food baskets, drawn from available project resources, were allocated, resulting in a total distribution of 36,407 food baskets for 253,375 individuals. The distributed food baskets met the dietary requirements of a family consisting of six members for an entire month.

Collectively, the joint efforts of QFFD and Qatar Charity facilitated the delivery of vital food assistance to 35,000 drought-displaced families residing across five states. Specifically, the project targeted the Banadir region and four additional states: southwest, Hirshabelle, Galmudug, and Jubaland. Priority was given to districts identified as being the most severely impacted, with an imminent risk of famine.

The positive outcomes of this project were significant, including the improvement of food security among drought-affected populations and the enhancement of the nutritional status of severely malnourished children. Moreover, the project had a positive economic impact on the local community, as it actively engaged local traders and suppliers as sources for the food provisions, thereby creating a market for their products and contributing to income generation within the community.



## Assistance to people affected by floods in Chad

In 2022, the Republic of Chad experienced heavy and persistent rains, resulting in widespread floods across the country. Hundreds of thousands of inhabitants were affected by the continuous floods and many hectares of crops were destroyed, threatening food security in the affected regions.

QFFD and Qatar Charity joined forces to provide urgent aid to those affected. The assistance, which benefited over 14,000 individuals.

The aid package consisted of 2,700 food baskets, 2,700 non-food item kits, and family size benefited over 2,700 individuals. The primary objective of this assistance was to alleviate the human suffering of the affected families and to meet their immediate needs.



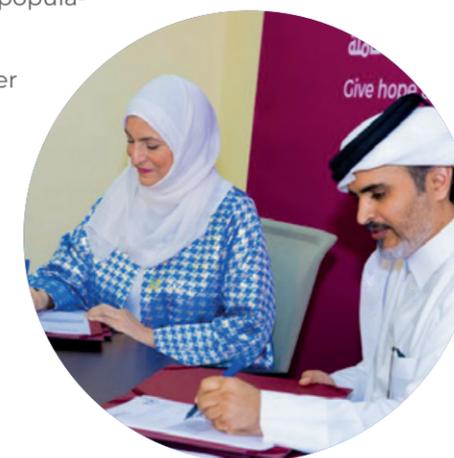
## Reducing Flood risk and Enhancing the Living conditions in 11 Informal settlements in Northwest Syria

With a contribution of USD 715,000 by QFFD, this joint initiative with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) aimed to improve the living conditions and physical accessibility for internally displaced persons (IDPs) residing in informal settlements in Northwest Syria.

Our primary objective was to reduce flood risks and enhance the living conditions of IDPs in 11 informal settlements in Northwest Syria. Recognising the vulnerability of these communities to floods, we have undertaken various measures to mitigate the risks and improve access within the sites. Through the construction and reinforcement of emergency roads and sanitation systems, we have enhanced the safety, mobility, and well-being of the IDPs.

The project has involved the construction and improvement of emergency roads and drainage channels within the IDP sites to facilitate, enabling better mobility and reducing the impact of floods. By establishing a robust infrastructure, we have worked to ensure that essential services, humanitarian aid, and emergency response can reach the affected populations efficiently.

Through our efforts, we have strived to create a safer environment for the IDPs, minimising the risks posed by flooding. By addressing infrastructure gaps and strengthening the emergency road networks, we have enhanced the resilience of the residents and their ability to cope with natural disasters. Moreover, the improved sanitation systems contribute to better hygiene practices, safeguarding the health and well-being of the IDP communities.



## Assistance to flood affected regions in Pakistan

In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, Qatar swiftly mobilised the Emiri Air Forces, the Permanent Committee for Search and Rescue of the Internal Security Forces of Lekhwiya, Qatar Charity, and the Qatar Red Crescent, in a partnership to provide urgent relief to the flood-affected regions. This action marked the beginning of an emergency campaign that demonstrated Qatar's commitment to timely humanitarian responses.

By delivering essential aid to those affected by the floods in Pakistan, Qatar exemplified its commitment to the principles of humanity and compassion and reinforced Qatar's resolve to play an active role in advancing global humanitarian efforts and supporting communities in need.



## Providing vital support to Syrian refugees

The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and QFFD agreed to extend vital support to vulnerable Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan. Through a contribution of USD 4.6 million, QFFD enabled UNHCR to provide multi-purpose cash assistance to 47,576 Syrian families during the year.

Multi-purpose cash assistance represents a pivotal element within the UNHCR's comprehensive, people-centred protection response strategy in Lebanon. This holistic approach encompasses various facets, including ensuring access to essential services, upholding dignity for those in exile, offering support to host communities, and actively seeking durable solutions. The primary objective of multi-purpose cash assistance extends beyond addressing fundamental needs like food, shelter, water and sanitation. It also aims to mitigate the vulnerability of the most at-risk refugee families, thereby reducing their susceptibility to exploitation and other protection-related risks.

In Lebanon, QFFD's contribution of USD 1 million provided crucial assistance to 12,309 Syrian refugee households, totaling 58,348 individuals. An additional donation of USD 1.3 million benefitted another 29,289 Syrian refugee households, equivalent to 135,819 individuals.

In Jordan, QFFD's contribution of USD 1 million supported UNHCR in aiding 2,608 Syrian refugee families, comprising approximately 10,432 individuals, through multi-purpose cash assistance. This support played a vital role in helping these families meet their essential needs. An additional contribution of USD 1.3 million supported UNHCR in assisting another 3,390 Syrian refugee families, totalling approximately 10,432 individuals, with multi-purpose cash assistance, contributing significantly to their financial stability.



## Launching urgent assistance to somalians affected by drought

QFFD took swift action in response to the severe drought crisis that afflicted Somalia, offering immediate assistance to the rural communities grappling with the devastating consequences of drought. In close partnership with the Building Resilient Communities in Somalia (BRCiS) Consortium and the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), we initiated a project aimed at mitigating the impact of the drought and safeguarding the welfare of the affected communities.

With a project budget of USD 1.5 million, our primary objective was to deliver rapid and effective assistance to alleviate the hardships faced by the affected population. Over a span of 5 months, we mobilised the allocated funds to implement a comprehensive emergency response that directly addressed the immediate needs of the communities in crisis.

Our intervention focused on two crucial areas: multipurpose cash assistance and the distribution of community water vouchers. By providing lifesaving cash injections to 16,785 households (HHs), encompassing a total of 83,925 individuals, we enabled them to access essential resources and meet their basic needs during this challenging period.

Recognising the agency and decision-making power of the affected communities, the provision of cash assistance empowered these individuals to prioritise their most pressing needs and make informed choices for themselves and their families. This approach ensured that assistance was tailored to the unique circumstances and requirements of each household, while respecting their dignity and autonomy.

Simultaneously, QFFD facilitated the distribution of community water vouchers to ensure access to safe and clean water. By guaranteeing the availability of this vital resource, QFFD contributed to maintaining health and hygiene standards within the communities. This initiative significantly reduced the risk of waterborne diseases and improved the overall well-being of those affected.



# Supporting the health of vulnerable populations in Yemen

In the war-torn region of Yemen, where the ravages of conflict have inflicted immense suffering on families, the daily existence of many people is fraught with challenges, primarily stemming from the lack of a stable income source.

Fathi, a bright-eyed and resilient 1.8-year-old boy, resides in Ad Dali', Yemen, along with his parents and younger sister, Sarah. Fathi's health suffered gravely due to dire circumstances. Rezqia, Fathi's resilient mother, bravely voices the struggles her family endures: "We eat bread and tea, sometimes milk if available. We do not have everything. The current circumstances have deeply impacted us. Sometimes, we manage to gather some money, but often we are left with nothing."

Malnutrition cast a dark shadow over his early childhood, threatening his growth and well-being. Recognising the urgency of the situation, Fathi's mother, Rezqia, sought assistance from a nutrition clinic supported by the World Food Programme (WFP) in Ad Dali'.

Thanks to QFFD's contributions, WFP's intervention played a pivotal role in turning the tide for Fathi and his family. Fathi was diagnosed with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM), signifying the severity of his condition and the urgent need for treatment. Through WFP's comprehensive nutrition program, Fathi began receiving monthly supplies of supplementary food specifically formulated to combat malnutrition. This nutritional peanut-based paste not only provided him with the vital nutrients he needed but also served as a preventive measure against future episodes of malnutrition.

At present time, the WFP health clinic in Ad Dali' offered continuous follow-up and care to ensure Fathi's recovery and sustained well-being. Regular check-ups and monitoring became a vital part of his journey, ensuring that his progress remained on track.



**\$** Financial contribution  
**\$90 million US dollars**

**🚰** In-kind support and cash transfers  
**\$26.2 million US dollars**

**🍲** Food assistance  
**7,142,767 individuals**

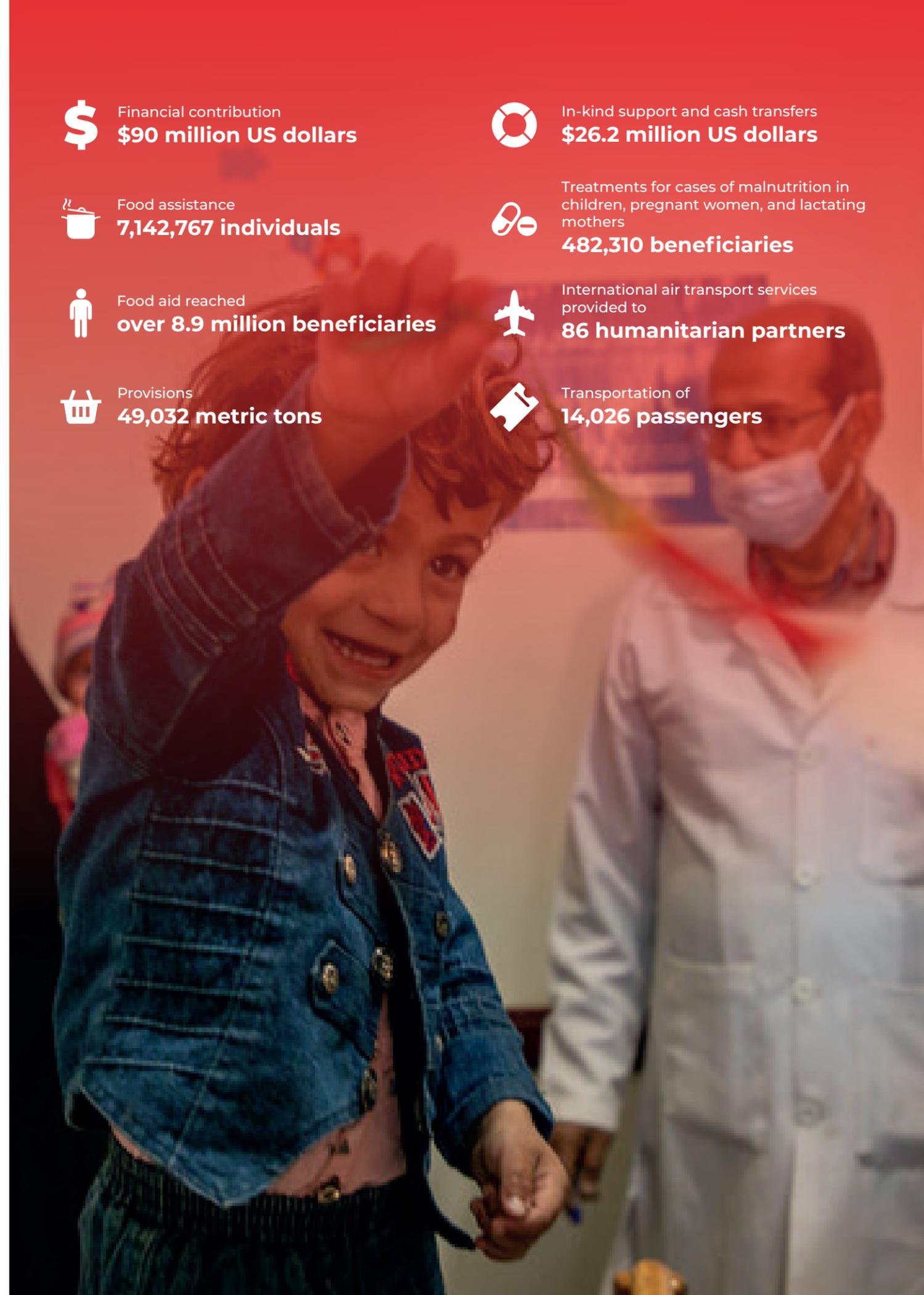
**🏥** Treatments for cases of malnutrition in children, pregnant women, and lactating mothers  
**482,310 beneficiaries**

**👤** Food aid reached  
**over 8.9 million beneficiaries**

**✈️** International air transport services provided to  
**86 humanitarian partners**

**🛒** Provisions  
**49,032 metric tons**

**🎫** Transportation of  
**14,026 passengers**



# Contributions to Qatar Committee for the Reconstruction of Gaza

QFFD underscores its unwavering dedication to assisting the Palestinian people in rebuilding their lives, as exemplified by our collaborative efforts with the Qatar Committee for the Reconstruction of Gaza. QFFD supported the Gaza Reconstruction Committee with USD 360 million in 2022. The funds were used for essential infrastructure investments, power supply, the rehabilitation of residential buildings and budget support to the public health system.



# Alleviating the suffering of the Ukrainian citizens

QFFD has contributed USD 5 million to the official fundraising platform known as UNITED24, with the specific aim of providing vital medical assistance to Ukraine. UNITED24 serves as the primary platform for gathering charitable contributions in support of Ukraine. This platform operates in close collaboration with international charities and strategic partners, facilitating the direct and efficient channelling of donations to Ukraine.





# FLEXIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

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# Partnering with OCHA to support Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) takes great pride in its partnership with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in support of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). The CERF represents one of the most expeditious and efficient mechanisms available for facilitating critical humanitarian interventions in response to crises that impact vulnerable populations. By aggregating financial contributions from various donors, the CERF empowers humanitarian actors to swiftly deliver life-saving assistance whenever and wherever crises occur.

In the year 2022, QFFD's substantial contributions to the CERF have played a pivotal role in alleviating human suffering across multiple dimensions. These contributions have facilitated crucial support in the realms of healthcare, food assistance, camp management, shelter provision, water and sanitation services, as well as educational initiatives, thereby making a significant difference in the lives of those affected by emergencies.

Qatar is a longstanding advocate and supporter of CERF, having contributed USD 19.2 million since 2006. In 2022, Qatar's assistance helped to save lives and reduce the suffering of the following numbers of people caught up in crises in 42 countries and territories since 2006:

- 29,000 with critical healthcare.
- 8,000 with nutrition support.
- 897,000 with camp management assistance.
- 13,000 with water and sanitation.
- 13,000 with food assistance and agricultural inputs.
- 3,000 with shelter and NFIS.
- 8,000 with protection.
- 1,000 with education.

Qatar provided assistance to 28,160 women and children and to 3,855 people with disabilities through CERF in 2022.

With an estimated 103 million people worldwide forcibly displaced by mid-2022, a critical part of CERF-funded assistance is to address the devastating humanitarian consequences of population displacement. Qatar's contribution assisted 38,970 people in 2022.

Furthermore, some 8,483 people, including children benefited from protection through CERF as a result of USD 133,249 Qatar funding. Moreover, Gender-based Violence (GBV) is at the core of the CERF humanitarian response. In 2022, 82 percent of all CERF-funded projects either had GBV protection as their main objective or as a programming, assisted by Qatar's contribution of \$954,19.

A further sum of USD 186,000 in Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) was earmarked for 7,000 needy people, and USD 48,000 for Anticipatory Action that included anticipatory action frameworks for drought in Niger, flooding in Nepal, cholera in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and for anticipated floods in South Sudan.

Furthermore, some \$434,679 of Qatar's 2022 contribution to CERF supported 19,644 people affected by climate-related and other natural disasters, enabling time-critical humanitarian efforts in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia.



# Supporting Palestine Refugees with Emergency Contribution to UNRWA

QFFD signed an emergency contribution agreement to provide \$2.5 million support for the "Regular Resources" of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). This support aimed to address the chronic needs of Palestine refugees and bolster the efforts of UNRWA in providing vital assistance.

UNRWA had been facing chronic underfunding, which has posed a threat to its ability to meet staff salary obligations. This situation has added to the distress and despair experienced by Palestine refugees, who are facing some of the most challenging socio-economic conditions in recent years. The additional resources provided by QFFD bridged a critical funding gap and enabled the continuation of essential services for Palestine refugees throughout the region.

The emergency contribution is a direct response to UNRWA's urgent call for support to meet pressing needs and increase funding for the Agency. The contribution from QFFD served as supplementary end-of-year funding to further assist UNRWA in its mission.



## Collaborating with UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC)

Renewing our commitment to strengthening child protection in conflict zones with the Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

QFFD has re-formalised a significant collaboration with the Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, pledging \$1 million in extra-budgetary support for 2022 - 2023. A crucial initiative aimed at mediating, building capacity, and ultimately eradicating severe violations against children in conflict zones, it is a translation to complete the journey of rebuilding the fragile, most vulnerable, and marginalised communities, and rejecting conflicts. The protection of conflict-affected children remains a central pillar of human rights, peace and security, peacebuilding, development, and humanitarian agendas.



## Contributing \$10million to the World Food Program

In its long-time commitment to humanitarian assistance in the food security arena, QFFD has contributed \$10 million in flexible funding to address urgent food security needs across the world. The significance of flexible contributions is underscored, as they are instrumental in enabling WFP to respond swiftly to emergencies, provide sustained relief, and aid in recovery efforts. This collaborative endeavour holds substantial promise in the fight against hunger, aligning seamlessly with SDG Two.



## Funding IOM's Programme to Assist Migrants

QFFD Development Strengthens its Partnership with International Organisation for Migration with Flexible Funding

QFFD and IOM has enhanced its partnership through a core contribution agreement with USD 400,000 demonstrating a strong commitment to supporting IOM's global operations. This funding will play a crucial role in assisting migrants, including internally displaced persons, refugees, and migrant workers, in accessing fundamental human rights and achieving a decent life for them.



## Transforming Education Summit with EAA and UNESCO

Qatar Fund for Development Signs a Trilateral Contribution Agreement with Education Above All Foundation to support the U.N Transforming Education Summit

QFFD signs a trilateral contribution agreement of \$1.6 million with EAA and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to support the United Nations Transforming Education Summit (TES) during the 2022 UN General Assembly. Qatar's contribution will go towards achieving the five Thematic Action Tracks.

The Five Thematic Action Tracks align seamlessly with QFFD's educational endeavours, which focus on three areas: firstly, provide access to out-of-school children and youth with schooling. Secondly, to provide out-of-school children and youth with quality education. And finally, to build resilience and empower youth to further promote the sustainable development goals.



# Supporting research with UNDP Accelerator Lab

Qatar renews commitment with an additional \$10 million for UNDP Accelerator Labs

UNDP and QFFD extended their partnership with a new commitment of \$10 million for the Accelerator Labs Initiative for 2022 - 2025 which brings Qatar's total contribution to \$30 million. The UNDP Accelerator Labs lies in proficiency in discovering, experimenting with, and refining solutions. Insights from local innovators, furthering knowledge on addressing worldwide development hurdles. QFFD's backing for these labs exemplifies its forward-thinking stance and readiness to draw inspiration from home-grown solutions.

