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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



**H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani**  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

In a world marked by entrenched poverty, QFFD is working hard to lay the groundwork for sustainable growth and prosperity through strategic investments in infrastructure, entrepreneurship, and job creation.

At the heart of sustainable development lies education—a key focus point for QFFD. Education is vital as a catalyst to eradicate poverty, generate gainful employment, and drive economic growth. It stands as a fundamental pillar for societal advancement, enabling individuals to unlock their full potential and make meaningful contributions to their communities. Full and fair access to education not only propels individuals towards their goals, but also transforms lifelong dreams into tangible achievements, shaping a vision for a brighter future for so many. Recognizing this fundamental truth, QFFD has committed significant resources to education initiatives aimed at bridging the inequality gap between opportunity and access.

At the core of our work lies a profound commitment to partnership and collaboration. We recognize that no single entity or nation can tackle the complex challenges we face. Thus, we prioritise strengthening local and international cooperation through impactful partnerships. By working alongside governments, international organisations, and grassroots initiatives, we can achieve far greater impact than we ever could working alone.

This is why we are committed to advancing healthcare standards for all. Quality healthcare is not only a fundamental human right – it is a prerequisite for individual well-being and societal progress. Yet, for millions worldwide, essential healthcare services remain out of reach. QFFD demonstrates a genuine commitment to enhancing healthcare services for vulnerable communities, with substantial investments in healthcare infrastructure and capacity building. In this way we can continue to transform lives and foster healthier, more resilient societies.

Moving forward, we recognise that we must strengthen and enhance the capacity for multilateral cooperation. Building cross-border partnerships with key organisations is the only way to truly understand and resolve emerging challenges, whilst addressing existing gaps in meeting Sustainable Development Goals. We hope this work will accelerate collective efforts, in pursuit of the 2030 Agenda.

As we look to work together in the future with our various stakeholders across the globe, we will continue to conduct the significant work QFFD is doing in providing a better future for all those who need our help the most.



# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL



**H.E. Khalifa bin Jassim Al-Kuwari**

Director General of Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD)

I am pleased to present our annual report for 2023. We remain steadfast in our unwavering commitment to driving sustainable development and uplifting vulnerable communities worldwide. Our vision transcends development and humanitarian assistance—it is about nurturing resilience and self-sufficiency among marginalised populations, where every individual can thrive.

From economic disparities to humanitarian crises, educational inequalities to health care deficiencies, the range of challenges which demands our attention is enormous. Such obstacles to achieving sustainable development have been compounded by unprecedented global challenges, disproportionately affecting lower income countries and more vulnerable communities. Our urgent mission therefore resonates more profoundly now than ever before.

We are resolute in our dedication to fulfilling Qatar's international obligations, particularly in pursuit of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These goals serve as a roadmap for our collective efforts to create a more just, equitable, and sustainable world, and we are proud to play our part in achieving them.



We must build resilience in the pursuit of our goals. Resilience is a core principle for QFFD. We are dedicated to enabling individuals and families to realise their aspirations for a better future. Our support is driven by a holistic approach aimed at building resilient communities, fostering sustainable transformations, reducing inequalities, embracing innovation, and proactively safeguarding vulnerable groups, such as children or women from disproportionate risks.

I trust our 2023 Annual Report will be instructive, in clearly setting out the substantial efforts made by QFFD in the pursuit of our goals. Our initiatives are characterised by agility, effectiveness, and a steadfast commitment to meeting the most pressing needs of affected populations. However, our work is far from over. As we confront new challenges and uncertainties, we must redouble our efforts to meet the evolving needs of our ever-changing world.

Let us recommit ourselves once more to the pursuit of a fairer, more inclusive, and sustainable world—a world where no one is left behind, and where the promise of prosperity reaches every corner of the globe.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In times of crisis, QFFD provides humanitarian assistance to communities grappling with conflict, natural disasters, and other emergencies. We exhibit adaptability and responsiveness in addressing evolving humanitarian crises, from mobilising resources for natural disasters to delivering emergency relief in conflict-affected regions. Through economic development, provision of health care, education, and humanitarian assistance, QFFD continued to meet the urgent needs of the world's most vulnerable communities.

This year marks a significant milestone for the state of Qatar. It announced a US\$60 million financial contribution and welcomed the adoption of the Doha Program of Action (DPoA) for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC) for the decade 2022-2031. This presents an opportunity for the international community to reinforce and strengthen commitments and support the 46 most vulnerable least developed countries in their journey towards realising the Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2023, the world bores witness, and continues to do so, to the unfolding humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza. The situation is dire, with widespread famine looming and millions of innocent lives teetering on the brink of starvation. Tragically, we continue to witness the loss of lives, predominantly women and children, falling victim to violence and conflict. The forced displacement of the Palestinian people and the destruction of vital civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, refugee camps, and schools, constitute flagrant violations of international law, compounding the suffering.

Restrictions on humanitarian aid exacerbate this catastrophic humanitarian crisis, depriving those in need of essential assistance and necessities. However, Qatar remains steadfast in its commitment to standing with Gaza in solidarity, providing vital support to alleviate suffering whilst upholding the rights of the Palestinian people.

# Global outreach for a sustainable future

In 2023, QFFD and its partners committed funding towards sustainable development and humanitarian relief, making a difference to the lives of people in more than 62 countries around the world.

## Asia

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Kazakhstan
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka
- Tajikistan
- Turkey
- Vietnam

## Europe

- Poland
- Ukraine

## Americas

- Colombia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Mexico
- Paraguay
- United States of America

## Sub-Saharan Africa

- Angola
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon
- Chad
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Cote d'Ivoire

- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
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- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Togo
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- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

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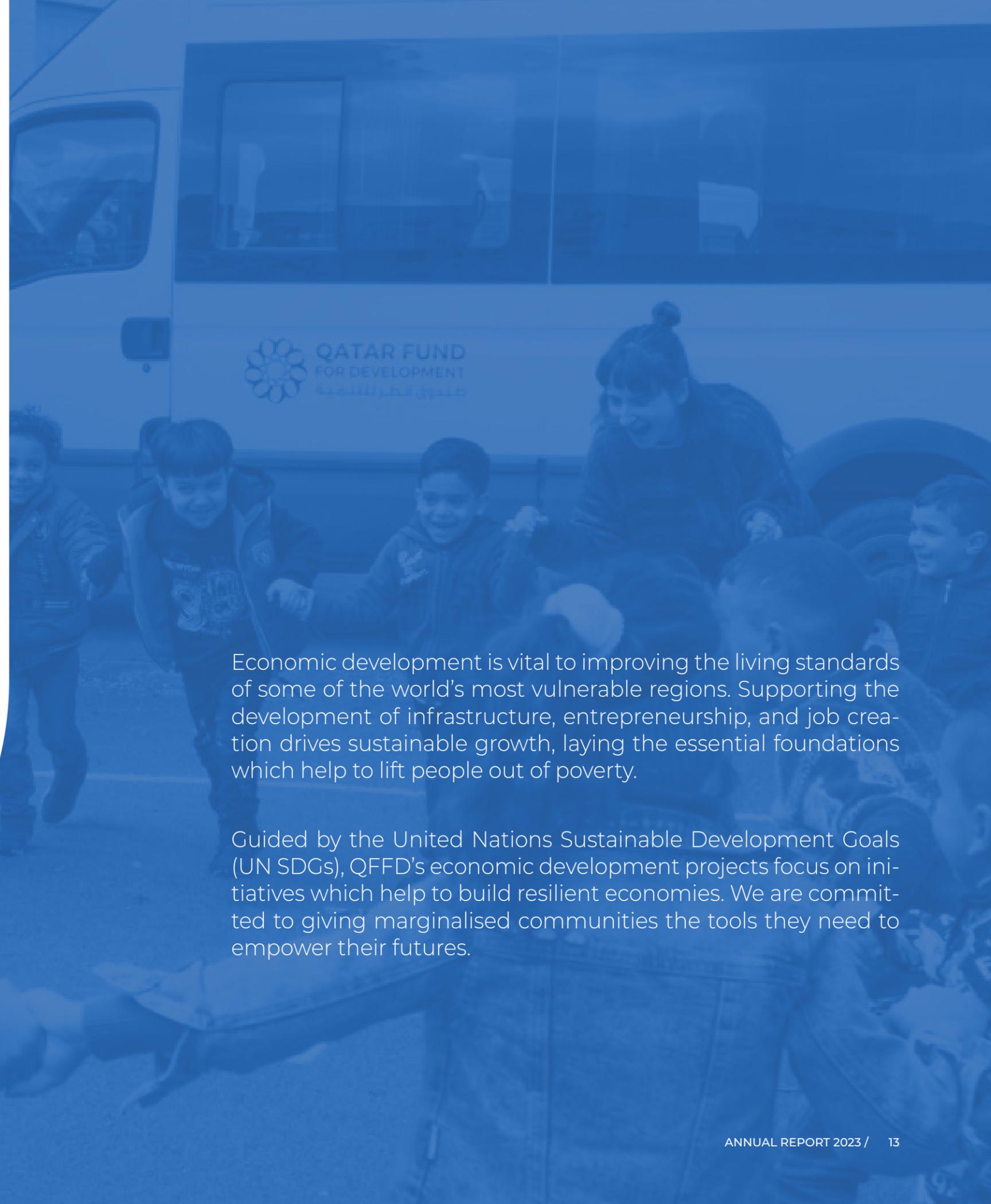
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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Strengthening economies  
and transforming vulnerable  
communities

Economic development is vital to improving the living standards of some of the world's most vulnerable regions. Supporting the development of infrastructure, entrepreneurship, and job creation drives sustainable growth, laying the essential foundations which help to lift people out of poverty.

Guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), QFFD's economic development projects focus on initiatives which help to build resilient economies. We are committed to giving marginalised communities the tools they need to empower their futures.



# PROJECTS IN AFRICA



## Poultry Project with World Poultry Foundation (WPF) in Africa

Upgrading food systems and empowering smallholder farmers are cornerstones of our economic development strategy. Ensuring healthier diets in some of the world's most nutritionally-deficient areas means providing the necessary resources to upgrade value chains.

Utilising a food systems approach, using economic empowerment to improve agricultural practices, could help to reduce both poverty and malnutrition in the short-term, whilst also securing the longer-term economic future of several African countries.

More resilient food systems can help to fight the impacts of malnutrition and reduce poverty. Providing vulnerable groups and low-income households with a source of income and nutritionally diverse food will help to empower vulnerable groups, such as women, to live better lives. Of the 70% of smallholder farmers in Africa who rear chickens, 80% of those are women.



Partnership  
with WPF  
with a budget  
of **USD 13.9  
million**

Through partnership with the World Poultry Foundation (WPF), with a budget of USD 13.9 million, we can assist rural poultry farmers, to enhance production methods and enable them to create wealth for their families. In Gambia, an estimated 19,000 beneficiaries will be impacted by this joint venture with WPF. This will be facilitated through purchasing quality feeds, improving poultry genetics, and undertaking proper training for rural smallholder farmers. Such efforts will contribute towards building more resilient food systems and preventing food loss and waste.

In Sierra Leone, we hope to increase poultry production with up to 850,000 healthy chickens. Additionally, this initiative will lead to the creation of approximately 65,000 jobs in the country, within a span of five years. Through gainful employment, we can provide a nutritionally diverse environment while also offering a pathway to self-sufficiency and resilience. Working with WPF builds on the success of our Nanmo initiative with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Through the establishment of dual-purpose poultry value chains, we aim to enhance the economic well-being and agricultural capabilities of rural African communities. Aligning with our commitment to humanitarian causes and sustainable growth, collective actions have led the push toward economic empowerment and food security in Africa.

These initiatives exemplify our commitment to addressing the critical needs of local communities, giving them the foundational capabilities they need to develop self-autonomy. Integrating such projects demonstrates our commitment to providing vulnerable people with the tools they need to live happy and healthy lives.

# Construction of 12 units of social housing



**vulnerable families**  
to be housed

We believe no one should be deprived of the right to affordable, quality and sustainable homes for themselves and their loved ones. Provision of social housing developments result in safe accommodation for vulnerable people across the world who need shelter the most.

Having access to secure and comfortable accommodation is vital in order to reduce global inequality. Without a stable place to call home, families and workers cannot thrive. This inevitably stalls the already difficult path towards economic development and inclusive growth for all those on the poverty line.

This particular project proposes the development of social housing in Glacis district, Seychelles, to provide urgent support to families who are in desperate need of housing assistance. The overall budget for this project is USD 3 million.



# PROJECTS IN ASIA





## Euphrates Basin Project (Building an Integrated City)

With a budget of USD 98 million, QFFD funds a project to develop an integrated city in the Euphrates Basin, Syria. We provide the necessary infrastructure and superstructures, and the construction will feature two residential building prototypes. This is in addition to different kinds of facilities such as mosques, markets, schools, and health centres.

Qatar is committed to helping displaced people all over the world. We have a strong track record of providing vital aid for Syria and launching initiatives to address the growing refugee emergency. This is also evidenced through our ongoing assistance towards Palestinian refugees in the country.

We also provide other support, aimed at alleviating Syria's socio-economic crisis and mounting healthcare challenges.

The Euphrates Basin Project is a regeneration initiative like no other in the country. By building 5,000 apartments, the new city will be a built-up area (BUA) spanning 366,595 sqm and will hope to benefit 50,000 people in northern Syria.

In 2023, QFFD and the Turkey Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) laid the foundation stone for the integrated city. This collaboration is integral to QFFD's objectives, to prioritise support towards the Syrian people and enhance their livelihoods.

The construction of roads, public parks, and an electricity network aim to further support the Syrian people, providing the vital infrastructure they need to strengthen their economy and empower their futures.

Qatar is committed to providing humanitarian assistance to the Syrian people, based on our steadfast belief in their right to a decent life.



Area  
spanning  
**366,595 sqm**

## Project to develop the Gulf electrical interconnection system

Decisive development of vital infrastructure, in tandem with our key partners, is a cornerstone of our mission in the Gulf. In 2022, a landmark agreement was reached between QFFD and the Gulf Cooperation Council Interconnection Authority (GCCIA) with implementation having started in 2023. Our agreement aims to provide help to meet some of the growing demand for electricity in the region, serving as a catalyst for regional stability, economic expansion, and enhanced quality of life for the people within the interconnected regions.



New  
substation  
with capacity  
of about  
**3,000**  
megawatts

In accordance with SDG 7, the partnership has the ambitious aim of developing the Gulf electrical interconnection system, in order to meet part of the region's demand for electrical energy and to improve the performance and stability of the network in the Republic of Iraq. The support will establish a new substation with a capacity of about 3,000 megawatts in the Wafra area in The State of Kuwait.

We pledged to provide USD 50 million alongside the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, which also contributes USD 226 million. Such funds are put towards maximising the efficiency of the Gulf electrical interconnection system, whilst financing also helps to improve the overall system by connecting it to the southern Iraq network.

Improving interconnectivity between partners in the Gulf region is the only way to reduce reliance on energy subsidies, and the mounting costs to governments, caused by inefficiently generating electricity. This would greatly enhance connectivity to the Gulf interconnection network, through 400 kilovolt lines at Al-Fadhili station in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and to the Iraqi electrical network at Al-Faw in southern Iraq.

## Maintenance of Al-Hiswa Power Station in Yemen

In 2016, an agreement was signed with the Republic of Yemen to support Yemen's energy sector and to provide decent work. We pledged approximately USD 57 million, resulting in the purchase, installation, and operation of two mobile power units with a capacity of 61.7 Kw. We also committed to the training of 15 recruits from the local population.

Ongoing conflict has ravaged Yemen's resources and ability to support itself financially, halting its economic development. The nation's people have suffered tremendously as a result, with an estimated 20 million people in urgent need of assistance. More than 4 million people have been displaced from their homes. Sustaining meaningful livelihoods and acquiring basic goods is an impossible task for so many families, due to a lack of stable income.

Poor access to sufficient healthcare, food, water, and energy are just some of the problems caused by the protracted conflict. By providing support for economic development, vital infrastructure, and aid relief, our organisation hopes to support the struggling Yemeni people by providing access to some of the essential resources they desperately need.

As part of our ongoing commitment to Yemen, we have begun our annual maintenance of the Al-Hiswa Power Station. Maintaining Al-Hiswa Power Station will help to prevent frequent electricity cuts, protecting citizens from rising temperatures. Improving Yemen's electricity sector is vital to supporting the Yemeni people's economic development.

Qatar continues to offer assistance to the Yemeni people, and we recognise the hardships many people in Aden are currently undergoing and have been for a long time. We understand that these difficulties can only be alleviated through a collaborative campaign of international development, international cooperation, and genuine support.

# EDUCATION PROJECTS

Empowering Future  
Generations Through Learning

Education is the bedrock of all societal progress. Without the skills necessary to adapt and thrive within a constantly evolving world, people in the most vulnerable regions cannot progress. QFFD is committed to enhancing education to ensure that no one is left without the opportunity to transform their lives.

Without quality education and lifelong learning, people will not be equipped with the tools they need to fully participate in the modern world. Through financial aid into infrastructure, additional resources, and vocational programs, we will support the pursuit of education for the world's most deprived regions

# PROJECTS IN ASIA



## Qatar Scholarships Achievements (2023)

Education and knowledge are the necessary foundations for development and empowerment of all vulnerable communities. With this ethos, Qatar Scholarships have helped to broaden the educational and vocational opportunities for our students, from all walks of life. This year, our orientation event welcomed a new cohort of students, including 13 students from the Hamad Bin Khalifa-Geneva Graduate Institute Partnership, 23 from Lusail University, and 100 from the Doha Institute. We introduced them to the Qatar Scholarships family and prepared them for their time as scholars.

Over the past year, Qatar Scholarships were awarded both locally and internationally, significantly enhancing the visibility of our programmes. Recent Graduates from our Qatar Scholarship programme have included 13 students from Hamad Bin Khalifa-Geneva Graduate Institute Partnership, 79 students from Qatar University, and 93 students from the Doha Institute. Our unwavering commitment to global advocacy, and the promotion of quality education for all, has achieved significant outcomes. This includes the introduction of some key initiatives and the nurturing of minds with clear potential. Full results of which will be seen in the years to come.

Engagements were the key to success throughout the year. Notably, two of our scholars participated as panellists at the prestigious QFFD/ UNDP/ ITU Event, bringing youth perspectives to the forefront of meaningful dialogues. Additionally at various education conferences, including at the Association of International Educators (NAFSA) and the European Association for International Educators (EAIE), we worked to promote the benefits of studying in Qatar to all attendees.

Equally important to the pursuit of academic and professional success, is the celebration of our scholars' achievements. 'Graduation Dinner' and 'Partners Graduation Ceremonies' helped to honour our students. These ceremonies were not just a celebration of their hard work, but also a recognition of their potential to make a positive impact on their communities and the world.

Qatar Scholarships are committed to expanding impact through global advocacy engagements, strategic partnerships, and the abilities of the scholars. QFFD will continue to showcase the transformational power of education and its role in fostering economic development, collaboration, and empowerment.

Together, we will continue to transform communities, and foster an environment where the promise of education helps to achieve lasting societal advancement and international development.



## Right to Education Project

For Palestinians, having free access to information is an essential part of educating local communities and pushing forward the economic development of the country. In particular, the youth of the country must have access to practical knowledge to improve their skill sets, while giving them the confidence they need to commit to their personal development.

We are supporting the Right to Education Project, initiated by the Health, Development, Information, and Policy Institute, to provide academic support to students and to build effective educational capabilities. The agreement will help to provide training courses while raising awareness of the importance of education.

The career landscape globally is evolving at a rapid and irreversible pace. By providing funding, through a targeted partnership with HDIP, we hope no vulnerable communities are left behind.

The project began in 2023 and will last for 4 years. We will provide approximately USD 1.3 million in financial support, hoping to assist 10,000 Palestinian people with quality educational resources. By encouraging the youth today, we can empower them to grow their knowledge, improve their skills, and become leaders in their communities.



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## Nursing School to train Afghan nurses

We have consistently demonstrated commitment to advancing Sustainable Development Goals. In keeping with this commitment, we have supported a project to train Afghan nurses at the Kabul Nursing School.

In Afghanistan, access to healthcare is a critical issue. There is a severe shortage of trained healthcare professionals, including nurses, which severely impacts the country's ability to provide adequate medical care to its citizens. By supporting the training of nurses, our aim is to address this deficiency and improve healthcare outcomes for the Afghan population.

The project involves providing funding to support the training of nurses at the Kabul Nursing School. This funding will cover the costs of tuition, textbooks, and other educational materials for nursing students. Additionally, we will provide support for the school's infrastructure and facilities, to ensure that students have access to a high-quality learning environment.

Moving forward, we hope to contribute to the development of a skilled healthcare workforce in Afghanistan. This will not only improve access to healthcare for Afghan citizens but also create opportunities for economic empowerment and advancement for Afghan women, who make up the majority of nursing students.



# HEALTH PROJECTS

Providing Vital Healthcare  
Solutions for All

Access to effective and sustainable healthcare is a fundamental right and should be available to everyone. Through partnerships with some of the world's most effective healthcare providers, we are improving health systems across the world.

From the building of hospitals to support of vaccine development and comprehensive training of specialist staff, QFFD is committed to ensuring that people of all ages have the resources and care they need to experience a life of health and well being.

# PROJECTS IN AFRICA



## Establishment of a Kidney Hospital in Ethiopia

QFFD invests in building a large and well-equipped kidney hospital in Ethiopia. With a projected budget of USD 18 million, spanning 6 floors across nearly 7,000 square metres, the specialist kidney treatment centre in Addis Ababa hopes to provide services for up to 110,000 people.



The hospital spans **6-floors** across nearly **7,000 square metres**

Qatar and the Ethiopian government initially agreed to the venture in 2020. Pledging much-needed aid towards vital healthcare services is a way to offer genuine support to the Ethiopian people, while deepening bilateral ties between Qatar and Ethiopia.

When fully built, the kidney hospital will offer quality healthcare solutions across a range of kidney-related diseases, including transplant operations for those with kidney failure. Support will also extend to training. This includes specialised training for kidney-related diseases, as well as being extended towards developing the skill set of other medical professionals across the country.

Undertaking emergency kidney operations and improving kidney health more broadly is a highly specialised field and unfortunately, some hospitals in Ethiopia struggle to offer the care which is needed.

This partnership aims to provide 33 inpatient beds, one ICU with a 3-bed capacity, 3 operating rooms, 7 outpatient consultation rooms, and 4 hemodialysis stations with a total capacity of 52 dialysis beds.

# PROJECTS IN ASIA



## Joint Meeting between WHO and UNICEF on Interim Health Sector Priorities in Afghanistan

In a year marked by significant challenges, our commitment to fostering sustainable development, empowering communities, and addressing urgent health priorities has never been more critical. One such achievement included covering the expenses of hosting the joint meeting between the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF, on the interim health sector priorities in Afghanistan.

In doing so, we played a crucial role in facilitating an urgent discussion concerning health sector needs in Afghanistan. This reflects the State of Qatar's support for initiatives with significant economic, social and health impact.

We are determined to pursue strategic goals that can lead to positive changes in global health landscapes. Looking ahead, we will continue with our support for the Health Sector in Afghanistan, aimed at international development and empowerment of vulnerable individuals.

## Maternity Hospital Project in Almaty

With a budget of USD 20 million, we will support the construction of a maternity hospital in the province of Almaty, Kazakhstan. The hospital will be fully equipped with a capacity for 125 beds and attached to the existing central hospital in the village of Otegen Batyr.

Our aim is to reduce the maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030. As medical treatment across the world becomes more sophisticated, we believe no country should be left behind. Unnecessary loss of life for the most vulnerable must be avoided at all costs.

We are dedicated to improving existing healthcare facilities where possible and facilitating the ability of partner countries to provide essential healthcare services for all people. Improving the quality of healthcare services will help to ensure all women and infants are adequately protected during childbirth.



## Support for Cancer Patients in Palestine

In line with our goal to improve health inequality across the world, we are committed to improving cancer survival rates for disadvantaged communities in vulnerable regions. Through substantial grants, we hope to improve instances of cancer diagnosis while providing the tools needed for our partner countries to provide effective treatment.

If unaddressed, a lack of access to adequate cancer healthcare services in Palestine will increase mortality rates among the population. In June 2023, we committed to providing a grant of USD 4.5 million, enabling healthcare professionals to offer safe, effective, quality, and affordable treatment to Palestinian cancer patients living under occupation.

The grant will provide a new linear accelerator and CT simulator for the Radiation Department in Jerusalem. Through our Fund's assistance, we hope to significantly improve the healthcare circumstances of Palestinian cancer patients suffering in Gaza, the West Bank, and other regions.

## Provision of Ophthalmic Surgical Services

Provision of charitable, expert eye care in Gaza and the West Bank is offered by the St. John's Eye Hospital. St. John's provides emergency eye-care services for some of the most vulnerable population groups and is the only healthcare institute dedicated to expert eye care in the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem. St. John's is the largest provider of eye care in Palestine.

St. John's offers eye care to all those who seek it, regardless of ethnicity, race, religion, or their ability to afford healthcare. Their longstanding track record of providing charitable eye-care services in the region led them to win the prestigious 2023 António Champalimaud Vision Award.

Our organisation is committed to supporting worthy humanitarian causes, ensuring those in the most vulnerable situations are not denied the basic human right of access to surgical healthcare. With a budget of USD 3.5 million, our funding will benefit nearly 3,000 people.

Supporting St. John's Hospital means we can help them continue to provide effective ophthalmic procedures for the most disadvantaged Palestinians, preventing avoidable blindness in protracted conflict zones.



# HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Alleviating suffering and empowering people through humanitarian aid and urgent support

Humanitarian disasters and emergencies, such as conflict, socio-economic crisis, and natural disasters, prevent the world's most vulnerable people from achieving self-sufficiency. We believe extreme hardship should not stop people from accessing basic amenities and empowering their futures through self-determination.

QFFD is committed to funding a system-wide and organised approach to immediate crisis response, whilst ensuring actionable progress towards viable and long-term solutions. Through the provision of effective relief aid, we can effect swift and coordinated responses to some of the world's most damaging disasters.

# PROJECTS IN AFRICA



## Second Phase - Building Resilient Communities in Somalia (BRCiS)

2023 marked a significant milestone for our “Building Resilient Communities in Somalia” (BRCiS) project. Signing the second phase of the initiative, we facilitated a combined effort with the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Through this partnership, QFFD has demonstrated its commitment to economic development and empowerment in order to drive transformational change in the country.

The agreement was signed in 2023, signifying the strengthening of our shared commitment through purposeful support, aimed at combating food insecurity and building resilience within Somalia’s most vulnerable communities. USAID’s support resulted in a significant aid package of USD 4 million, which was accompanied by the FCDO’s contribution of USD 3 million. This financial assistance will hope to impact the lives of 594,618 beneficiaries over a span of six months.

Moving forward, QFFD will focus on broadening the reach of our assistance programme, nurturing access to multi-sectoral aid, primarily targeting communities in urgent need of food security and those vulnerable to humanitarian disasters.

## Emergency response to armed clashes in Sudan

Following 2023’s armed clashes in Sudan, the State of Qatar has engaged in various emergency response measures, consistent with Qatar’s commitment to ensuring effective crisis management. Directed by HH the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, QFFD channelled resources and expertise in order to provide immediate relief to Sudan’s affected communities.

Qatar is always willing to provide substantial humanitarian aid and meaningful impact where it is needed most. A number of key initiatives have included the launch of the first air shipments of vital supplies in 2023, and approximately 317 tonnes of medical and food aid, which has been dispatched to areas where communities have been hardest hit.

In addition, evacuation operations have resulted in nearly 2,000 individuals, comprising both Qatari and Sudanese nationals with Qatari residency, being safely transported away from zones of conflict. The total aid provided by the State of Qatar since the beginning of the crisis until the end of 2023 has reached more than USD 2.5 million (not including the cost of the air transport).



# PROJECTS IN ASIA



## Relief aid in response to Hurricane Daniel and accompanying floods

All countries affected by natural disasters deserve assistance and support to combat the worst effects of the devastation, whilst being given the tools they need to rebuild their communities. During such times, we are committed to mitigating human suffering. In 2023, Hurricane Daniel caused significant damage in Libya, including devastating floods which resulted in an urgent need for solidarity to support the country.



Financial aid amounted to almost **USD 1 million**

Qatar was able to offer swift and practical support through relief efforts, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to aiding those in distress. We mobilised the Permanent Committee for Rescue and Relief Operations, Qatar Charity, and the Qatar Red Crescent to dispatch air shipments of humanitarian aid. Our relief efforts impacted various sectors, notably health, energy, food security, sanitation, and shelter.

Medical supplies including equipment, medicines, first aid kits, and hygiene packages for preventing the spread of diseases, were also provided. Other acts to assist Libya included providing a fully equipped field hospital for urgent medical care, large-scale power generators to restore electricity, household electricity units to empower individuals and families, fuel for essential machinery and vehicles, portable bathrooms and family tents for displaced survivors, and nutritious food baskets to alleviate hunger.

Qatar is always ready to effectively deploy its resources to serve those in distress. Our targeted aid initiatives are always combined with a deep understanding of humanitarian disasters and partner nations, to ensure we address urgent needs while building hope and resilience for a sustainable future.

## Palestine Crisis Response 2023



We have pledged approximately **USD 50 million** of financial assistance to Palestine since the start of the conflict

We have pledged approximately USD 50 million of financial assistance to Palestine since the start of the conflict. Due to the escalation of the conflict in Gaza towards the end of 2023, significant resources have been spent across a broad range of relief efforts, with the aim of affecting the greatest positive impact possible. This includes providing food supplies, core relief items, shelter, medical aid, and any additional initiatives which can further assist relief efforts.

Provision of essential food and non-food items amounted to expenditure of over USD 1.1 million. In addition, almost USD 2.5 million were spent on providing critical shelter for families, including winter kits to protect them from the cold during the winter months, which helped approximately 30,000 people. In the area of much-needed healthcare, we delivered two field hospitals and comprehensive support for medicines, medical supplies, and devices, with a financial commitment of almost USD 3.3 million.

Broader relief initiatives - including food baskets, hygiene kits, water, and emergency care packages - were enabled with an overall aid package of USD 1.8 million. To ensure access to safe and clean water, 34,500 people were given 517,500 litres (345,000 bottles) of water.

Our meal and ambulance dispatch service was also able to provide meals on a daily basis to 150,000 individuals for 30 days, supported by the provision of local medical transportation. Eight ambulances worked around the clock to assist those in urgent need of medical assistance.

The State of Qatar reaffirms its commitment to achieving long-term economic and social empowerment for the people of Palestine. Resilient communities in the region must be built through partnership, and solidarity, in the pursuit of a brighter future for all.

## Provision of healthcare services to Syrian refugees

Initiatives over the past year have reflected our steadfast commitment to providing humanitarian aid where it is needed the most. This includes the giving of lifesaving health care services to Syrian refugees in Zaatari camp. In partnership with the Qatar Red Crescent and Qatar Charity, we signed agreements resulting in financial contributions of USD 3.1 million and USD 2.2 million respectively.

This collaboration seeks to address the pressing medical needs of more than 25,000 refugees over a span of 26 months. As well as urgent medical issues, the initiative will seek to address longer-term critical health issues, such as breast cancer, directing resources towards early detection and clinical screening, alongside raising awareness for non-communicable diseases.

With compassion and collaboration with like-minded partners, we will continue to support Syrian refugees in Zaatari camp, as well as other displaced communities who face similar barriers to leading autonomous lives. Our sustained efforts in Zaatari camp serve as a strong testament to Qatar's profound dedication to humanitarian issues that demand urgent action.



Addressing the pressing medical needs of **25,600** refugees over a span of **26** months



## Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) contributes to UNICEF's WASH interventions in Yemen

Continued access to clean water is essential for the survival of the Yemeni people and their families affected by the ongoing conflict. Partnering with UNICEF, we have pledged USD 15 million to support the strengthening of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) throughout Yemen. Improvements will be made through the funding and management of 13 water and sanitation projects across 11 cities.

Yemen has been heavily impacted by war, which has had a devastating impact on the country's people, economy, and infrastructure. Ensuring the Yemeni people have access to clean water, free from waterborne diseases such as cholera, is a priority for us. The QFFD-UNICEF partnership will positively impact around 4 million people as a result, helping to prevent the spread of diseases and the rise of malnutrition.

Only one-third of Yemen's population is connected to an operational water pipe network. The WASH intervention will drive the repair and maintenance of Yemen's water supply, providing effective sanitation. WASH projects will also explore the installation of more sustainable sources of energy, such as solar panels, to sustain the new water systems.

Our partnership with UNICEF will target the 11 governorates of Hodeida, Dhamar, Al Bayda, Hajjah, Taiz, Lahj, Al Jawf, Saada, Aden, Hadramout, and Abyan. By working together, we can help to prevent the worst impacts of conflict and economic upheaval, through targeted and effective relief aid.

## Proposed Initiative to the "Safer" Floating Oil Tank in Yemen

We have made significant progress in helping to alleviate some of the consequences of the severe humanitarian crisis in Yemen, which has continued to cause devastation to the Yemeni people for 8 years.

One such project has involved an intervention to prevent the looming catastrophe caused by the stranded oil tanker, 'Safer FSO', which is filled with hazardous waste.

As an organisation, we are committed to directing funds where their impact can be concentrated towards achieving collective growth and recovery where possible. However, we are also dedicated to solving emergency situations as and when they arise. To address the oil tanker problem, we allocated USD 5 million to support the strategic resolution proposed by the United Nations Development Programme.

The outcome represented a crucial move to protect Yemen from humanitarian and environmental peril.

# PROJECTS IN NORTH AMERICA



## Florida Disaster Fund



QFFD  
donated **USD  
5 million**  
towards  
the Florida  
Disaster Fund

In 2022, the State of Florida in the United States suffered widespread devastation, as a result of Hurricane Ian. Hurricane Ian would become the most ruinous hurricane experienced by Florida, surpassing the damage caused by Hurricane Irma in 2017.

Preliminary estimates put the cost of the tropical cyclone, to property and infrastructure, at between USD 50 - 65 billion. Damage from Hurricane Ian was extensive, extending across western Cuba, central Florida, and North Carolina and South Carolina.

To support the efforts of disaster response teams, we donated USD 5 million towards the Florida Disaster Fund, helping to alleviate some of the damage caused.

Responding effectively and urgently to natural disasters is a cornerstone of QFFD's mission statement. Over the years, we have provided significant relief aid to North and South America, and the Caribbean Islands. Humanitarian assistance and effective crisis response are a core part of our relief aid efforts.