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



“The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the extent to which the lives of peoples and their destinies in our modern world are intertwined and correlated. It has been proven that no country can alone confront a catastrophe of the magnitude of this pandemic, and that investing in research to fight it and prevent similar outbreaks in the future must be an international effort, and that the international community must work hard and diligently to make vaccines and treatment accessible to all, especially the poor peoples or those who face upheavals and wars, for it is not acceptable to subjugate people’s health to the laws of the market and global trade”

**His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani**

Amir of the State of Qatar  
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After several long and stressful months of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, the world is once again grappling with the gradual return to normalcy. In many countries, including Qatar, the second half of 2021 marked a decline in pandemic cases and a slow, gradual expansion in economic recovery.

However, in the Global South, the pandemic intensified and was bundled with multidimensional challenges. Ranging from weakened infrastructure within the health systems, acute food insecurity, loss of livelihoods, fiscal challenges, and climate change, such compounded complexities have put our collective promise “to leave no one behind” to a grave test. But these challenges have proven yet again that solidarity and collaboration across borders is our only way forward.

It, therefore, goes without saying that without equitable access to vaccines for all countries, especially low-income ones, we would still have a very long, costly, and painful journey ahead. Accordingly, we should not lose focus on vaccinating as many people in as many countries worldwide. That would help save lives, prevent newer and more dangerous mutations of the virus, stabilize public health resources and infrastructure, and boost global economic recovery.

In that context, Qatar Fund For Development (QFFD) expanded its response this year to the outbreak by providing substantial assistance to over 30 countries and international organizations. It has also rallied efforts to ensure equitable access to vaccines for all, especially in the least developed countries.

The Fund provided more than US\$ 140 million to multilateral healthcare institutions and programs such as COVAX in the race to develop vaccines and to make them accessible fairly and equitably to more than 92 countries worldwide.

Of equal importance and urgency, this year has marked an important milestone in our collective efforts to abate climate change. The climate conference COP 26 in Scotland was nowhere short of reminding us to step up global efforts to address climate change. Cognizant that least developed countries and Small Island developing states are among the most vulnerable to climate change, Qatar Fund mobilized support to implement resilient strategies for handling extreme weather events, rising ocean levels, and ultimately protecting development gains.

Looking ahead, and as we approach the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) next year, Qatar is humbled to be hosting such a historic event. We are hopeful that this conference will help catalyze transformative actions to overcome challenges faced by the LDCs by 2030.

As we turn the page on an eventful year, and as Qatar is poised to host one of the biggest international tournaments, the FIFA 2022, we stand ready to reaffirm our commitment to realizing the Global Agenda 2030, to uphold the values of multilateralism and global solidarity, and work together to achieve the SDGs.

Finally, I would like to thank all our strategic partners, other international donors, the humanitarian and development community, and Qatar Fund employees for their efforts, enthusiasm, and commitment to fostering hope, peace, and justice around our world.

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

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs



## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL



While 2021 has seen a waning of the COVID-19 pandemic, many least developed countries are still struggling to contain the pandemic.

The challenges are far from over. The coronavirus has taken a toll not only on our health systems but has also reversed years of progress made towards Sustainable Development Goals. Poverty rates have increased, access to quality education has declined, economic activity has faltered, and social unrest has surfaced in many areas, challenging yet again our commitment to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 and reach those who are furthest behind. The systemic vulnerabilities exposed by the effects of the pandemic stress the need for urgent and sustainable measures across different sectors.

A core principle at the heart of our agenda is resilience building. QFFD firmly believes in the importance of ensuring an inclusive, sustainable, resilient, and greener economic recovery. We believe that such an approach contributes to a better future for beneficiary countries.

At Qatar Fund, we continued our efforts to promote sustainable and equitable economic growth, sustain livelihoods, foster inclusive social development, and promote sustainable management of our planet's resources. Working strategically alongside local partners and multilateral organizations, the Fund delivered development projects and humanitarian aid in over 80 countries worldwide, benefiting millions of people.

As the global economy shows signs of bouncing back from the pandemic, we must ensure that no nation is left behind, especially regarding equitable availability and distribution of vaccines and support with delivering healthcare responses. At the same time, there is a critical need to mitigate the adverse health and economic effects of climate change, especially considering that climate shocks may delay global recovery from the pandemic.

It took a pandemic to bring us together to fight for our common survival. In the same spirit of global cooperation, we must strengthen efforts to uplift those hit hardest by the damage to health and education systems, and livelihoods. And to this end, I would like to thank our Board of Directors, each member of the QFFD team, and our strategic partners for their dedication and tireless efforts in making a difference in the lives of millions of people worldwide.

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

Director General of QFFD



# NO ONE SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND

## Executive Summary



Hamad Bin Khalifa Hospital - Gaza, Palestine

The preamble to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development highlights the importance of the collective efforts among nations, communities, and individuals for the journey towards a more sustainable and prosperous future. It is now evident to us all that the various pledges that were made toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Its repercussions on global health systems, education delivery models, and economic performance have derailed progress and stumbled growth.

While the magnitude of the fallouts from COVID-19 differed from country to country, with one affected more than the other, it is necessary to remember our principled pledge that while we embark on our recovery journeys, *“no one will be left behind...”*

In 2021, the State of Qatar, through Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), continued to make tireless efforts to alleviate the impact of COVID-19, especially on those who live in vulnerable communities. Along with its strategic partners, QFFD has delivered humanitarian aid with diverse resources,

including medical supplies and equipment exceeding 250 tons. QFFD augmented its support with humanitarian interventions worldwide, especially to marginalized groups, focusing on women, youth, and refugees. Winterization support for refugees included food assistance, medicines, heaters, and fresh drinking water.

The pandemic severely affected the education sector wiping out years of progress and development. QFFD focused its resources on projects aimed at getting students back in school and receiving a quality education. These interventions included building schools, upgrading educational infrastructure, providing textbooks, and extending financial assistance to both students and institutions. This has helped to restore and deliver education to millions of children.

On an equal footing, QFFD has addressed the need to revive the economic growth of low-income countries affected by the pandemic by assisting them via infrastructure development projects and programs to encourage entrepreneurship while creating jobs, thereby building the resilience of local economies.

The health sector worldwide has been overstretched over the past few years. Support to cope with the impact of the pandemic, especially in improving access to vaccines for people in low-income countries, has been a priority for QFFD. Its intercessions aimed to supplement various vaccination programs worldwide in close coordination with its strategic partners such as the WHO and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Additionally, the Fund continued its support to The Global Fund in its fight against Aids, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, and to UNICEF and UNHCR in their programs that aim to eradicate diseases, expand access to basic healthcare, and strengthen healthcare systems to counter future pandemics.

What adds complexity to our challenges is the relentless rise in climate-related catastrophes. Rising sea levels, fires, floods, and natural disasters are causing immense suffering and forcibly displacing populations. In this context, and hand in hand with global efforts to tackle climate change, QFFD provided support to LDCs, SIDS, and other countries vulnerable to climate change to improve their food security and develop sustainable solutions to enhance their resilience.

To deliver better and more impactful results from its projects, QFFD works closely with strategic partners at several UN agencies, including UNRWA, OCHA, WHO, as well as with other multilateral partners. By contributing to their core operations, QFFD aims to enable and strengthen the multilateral systems in delivering on its important mandate. QFFD has also signed several new collaboration agreements with several institutions across different sectors to address urgent global issues.

In 2021, QFFD contributed over US\$ 551 million internationally towards development and humanitarian assistance, channeling these funds through its partners, including multilateral institutions, and global and local civil society organizations.

In this year's report, we share the accounts of numerous people who have found hope and relief through projects and programs supported by QFFD. These individuals inspire us to strive even harder in our journey towards an inclusive, sustainable world through development initiatives that will help us rebuild - better, stronger, and faster.



Tomorrow's Youth Organization - West Bank, Palestine

# GRANTS IN 2021

GRAND TOTAL **\$551,088,314**



Education  
**\$99,981,775**



Budget Support  
**\$9,250,000**



Infrastructure  
**\$3,920,222**

Economic Development  
**\$22,364,275**



Healthcare  
**\$70,267,877**



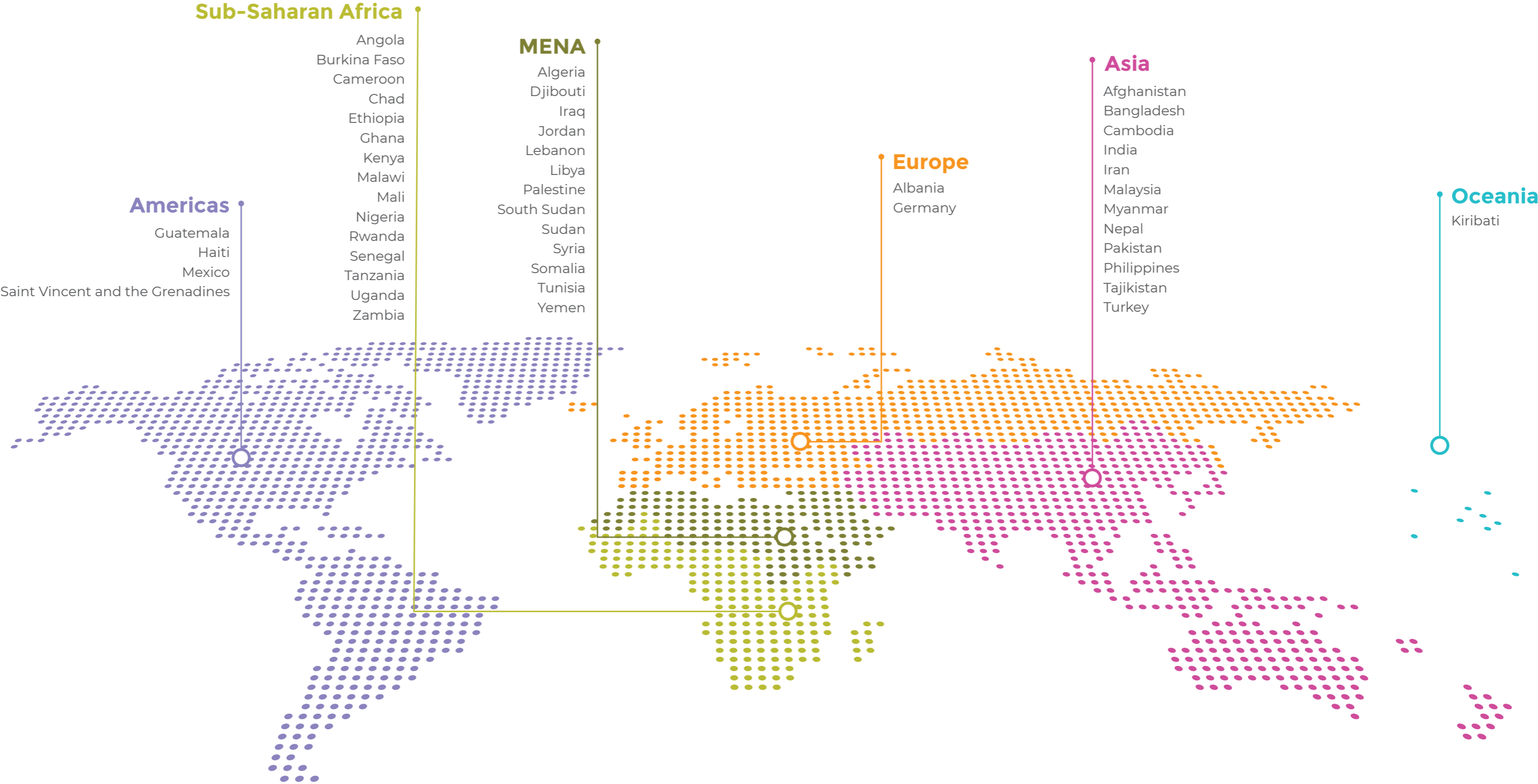
Humanitarian Aid  
**\$345,304,166**





# Global outreach for a sustainable future

In 2021, QFFD and its partners committed funding towards sustainable development and humanitarian relief, making a difference to the lives of people in 47 countries around the world.





4 QUALITY EDUCATION



## BUILDING BETTER LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

### Education, Facilities, Training, Primary and Secondary Education

With the world still reeling from the impact of COVID-19, twenty years of continuous progress in the education sector has been severely affected. Current data shows that over 317 million students have not returned to their classrooms. Moreover, infrastructure in schools is still behind. 56 percent of schools operate without access to drinking water, 33 percent without electricity, and 40 percent without hand-washing facilities. This learning crisis could turn into a learning catastrophe in the absence of remedial action.

QFFD has provided extensive support in guaranteeing access to education to millions of children worldwide. Globally, we now see 88 percent of children completing primary school, 72 percent of adolescents finishing lower-secondary school, and 53 percent of youth completing upper-secondary education. QFFD is also providing scholarships for youth and adults in specialized fields at universities and vocational centers, both by welcoming them to study in Qatar or by offering them opportunities to learn in their home countries.



*“Access to education is a basic human right and one that has a bearing on the development and progress of people and nations, respectively. Throughout 2021, QFFD focused on providing quality and accessible education for all through the Fund’s education projects. These projects were primarily focused on the countries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and that were also suffering from political unrest and poor economic conditions”*

**Tamador Al Kuwari**  
Risk & Compliance Department, QFFD

## TURNING A NEW PAGE IN EDUCATION FOR SYRIA'S CHILDREN



In collaboration with the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, QFFD supports the Syria Education Program, which provides access to safe and inclusive education for children inside Syria. QFFD's contribution (US\$ 1.6 million) to the US\$ 19.6 million project goes to funding summer classes, enhancing school infrastructure, covering stipends for staff, and supplying materials for child-friendly spaces.

### Omar moves on from loss with new hope and new friends



**135,731**  
beneficiaries



**1,166**  
schools



**5,731**  
teachers

Ten-year-old Omar is from the village of Maarat al Numan in Syria. After their home was shelled, his family moved to another village. Months later, his aunt said she was going back to their old village to retrieve her belongings there, taking Omar, his brother, and their cousin along with her. The boys rummaged through the ruins of their previous home, looking for their old toys and gathering them together. Suddenly, shelling struck their house, and everything went dark for Omar. The boy came to when he heard his aunt calling his name, and together they searched for Omar's brother and cousin. Sadly, the boys had lost their lives in the shelling, leaving Omar alone with his grief.

Omar's school was chosen to receive support from the Syria Education Program. Omar met a specialized teacher called Samar in the school's library, who has helped children cope with loss and grief. The teacher invited Omar and a few other students twice a week and organized fun activities to instill fresh hope in their minds.

Over time, Omar began to feel happy and more confident. He also made many new friends with whom he is very close. "I am in the fourth grade now," says Omar. "I learned there that it is my right to play, learn, speak, share my opinions, and to be alive."



Mahmoud, 11, TYO student, says, "My favorite day in the organization was the first day I came here. I was really excited!"

### Tomorrow's dentist awaits his turn

Eleven-year-old Mahmoud Arayshe lives in the Balata refugee camp in Palestine. He says his parents and four siblings are lucky to be living at the entrance of the camp because "We are safe and not suffering from the tear gas in the refugee camp because most of the clashes happen deeper inside the camp."

Mahmoud attends classes organized by Tomorrow's Youth Organization (TYO). Despite all the struggles of living in a refugee camp, Mahmoud has big dreams. "When I grow up, I want to become a dentist," he says. "Studying at TYO and receiving a good quality of education will help me get to university and become a dentist."

TYO, a US-based NGO funded by QFFD, implements various education, health, and economic empowerment programs in the West Bank. The programs are mainly focused on children, youth, and women.



**11,500**  
children, youth,  
and women  
benefited

## Shell-shocked Bissan bounces back to a new life

On a warm sunny day, little Bissan was playing with his younger brother in the backyard of their home in Idleb. Suddenly, the kids heard a loud noise that sent them running back into the house, into the arms of their frightened mother. Soon, another shell struck the home, sending them all sprawling onto the floor, their mother praying fervently for the attack to stop.

Bissan and his brother stopped playing that day because aircraft kept returning to their area on bombing missions. Bissan's father organized a truck to take their belongings a few days later and set out on the open road. It was cold and snowy, and after several days, they found shelter in a school that became their new home.

Bissan's school, supported by the Syria Education Program, had a teacher named Farah who had experience working with children who faced war-related traumas. She invited Bissan to join a small group of students, arranging exciting activities that brought joy and new hope to the innocent children. Bissan is now in second grade, adjusting well to his new life, and he now perhaps has more best friends than any other 8 year-old.



Khaled, 16, a resident of Atoma refugee camp, who received new textbooks through a QFFD-funded Qatar Charity project which printed and distributed millions of schoolbooks to displaced students in northern Syria

“ We had no hope before receiving the books that we would get a high grade in school ”

## BRIDGING THE GENDER GAP IN EDUCATION

Hundreds of millions of girls and women have never had the opportunity to gain a formal education. It is a known fact that women are twice as likely to be non-literate as men. This is especially familiar in specific geographic regions torn apart by violence and armed conflict. The abysmal gender gap in education needs to be addressed urgently so that women have access to their most basic rights and are included in all aspects of peace-building and conflict resolution processes. The State of Qatar, through QFFD, works with strategic partners to fund and support various initiatives that empower and support girls and women in conflict situations.

التعليم  
فوق  
الجميع | education  
above  
all

## Noor Jouma'a begins a new life

Born a Jordanian national, Noor Jouma'a was born and raised in Syria. Intending to pursue higher studies, she applied for scholarships over four years but failed to succeed because they required a Syrian nationality card. Depressed by her circumstances, she threw away all her colored clothing, wearing only black, saying that was the only color she could see.

During those four years, Noor kept herself occupied by offering private tuition to students in her neighborhood. She also began to learn English by watching YouTube videos. Her habit of constantly investing in herself finally paid off when she was awarded a scholarship funded by QFFD through Education Above All Foundation's Al Fakhoora program.

That is how 24-year-old Noor left Syria to start a new life in Jordan, studying business management at Luminus Technical University College. Her abilities and achievements allowed her to work in the same university where she graduated from. Today, Noor is determined to study for a master's degree and enter the teaching profession.



Noor Jouma'a refused to allow obstacles to hold her back from achieving her ambition



"The Syria Education Program's support had a great impact on my life. I feel more empowered as a female in our society because I have my own source of income," says Fadia, a beneficiary of training and employment facilitated by the Syria Education Program

## Fadia realizes her goal after four years

When 36-year-old Fadia arrived in Idleb, Syria, she struggled to find a career as a teacher because she is specialized in fine arts. Refusing to give up, Fadia began volunteering as a teacher in an Idleb school. She spent four years as a volunteer teacher in her desire to be close to children and support them.

Finally, in 2018, Fadia was appointed as a librarian under the QFFD-supported Syria Education Program. "I was very happy that I was finally able to work within the field of my specialty," said Fadia. Her income supported her family in a time of crisis while helping her to achieve self-sufficiency.

## A dream comes true for Jumana

A wife and an art teacher, Jumana, 40 year old, experienced several displacements in Syria before finally settling in Idleb. "We suffered a lot during the displacement journey," said Jumana. "My husband was unemployed. I had to flee with my four daughters to find safety. All I wanted was to protect my little girls."

It was Jumana's dream to become a teacher. Eager to make a difference in children's lives, as a result she became a classroom teacher in a school supported by the Syria Education Program, an initiative funded in part by QFFD. While her income helped support her family financially, she also underwent several training programs to acquire new skills in supporting students with learning difficulties.

## Scholarships for all-women Afghan robotics team

The members of an all-female Afghan robotics team were evacuated from Afghanistan to Qatar to continue their education through scholarships to study at Qatar Foundation's Education City.

Jointly funded by the Foundation and QFFD, the team, known as the 'Afghan Dreamers', were flown to Doha on a Qatar-organized flight after their home country came under Taliban rule. Housed at Education City, Doha, they now have the opportunity to enhance and develop their robotics skills which would raise their prospects for a bright future in academics and their careers.



40-year old Jumana, a mother of four, credits the Syria Education Program to securing her livelihood and providing her children with access to quality inclusive education



The 'Afghan Dreamers'



**4,523,411**  
out-of-school  
girls



**42**  
countries



**QUEST**  
QATAR UPHOLDING EDUCATION  
FOR SYRIANS' TRUST



**400,000**  
people  
benefited



**50,000**  
children



**103**  
schools

## Helping girls go to school

Through funding from QFFD, Education Above All Foundation continues to deliver access to quality education to marginalized communities through the Educate A Child program. The program has succeeded in enrolling 4,523,411 female out-of-school children (OOSC) in quality primary education programs.

## QUEST: educating refugees in Syria

Five years ago, the State of Qatar, through QFFD, launched the "Qatar Upholding Education for Syrians' Trust" (QUEST). The initiative aims to ensure that 400,000 children and young people affected by the Syrian crisis have access to education, skills training, and healthcare services inside Syria and neighboring countries, including Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, and Turkey.

## Uplifting education for Palestinian refugees in Syria

QFFD supports UNRWA in delivering basic education services and TVET courses to Palestine refugee students in Syria. With support from QFFD, UNRWA provides formal and non-formal education services to around 50,000 Palestinian refugee children in Damascus, Aleppo, Hama, Homs, Dera'a, and other areas. These refugee students receive quality equitable education and sustained psychosocial support through individual and group counseling. In addition, a Technical and Vocational Training Programme (TVET) offers long-term courses in four cities and makes ongoing efforts to connect students with job opportunities.

## Empowering academic excellence at Birzeit University

As part of the efforts to enhance educational opportunities in Palestine, QFFD has supported Birzeit University with scholarships and funding to upgrade its academic infrastructure for the past few years. QFFD's Scholarships allow hundreds of outstanding students to complete their university education and equip them with the knowledge and skills to enter the job market. QFFD also funded an infrastructure development project on the university campus. The US\$ 2.5 million project will establish road networks and parking spaces to reduce traffic congestion on the campus.



**871**  
scholarships  
in 2021

## The twins who built three websites while studying

Mohammed and Ahmed Raddad are twins from Al-Zawiya in the West Bank. Their consistent academic excellence helped them secure QFFD Scholarship grants to pursue Birzeit University programs in computer sciences. Around midway through their programs, they took a one-semester break to complete a five-month course in programming and building websites. The twins got accepted in the course because of their credentials and won second and third places in the competitions at the end of the course.

During this break, the twins built three websites that will be launched soon. The first website helps graduate students create their own CV to professional standards. The second project is a website that facilitates ride-sharing amongst university students to alleviate the problem of finding transport to and from campus. Finally, the third website helps shoppers save time and money by comparing prices of selected products across different vendors and identifying the best price closest to the user's location.



Mohammed and Ahmed Raddad

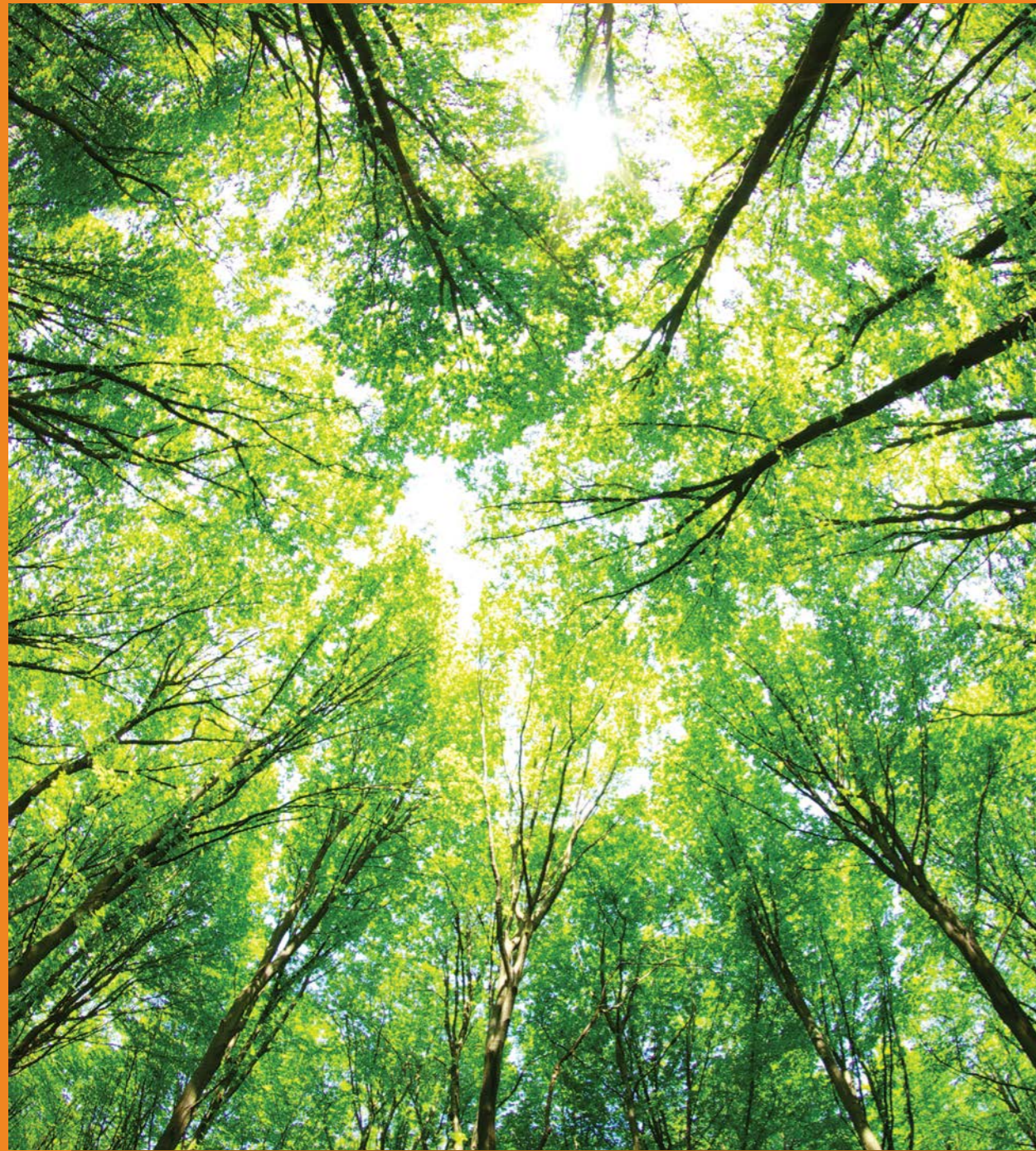
## The Palestinian triplets who inspire us

Rahaf, Janan, and Raghada Al-Haj are triplets, hailing from Atara village in Ramallah. Since they have five brothers, all students, their parents could not afford to educate them all. However, with the help of the QFFD Scholarship, all three sisters are now enrolled at Birzeit University, completing different specializations.

"After we received the news of our acceptance among the students benefiting from the QFFD grant, we have a great motivation to continue our academic excellence and maintain this valuable scholarship," says Rahaf.



Rahaf, Janan, and Raghada Al-Haj, hailing from Atara village in Ramallah



13 CLIMATE ACTION



## A PLANET HABITABLE FOR ALL

### Mitigating the Impact of Climate Change

The past seven years have been recorded as the warmest in the planet's history, with global temperatures expected to rise further in this century. Atmospheric greenhouse gas concentration and associated heat have driven our planet into uncharted territory, with consequences for current and future generations. The climate crisis needs collaborative action from all nations; the livability of our planet as we know it is in jeopardy.

The consequences of climate change also include rising sea levels, severe fires, and floods. People are experiencing climate change in diverse ways, and it is affecting their health, ability to grow food, safety, and work, with some groups more vulnerable than others. Rising sea levels are forcing entire communities to relocate. Consequently, due to the climate change impact on the planet, nations have already signed various global agreements to guide progress that highlight broad categories of action, including cutting emissions, adapting to climate impacts, and financing required adjustments.

Recently at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), the consensus among heads of states and governments was on adaptation to and mitigation of the effects of climate change. COP26 ended with clarity on the work that needs to be done, more robust and effective instruments to achieve it, and a heightened sense of commitment to promoting climate action. We expect the coming years to witness intensified efforts in climate diplomacy and transition opportunities. Moreover, we also foresee increased climate returns with the sustainable market growing stronger. With sustainable financial product innovations, nature-based solutions are expected to play a growing role in tackling climate change and rebuilding a more resilient global economy.

*"At QFFD, we aim to ensure that our climate change projects are aligned with SDG-13 'Climate Action' along with Qatar's National Vision 2030 in order to contribute to reducing the effects of climate change and overcoming challenges and natural calamities caused by climate change, especially in the least developed countries"*

**AlDana Al Athba**  
Strategic Planning & Performance Department, QFFD





Farmers threshing rice during the warm, dry season in Senegal. The Solar Irrigation Project in the Senegal River Valley will provide farmers with financing, technical assistance, and a cash-for-work program



**5,833**  
beneficiaries



**Dr. Frank Rijsberman**  
Director-General,  
Global Green Growth Institute

## A greener future for rice farmers in Senegal

The Solar Irrigation Project for Climate-Smart Agriculture in the Senegal River Valley is implementing environmentally conscious irrigation systems instead of using electrically operated methods to promote a greener approach to agricultural development. The 3-year project is a partnership between QFFD and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). It seeks to improve the livelihoods of rice farmers, especially women and youth, through sustainable agricultural production and increased productivity. Initially, twelve pilot sites will be solarized and rice farmers trained in climate-smart agriculture practices and given a chance to participate in a cash-for-work program. QFFD's contribution to the project is more than US\$ 2.9 million.

“ During 2021, QFFD and GGGI initiated delivery of four high-impact projects in the Caribbean, Pacific, and West African regions. The projects focus on enhancing climate resilience and COVID 19 recovery by nurturing local entrepreneurship and SMEs and implementing climate-smart agriculture approaches. I take this opportunity to commend Qatar's emerging leadership in supporting climate action in developing countries and look forward to strengthening our collaboration with QFFD in reaching more vulnerable countries that need support to simultaneously deliver the twin goals of climate resilience and sustainable economic development ”



## Assisting nations in adapting to climate change

QFFD has signed an un-earmarked contribution agreement with the Adaptation Fund which funds adaptation and resilience programs for the countries that are most vulnerable to climate change, including LDCs and SIDS. The partnership will ensure concrete adaptation activities that reduce the adverse effects of climate change facing communities and countries.

Qatar is the first country from the Middle East and the first non-Annex I Party to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to contribute to the Adaptation Fund. The contribution is in keeping with the State of Qatar's commitment to supporting climate resilience while helping improve the livelihoods of the most vulnerable communities. The Adaptation Fund has over 115 concrete adaptation projects on the ground around the world.



Adaptation Fund support in Cambodia

“ The Adaptation Fund's effective projects and innovative finance programs continued to grow rapidly in 2021, with now more than 125 concrete localized projects around the world reaching over 31 million total beneficiaries. The Fund appreciates its record-setting support received from 16 different contributors in 2021, which will go to helping reach even more vulnerable countries with concrete adaptation solutions. This support included three new contributors to the Fund, among which was the State of Qatar through the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) representing the first non-Annex I country and first Middle Eastern country to contribute to the AF. The Fund sincerely appreciates QFFD's support to its work ”



**Mr. Mattias Broman**  
Board Chair, Adaption Fund



## ENCOURAGING GREEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP



**12,260**  
direct, indirect, and  
induced jobs



**49,000**  
beneficiaries



The Eastern Caribbean Green Entrepreneurship Initiative and the Pacific Green Entrepreneur Network are projects designed to support green entrepreneurship, innovation, and employment in 12 Caribbean and Pacific countries. Both projects are initiated by the Global Green Growth Institute and are fully funded by QFFD.

The focus of these projects is on developing SMEs in locally relevant green industries by providing business incubation, development support, and interest-free financing through a revolving Green Investment Fund. These projects are expected to create thousands of jobs in the coming years.

### Cooking up a greener fuel

Low-income citizens of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, mainly use firewood as a cooking fuel, though it is laborious and polluting. LitFuel, a biomass startup, seeks to provide these citizens with a sustainable and clean alternative cooking fuel source.

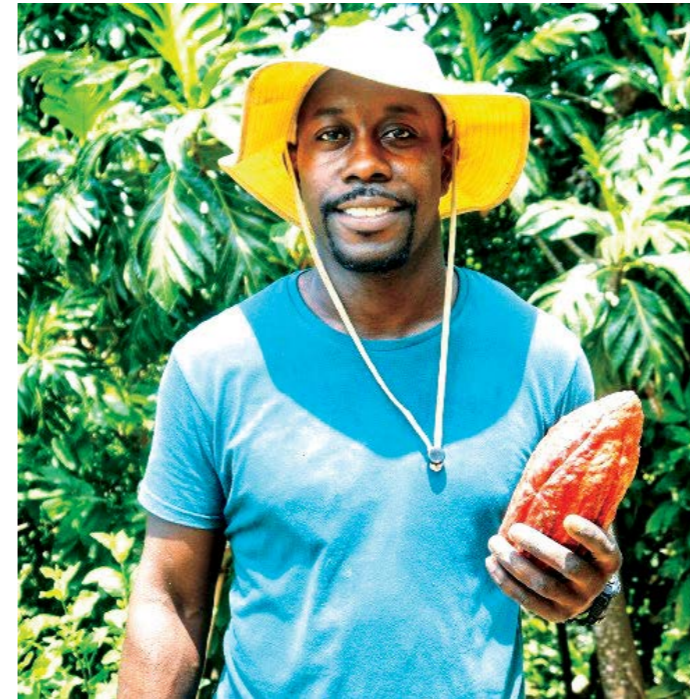
LitFuel converts waste biomass like sawdust and wood chips into pellet fuel using a hammer mill and a pelletizing machine. The startup is part of the Global Green Growth Institute's Pacific Greenpreneur Incubator Program, funded by QFFD.

The incubator program helped LitFuel define their business purpose more clearly, to serve their customers better while also solving environmental problems affecting their community. The program also gave them insights into how time and resources should be invested for greater efficiency and to achieve the best results.

The goal of LitFuel is to reduce deforestation in Papua New Guinea while reducing the labor and pollution associated with cooking so that people can live quality lives.



Pellet fuel from LitFuel, with the pelletizing machine seen in the background



Aaron Sylvester is a partner in the 'The Organic Grenada Collective,' a social enterprise supported by the Eastern Caribbean Green Entrepreneurship Initiative. The Collective supports cocoa and spice farmers in Grenada to develop their crops into organic premium quality, both raw and value-added products, enabling them to capture more of the value within the supply chain



Athalie George, from Twin Islet Productions in Dominica, spreads cacao beans in the sun. Sun-dried cacao is processed into chocolate, cocoa sticks, cocoa butter, and cocoa powder. Twin Islet Productions, supported by the Eastern Caribbean Green Entrepreneurship Initiative, also explores using cocoa husk (harvested and deseeded pods) to make biodegradable plastics



Anja Fernand of Food Harmony Inc., working in her garden in Saint Lucia. Supported by the Eastern Caribbean Green Entrepreneurship Initiative, Food Harmony was founded to make St. Lucia more sustainable by using environmentally conscientious operations in agriculture and agro-processing. This will facilitate greener food production and resilience by reducing food waste, improving soils, keeping green waste out of landfills, and reducing food miles.



David Collins (left), who leads Palmtre Charcoal, is seen here in consultation with the District Agricultural Officer of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Palmtre Charcoal is a next-generation, environmentally sustainable charcoal that burns hotter, longer, and cleaner than traditional charcoal while addressing the growing agricultural waste problem in the Caribbean.

## Improving food security in Kiribati

The Pacific Ocean island nation of Kiribati may soon be the earth's first country to lose its entire land territory due to global climate change. Rising sea levels, frequent storms, and permanent erosion of the shoreline are causing irreversible damage to freshwater sources and reducing food security.

QFFD is supporting a Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) project that uses climate-smart agriculture to increase the production of locally grown vegetables in Kiribati.



A senior agriculture officer demonstrating a plant propagation technique called "marcotting" (also called "air layering") to participants in the GGGI project. A marcotted tree will bear fruit early while the tree stays short. This technique is vital for the people of Kiribati in improving their food security and encouraging more individuals to start producing healthy and nutritious food.



Participants learn to sow horticulture seeds in a seedling tray as part of a two-day training workshop under the GGGI project. This sowing technique will produce more robust and healthier seedlings, ensuring that the crop will have a better chance of survival in the field. Due to Kiribati's poor soil conditions, this is a more cost-effective technique to produce good quality produce.



**3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**



## INVIGORATING HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

### Health, Infectious Diseases, and Medical Services

Our world continues to head towards another year of the COVID-19 pandemic, with newer virus strains posing constant threats to global health. Over 5.2 million deaths have been attributed to the pandemic worldwide. While many nations strive to vaccinate a sizable number of their populations, there are still significant challenges in ensuring that low-income countries receive enough vaccines for their people and the support they need to develop resilient healthcare systems.

QFFD continued to focus its efforts on equity while addressing global health challenges. The Fund significantly supported international efforts in mobilizing resources and providing vital aid to combat the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate its impact. Over 50 million people in 31 countries have benefited from financial support and in-kind donations.

Along with the rest of the world, QFFD has gained several lessons from the pandemic, which revealed vulnerabilities of the healthcare systems and the fragility of economies. The Fund has renewed its focus on strengthening healthcare and disaster preparedness worldwide. As part of this commitment, QFFD provided around US\$ 70.8 million to several organizations

and entities such as Gavi COVAX AMC and WHO to provide medical devices to address the COVID-19 pandemic and support the effort to develop and deliver vaccines while strengthening resilience in global health systems.

While the top global priority remains to be containing the pandemic, the international response to the pandemic reveals the necessity for more integrated health interventions. This provides the world with an opportunity to revisit existing systems and ensure that global health principles and values of equity, accessibility, effectiveness, efficiency, and quality are realized.

*“One of the most critical Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) is Goal 3 health and well-being, which is precisely what we strive to accomplish at QFFD to promote healthy lives and ensure the well-being of vulnerable groups in those countries most in need. Ensuring well-being for all is an important aspect of living a healthy life that positively impacts communities in areas such as economic development and education”*

**Fahad Al Kuwari**  
Projects Development Department, QFFD





الهدال الأحمر القطري  
Qatar Red Crescent



**150**  
medical  
professionals

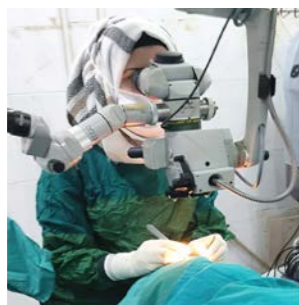
## Improving Northern Syria's healthcare system

In partnership with the Qatar Red Crescent Society, QFFD is supporting a project to strengthen the healthcare system in Northern Syria by funding the Academy of Health Sciences in Idleb. Under this program, continuing medical education is provided for resident doctors, especially women, in selected healthcare facilities. The US\$ 3 million project also aims to build capacity among the health directorates' critical medical staff in epidemiology, public health, health planning, strategies, and policies in a time of conflict and humanitarian crises. This initiative is in line with Qatar's emphasis on supporting durable interventions and empowering students, particularly women who make up over half the student workforce.

The program will help 130 students get certified in one of three programs currently: nursing, paramedics, and physical rehabilitation. This is the first accredited license in Northwest Syria and is awarded by AQUIN, the German institution for accreditation. The program will also allow 20 resident doctors to complete their residencies in selected hospitals in northwest Syria in their final years of specialization.

## Doctor gets practical training

Dr. Bayan Jaroud, a resident in ophthalmology and surgery, struggled due to the limited practical experience in the Syrian hospital where she was employed. She was selected for specialized training under the QUEST health initiative funded by QFFD and implemented through its partners. Dr. Bayan's training gave her experience and confidence in conducting procedures to save lives. Moreover, Dr. Bayan added that her training gave her the best career experience in her field. "Finally, I am able to perform the operations of squints and eyelids without help professionally," she said.



Dr. Bayan Jaroud,  
Resident Physician  
in the field of  
ophthalmology  
and surgery

## Better healthcare for pregnant women

QFFD's QUEST initiative aims to provide access to better healthcare services for children and youth among displaced Syrians, both in Syria and in neighboring countries. Even as the pandemic is spreading, QFFD and Qatar Charity have launched the "Health Care for Pregnant Women" program to care for Syrian refugees before and after childbirth.

## Mother delivers triplets against all odds

A pregnant Syrian woman was thrilled to know that she was expecting triplets. However, when the time for childbirth arrived, she was taken to the hospital in a critical condition — complications arose, and an urgent Cesarean delivery was the only solution. Fortunately, the team of doctors in attendance had been trained under the residency program that was part of QFFD's QUEST health initiative. These doctors could turn things around and successfully deliver two girls and a boy. The mother's health was stable though the boy child had to remain in neonatal care for almost two weeks. Happily, all triplets and their mother are thriving now.



Doctors who were trained under QFFD's QUEST health initiative helped deliver triplets despite major complications

## Women who make a difference in healthcare

Healthcare for women has always been a cause for concern, but the current pandemic has highlighted the enormous imbalances in many regions. Economic crises and other challenges force women out of jobs, while nurses and midwives struggle to treat pregnant women equally in healthcare systems overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients. Equitable access to healthcare for women remains a top priority for QFFD and its partners, with significant strides being taken in the most affected countries like Sudan, Syria, and Palestine. Here are a few accounts of women who have benefited from QFFD-funded initiatives and are making a difference in their communities.



QFFD's drive to provide equitable access to healthcare to women have benefited many in Sudan, Syria and Palestine

## THE RACE TO SAVE HUDA AND HER BABY

### Displaced gynecologist finds a new life

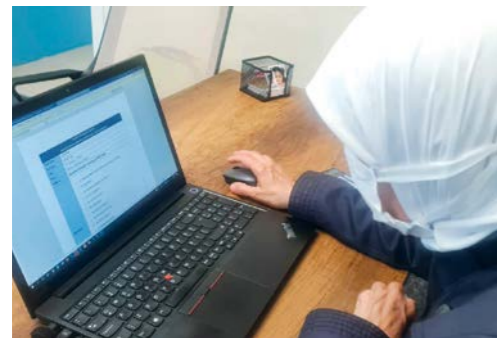


Dr. M.H., Gynecologist at a QFFD-funded clinic

A gynecologist with rigorous moral ethics, Dr. M.H. became an innocent victim of the internal strife in Syria. Amidst the conflict, she rescued several wounded people from both sides, but this act of mercy found herself hunted down by the opposing parties. She was forced to flee to Jordan with her four children, leaving her husband behind.

Additionally, one of Dr. M.H.'s children was born with a congenital deformity and needed several surgeries and special care. Dr. M.H. struggled to find a career for a long time until one day, she came to know about a vacancy for a gynecologist at a clinic funded by QFFD. After securing the job, she worked at the clinic tirelessly to provide for the family she left behind in Syria. She was overjoyed when QFFD helped fund one of her son's surgeries, giving him new hope.

### Aid worker making a difference



Nuha Saudi manages training sessions as a volunteer with QFFD

Nuha Saudi was known for her charitable activities in Syria, but they landed her in trouble with the police, who raided her home in 2011 while delivering humanitarian aid. She managed to flee to Lebanon, where she continued her humanitarian work with an NGO.

Nuha resettled in Turkey since it was safer for her. She began looking for employment but decided she would work only in humanitarian services. Nuha eventually became a volunteer in the QFFD-funded "Supporting Health Information Systems in Northern Syria" project. She soon began managing and organizing training sessions. Moreover, Nuha currently works as reporting and translation officer for the project, where she continues to make a difference in improving health services in Northern Syria.



Huda with her baby

Huda was preparing to give birth to her first child at home with the assistance of a midwife in Sharaab Al Runa, Yemen. Her husband was at home after contracting COVID-19, and the couple did not have enough cash to afford transportation to a hospital or the delivery charges.

Huda's attempt to give birth naturally, failed. The pain was unbearable. She was desperate to go to a hospital but knew they could not afford it.

Huda's husband tried to obtain transportation to the hospital for several days. He also took her to the nearest health center, which sadly lacked the facilities to assist Huda. Eventually, he found some money and took Huda to Hajda Hospital in Taizz.

Running into the hospital, Huda's husband begged the staff to save his wife. The medical team intervened immediately and decided to deliver the child through a Cesarean section. Huda smiled for the first time in weeks, cuddling her healthy baby boy.

The health services at Hajda Hospital, where Huda found help, were upgraded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) with the support of QFFD, which also supports ten health centers and district hospitals across Yemen. Many women die because of the lack of proper health services in remote areas, and providing free medicines and facilities in hospitals like Hajda saves countless lives.

### Helping a mother give birth

The difficult economic conditions plaguing Lebanon also significantly impacted people living in the Syrian refugee camp in Bekaa. One such refugee, Kawthar Allawi Al-Saleh, was pregnant but could not visit a doctor because she could not afford healthcare costs.

For the past few years, QFFD has funded a medical care project for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. This US\$ 1 million initiative, implemented by Qatar Charity and Lebanon's Care Society, provides urgently required services for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and after childbirth. Kawthar learned about this project and began to receive regular examinations and medications from the doctors.

Kawthar eventually gave birth to triplets. Since the family could not afford the costs of childbirth and the use of incubators in a hospital, the medical care project assisted in reducing their economic burden.



**4,080**  
women  
benefited

## ELEVATING HEALTHCARE STANDARDS IN SUDAN

THE  
CARTER CENTER



**19,265**  
healthcare  
professionals  
trained

In 2017, QFFD signed an agreement with The Carter Center in an endeavor to strengthen the public health sector and bolster institutional capacity in the Republic of Sudan. The Sudan Public Health Training Initiative, which has a total budget of over US\$2 million, aims for several ambitious goals:

- Develop education materials and health training curricula and enhance health science education environments
- Develop skilled nurses, midwives, community health workers, paramedics, and other mid-level health workers
- Develop teaching skills of faculty members of the Academy of Health Sciences
- Monitor and evaluate the project's contributions to improving maternal and child health
- To date, the project has succeeded in training 265 faculty members, 10,000 midwives and community health workers, and 9,000 medical assistants, health supervisors, and anesthesia technicians.

### A midwife delivers modern practices

Zainab Abdulrahman Al-Didry, 60, has been a midwife in Sudan for over 30 years. This third-generation midwife believes that saving newborn babies is her mission in life. Despite her vast experience and knowledge, Zainab faced numerous challenges due to the unhygienic techniques traditionally used during deliveries. One of the examples was the practice of washing newborns with salt, water, and a wet towel, which left infants with skin rashes and infections.

Zainab underwent training in the Sudan Public Health Training Initiative, supported by QFFD and The Carter Center. Emboldened, she abandoned legacy practices in midwifery and began to practice modern techniques that protected the mothers and their babies. Zainab currently uses antiseptic solution to clean newborns, tetracycline ointment to reduce eye infections and administers vitamin K to prevent fatal bleeding disorders.



Zainab delivering training to girls on hygienic practices

## GETTING WAR-RAVAGED CHILDREN BACK ON THEIR FEET

Hundreds of children in Gaza suffer from congenital disorders and traumatic limb amputations due to the ongoing conflict. To give these children a new chance at living a quality life, QFFD funded the establishment of the Hamad Bin Khalifa Hospital for Rehabilitation and Prostheses in Gaza. This hospital provides rehabilitation services to patients suffering from limb amputations, among other conditions.

The hospital has 100 beds and different departments that provide high-quality care, including a prosthetics and amputee rehabilitation service, a physiotherapy service, an occupational therapy service, a department for speech and swallowing disorders, and pediatric services. The hospital caters to all Palestinians with disabilities and special needs, focusing on those living in the Gaza Strip.



Tuqa Al-Ghalban was three when her right leg was amputated above the knee. A courageous girl, she excelled in her studies. After receiving an artificial limb at the Hamad Bin Khalifa Hospital, her dream now is to study prosthetics and improve the quality of life for children like herself



Wiam had her limbs amputated due to a war injury in Gaza when she was nine years old. She was fitted with artificial limbs at the Hamad Bin Khalifa Hospital



Yazan Al-Zughaibi, 5, comes from a Bedouin village in northern Gaza. In the recent war, an injury led to the amputation of his left leg above the knee. He is now training to use a prosthesis at Hamad Bin Khalifa Hospital. He and his family are excited that Yazan will be able to move around freely and attend school



Mai Yazici's, 15, had her right leg amputated, four years ago. The 10th grade student was rehabilitated at Hamad Bin Khalifa Hospital and no longer needs a wheelchair. Her dream is to finish high school with distinction and go on to study medicine

Alaa Al-Dali, 24, from Rafah, was injured during conflict and had his right leg amputated. After receiving an advanced prosthetic limb from Hamad Bin Khalifa Hospital, he can now participate in sports and ride a bicycle



Hamad Bin Khalifa Hospital Audiovisual Department

## Mustafa saved from a life of deafness

At four months of age, Mustafa was diagnosed as having lost 90% of his hearing. Fortunately, he was able to undergo a cochlear implantation procedure at the Hamad Bin Khalifa Hospital in Gaza funded by QFFD and operated by a delegation of Qatari doctors. The child continues to undergo treatment and auditory rehabilitation in the hospital's audiovisual department. At first, Mustafa faced great difficulty interacting with other children, but now he interacts more confidently, expressing himself and sharing games with his brothers and friends.

"I thank God for his generosity first," Mustafa's mother says. "Then thanks to those who saved my son from being handicapped forever, to Qatar, to its doctors, to its Amir, and thanks go to the crews that have spared no effort in following up and rehabilitating our children."

## THE GLOBAL FUND



**44**  
million lives  
saved



**US\$50**  
million  
pledged

The State of Qatar and The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria have been strong partners since 2016. Qatar joined the Global Fund Board in 2018 and engaged in the consultations leading to the adoption of the Global Fund Strategy 2023-2028. Thanks to the partnership with QFFD and with the Qatar Foundation, Qatar has just become the first country in the Gulf region to host a Friends of the Global Fund organization.

Qatar's support to the Global Fund has been unflinching, with regular contributions to The Global Fund channeled through QFFD. Qatar made its first pledge of US\$10 million at The Global Fund's Fifth Replenishment (2016) and substantially increased its pledge to US\$50 million at the Sixth Replenishment (2019).

Both QFFD and The Global Fund have changed the story of global development through their commitment and hard work to ensure a healthier, safer, more equitable future for all. Despite the progress achieved, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to claim lives, overwhelm health systems, and disrupt economies and societies around the world, threatening to reverse our progress in the fight against the world's deadliest infectious diseases. In the face of these challenges, a strengthened partnership between QFFD and The Global Fund is more critical than ever to ensure equitable access to prevention, care, and treatment, and leave no one behind.

The United States will host the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment Conference in the second half of 2022. The Conference will convene leaders from governments, civil society, the private sector, and communities affected by HIV, TB, and malaria. The Global Fund announced an ambitious target of at least US\$18 billion at its Replenishment Preparatory Meeting on 23 February. The renewed commitment of Qatar is critical to help the Global Fund partnership protect the gains and achievements made over the years against the three diseases and to support countries to prepare for future infectious disease threats.



*“With the support of the Qatar Fund for Development and other donors, the Global Fund has saved an estimated 44 million lives over the past 20 years. Qatar's continued commitment to the Global Fund has been instrumental to help drive the world's deadliest infectious diseases into retreat and to build resilient and sustainable health systems in the Middle East and around the world.”*

**Peter Sands**  
Executive Director of The Global Fund

## STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE FOR SOMALIA'S PEOPLE



الهلال الأحمر القطري  
Qatar Red Crescent



**60,000**  
beneficiaries



**4**  
States in  
Somalia

In collaboration with Qatar Red Crescent, QFFD agreed to support the health, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) sectors in Somalia over a two-year period. The US\$ 1.6 million program covered four states: Middle Shabelle, Galmudug, Puntland, and Somaliland. The focus was on providing medical supplies and equipment to regional and main hospitals, training medical staff, and rehabilitating various health centers. To meet the needs of around 60,000 people in communities affected by drought and conflict, the program provides access to safe drinking water, hygiene, and sanitation through rehabilitation of water infrastructure, drilling of new boreholes, and distribution of water treatment and hygiene promotion kits. This intervention was particularly crucial to support the resilience of communities during the drought and to support access to water for livestock and agriculture.

### Refreshing the lives of nomads

Boocada in Somalia is a region occupied mostly by nomads. The women, who are typically responsible for fetching water, were forced to travel over ten kilometers each day. QFFD, in cooperation with the Somalia Red Crescent, constructed a water tank in Boocada to meet the needs of these nomads. The availability of free and safe water has transformed lives for these people and their livestock. The water tank is centrally situated and can be accessed by all regardless of ethnicity or tribal affiliation. Today, the women can access water without traveling, and the central location ensures the security of all those visiting the facility.



Water tank in Boocada



## ORBIS – QATAR CREATING VISION

Qatar Creating Vision (QCV) is an initiative launched in 2016 by QFFD and Orbis to tackle avoidable vision loss for children across Asia. The project resulted in the world's largest school eye-screening program of its kind. Until today, QCV has delivered 6.7 million eye tests and treatments and provided 82,000 training sessions, improving eye care services in India and Bangladesh.



**6.7**  
million  
beneficiaries



**82,000**  
training  
sessions

In 2021, on World Sight Day, QFFD supported Orbis in providing expert training to 317 ophthalmologists from 77 countries, including the Middle East. The training, delivered via Orbis' award-winning telemedicine platform Cybersight, was entitled "Cornea on the Cutting Edge." This training session covered the most innovative advancements in corneal surgery and was the first Cybersight event to feature simultaneous translation in Arabic.

Programs like Cybersight increase the ability of Orbis to provide training and support to medical professionals around the world. It has been beneficial during the pandemic when in-person training is seldom feasible, allowing Orbis to continue offering training to further its mission of saving the world's vision.



“ Programs may last for a finite amount of time, but the impact of these programs can be felt for generations to come. We are thankful for the support of the Qatar Fund for Development and look forward to continuing our work with phase two of the initiative ”

**Dr. Robert Walters**  
Chairman, Orbis in the Middle East



**8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**



## ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE

### Economic Development



Since the global economy is recovering, the path seems uneven, potentially exacerbating inequality and leaving low- and middle-income countries behind. Developing economies are confronted with challenges that may delay recovery for years. Higher-income countries could offer support through public financial institutions in low- and middle-income nations. Around 100 million people are estimated to fall into severe poverty by the end of 2021, with the most vulnerable populations — women, children, and unskilled and informal workers — being hit the hardest.

The key to ensuring a global recovery is to allocate funds more evenly to allow inclusive financial growth. Illustrative examples of innovative financing tools include offering new guarantee schemes for enterprises and sectors hard-hit by the pandemic and mixed financing modalities. While the pandemic has been catastrophic, it provided a window of opportunity for such innovative mechanisms to be embraced for future resilience.

Blended finance is an innovative way to fund sustainable development that attracts commercial capital to initiatives that benefit the community while offering financial benefits to investors. QFFD adopts blended finance within a broader financing and development strategy, deploying it where it is most beneficial to achieve specific development outcomes and results.

In 2021, QFFD continued to respond to the needs of low- and middle-income nations, scaling up, and catalyzing responses to various economic development issues. The Fund's economic development programs sought to improve people's livelihoods, improve their underlying economic conditions, boost their income levels, and attain balanced development.

*"We firmly believe that 'inclusive financial growth and economic development' lead the masses out of the vicious cycle of poverty. World's compassion is awakening to the fact that mainly inclusive economic development and growth can effectively address poverty's underlying causes"*

**Sara Mahmoud**  
Finance Department, QFFD



## ADDING A SPARK TO REFUGEES' LIVES



QFFD has partnered with the Dutch NGO SPARK for several years to empower young Syrian refugees and IDPs in host communities. The partnership works through various projects that help create sustainable opportunities in Syria and the host countries. Here are a few stories of the many lives, and futures, that have been changed through the partnership between QFFD and SPARK.

### A refugee's business goes online

Mohamad Ghyas Omari is a Syrian refugee in Turkey. With eight years of work experience in repairing electronics, he decided to open his electronics repair shop in Istanbul. As part of a COVID-19 resilience program funded by QFFD and implemented by SPARK, Mohamad's startup received social media training and professional advice on understanding the tax system. He then started an online shop offering electronics repair services based on his learnings.



Mohamad Ghyas Omari, Syrian refugee

### A mother turns her love for art into a business

Mirna Tarazi, 35, drew on her childhood passion for the arts as a form of therapy to overcome postnatal depression. She began designing a room for her son around the theme of outer space. She posted images of her work on social media, creating interest from other mothers who wanted to learn how to do similar work. That inspired Mirna to launch her venture 'Mashroo3 Ghorfati' ('My Room Project' in Arabic).

Mirna faced difficulties initially, with high input costs and a lack of sufficient marketing knowledge. As a result, she signed up for a coaching session with SPARK as part of the Economic Resilience program funded by QFFD. She now sells her products through Noor ala Noor, a homeware store in Amman, Jordan, which takes care of some of her overheads.

Her dream for 'Mashroo3 Ghorfati' is to help others, like Ahlam, an Iraqi woman who fled from ISIS to live in Jordan. She is now employed by Mirna and is the breadwinner for her family of four. Mirna says Ahlam is her inspiration and "one of the people that keep me going in life."



"It's common for people to start copying an idea. It's up to me to be innovative," says Mirna Tarazi, who collaborates with her fans to help expand her business



"Knowledge is money. The coaching sessions changed my mindset; I started thinking about all the details," says Hana, a beneficiary of training provided by QFFD through SPARK

### Hana starts a food business from her basement

Hana Abu Qadary was 50, but that didn't deter her from becoming a successful entrepreneur. In the basement of her house, she started a small business, "Beyt Al-Jameed," producing jameed (a kind of strained yogurt used in cooking) and other dairy products.

"I started this business because I was raised in a family working in this field," said Hana. "I am experienced in dairy production, but I do not have all the skills needed to run a business." She got the skills she wanted by signing up for training sessions in financial management, book-keeping, and budget control, under a SPARK project funded by QFFD.

Hana's business saw an immediate increase in profit. She also began training her daughter, Shaimaa, as a business representative. The business is now seeking to expand by building a network for traders and investors.

### Selling handmade soap from Syria

Nowar Rahmouni runs a small business selling handmade soap. She markets her products on Facebook, with dramatic results — in the third quarter of 2021, her revenue almost doubled.

Nowar graduated from the Lebanese International University on a scholarship from SPARK, in partnership with Al Fakhoora, Education Above All Foundation, and QFFD. After attending several economic empowerment workshops, she launched her business 'Gharna', selling organic, handmade products from Aleppo, Syria.

'Gharna' now ships products across Lebanon and the rest of the Middle East. In the following year, Nowar hopes to find an investor and formally incorporate her business to meet the constantly increasing demand for her products.



Nowar Rahmouni, owner of 'Gharna', a small business selling handmade soap

## KINDLING NEW HOPE IN SYRIAN REFUGEES



The conflict in Syria continues to be a burden on Syria and its neighbors Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey. These host countries face enormous challenges, the most significant of which is to effectively help in reducing poverty levels among refugees and vulnerable members of the host communities.

In 2017, QFFD launched the QUEST initiative (Qatar Upholding Education for Syrians Trust) to address the needs of Syrian refugees within Syria and in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Turkey. This initiative continues to provide access to quality education, skills development, and vocational training with a specific focus on young people and women.

In order to expand support for those disproportionately affected by the pandemic, QUEST has launched several projects in a new partnership with SPARK. These programs aim to improve employment and income-generation opportunities for refugees through supporting SMEs, particularly those owned by women. QUEST partners provide these SMEs with remote and online business advisory services, online incubation programs, survival guides for businesses, and the SPARK MSME COVID-19 Credit Fund.



**700,000+**  
beneficiaries



“ Since 2019, SPARK has been proud to partner with the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) to build more resilient communities across the Middle East. We teamed up to create more than 40,000 jobs for Syrian refugees and youth from host communities. Our partnership with QFFD has been a frontrunner initiative that encouraged more multilateral development partners from the East and West to join the programme. This year, it was our honor to be joined by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, founder of Education Above All, during our joint celebration of 10,000 higher education scholarships awarded to Syrians and host community youth across the region. The joint event was co-hosted by Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands. Qatar’s support for young, ambitious refugees and women is helping thousands of people to gain access to higher education, find employment, start businesses and grow companies, despite the impact of conflict that many experience. We commit to expanding our partnership with QFFD to help conflict-affected and fragile communities reach prosperity ”



**Yannick Du Pont**  
Founder & CEO of SPARK



## Equipping refugee youth with job skills

The State of Qatar supports several UNRWA programs for Palestinian refugees in Syria, including programs in economic empowerment. QFFD has committed US\$ 1.5 million towards UNRWA Technical and Vocational Education and Training for students in training centers throughout Syria.

These students, typically aged between 15 and 24, are enrolled in 31 trade and technical courses covering industrial electricity, carpentry, electronics, graphic design, accountancy, and business administration. The courses are chosen to meet market demand for technical and vocational skills, with student employability reaching 87.96 percent.



Digital Citizen  
FUND

## Empowering girls in Afghanistan

In 2021, QFFD and Digital Citizen Fund agreed to fund a vocational training project for girls and women in Afghanistan. The project is intended to provide girls aged 14 to 24 with high-quality training in information technology and entrepreneurship, enhancing their earning potential and improving their economic future.



**1,200**  
beneficiaries



All-female Afghan robotics team studying at Qatar Foundation with joint funding from QFFD

## Lighting up a small shop-owner’s life

Ibrahim Mohamed is a Sudanese farmer who also owns a small shop selling spare parts. Since there was no electricity supply in the area, he had to rely on private diesel generators that operated for two to four hours a day. Recently, his life changed dramatically when he got the opportunity to connect to a steady supply of electricity, thanks to a new electricity distribution line financed by QFFD.



**1,270**

direct beneficiaries  
in 2021



**240**

youth  
volunteers



**39**

youth  
entrepreneurs



Tomorrow's Youth  
ORGANIZATION

## Building better tomorrows in the West Bank

For several years now, QFFD has partnered with the US-based NGO Tomorrow's Youth Organization (TYO) to support various projects in the West Bank, Palestine. Different programs focus on training and rehabilitation of young people for employment and entrepreneurship, women empowerment and motherhood, economic support for families, and academic intervention for young people. For instance, a Parenting and Women Empowerment program benefits hundreds of mothers annually, and an economic support outreach provides a lifeline to hundreds of needy families every year.

## Duaa overcomes depression and finds new hope

Duaa Suliman, 28, got married right after high school. After a year at university, she had to drop out due to financial circumstances. A few years later, she began to suffer from depression. "I became really sick..." says Duaa. "I went to so many doctors to figure out what was wrong with me. Then I realized that I was getting physically sick due to my depression and my mental stress."

The young mother heard about TYO and decided to sign up for their programs. She started in the women's empowerment program, became a volunteer, and won a scholarship to attend university. She now considers TYO her second home, and says she grew as a person, has become more social, and even considers herself to be more fun.



*"I learned a lot of things I did not know, and I have improved my parenting. I have patience, and I love children, but at TYO, I learned even better ways to raise my children," says Duaa of her experience with TYO*

## Fathieh makes her dream business a reality

Fathieh Haseeba, 28, grew up in Nablus in the West Bank. During the pandemic, she decided to open a small business for home goods but quickly realized that she didn't have the resources to start. Raw materials were hard to find, and there was a lack of support from the people around her.

Nevertheless, Fathieh decided she would achieve her goal. She joined a yearlong TYO entrepreneurship program that included a series of workshops on starting and running a business. Her parents were very supportive and told her, "We know you are capable, and we have trust and faith in you. Show us what you can do!" Fathieh now has an established business, and she has ambitions to start selling internationally.

Empowering women like Fathieh to start their own ventures helps the economy and the community by creating new jobs. The Entrepreneurship Program at TYO gives women new knowledge while also enhancing their capabilities and confidence.



*Fathieh started her own small business after taking part in a TYO entrepreneurship program*

# RECOGNIZING THE ROLE OF DARFUR'S WOMEN IN PEACE-BUILDING



**324,000**  
beneficiaries

In recent years, there has been a growing appreciation of women's roles in peace-building processes during and after conflicts since they are uniquely positioned to influence change in their communities. The State of Qatar has always been keen to protect women's rights in conflict zones and empower them economically, especially in areas like the Darfur region of Sudan. In line with the Darfur Development Strategy, the UN Darfur Fund (UNDF) launched the Foundational and Short-Term (FaST) activities, supported by QFFD.

Women's economic empowerment is vital for sustaining peace and coexistence in post-conflict Darfur. Here are snapshots of a few of the women who benefited from being empowered to change their lives and realize their dreams.



A widowed mother of four children, life hasn't been easy for Magbola Adam Sulieman, who lives in a camp for IDPs in Sudan. As the breadwinner for the family, she was selected to join a women's group of the FaST activities. Her group received training in grinding and was provided with a grinding machine. The women began to work in shifts, grinding flour for others, and have since saved a considerable amount of money. Magbola happily says her life has changed, and she is now able to pay for her children's schooling.



Asma Mohammed doesn't believe in gender stereotypes. She is perhaps the first woman owner-mechanic of rickshaws in Darfur. After completing advanced vocational training in rickshaw repairs, provided as part of the FaST activities, she is now able to judge a vehicle's performance simply by listening to its sound or observing how it drives.



Nine women in Kornoi, Darfur, dreamed of becoming economically independent. The FaST activities stepped in to help them, giving them 40 milk-producing goats, allowing them to stand on their own feet. Another group of six women received a big tent and accessories like chairs, plastic tables, and coolers, which they could hire-out for social events. The third group of women received the resources to start a restaurant business, while a fourth group received cash from trading agricultural crops. Finally, 60 women in Al Geniena, West Darfur, received support to establish a bakery in Al-Geniena, West Darfur.



**604**  
beneficiaries

**28,000+**  
new jobs

**US\$ 165**  
million QFFD  
contribution

## Empowering refugees in Lebanon

In collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), QFFD provides Syrian refugees and their host communities with support in economic development for one year. The support, worth US\$ 700,000, includes cash assistance, job creation opportunities, and vocational training to enhance skills in entrepreneurship.

## Fostering entrepreneurship in Somalia

Along with its partners Silatech and Kaah Islamic Microfinance Services, QFFD supports a two-year economic empowerment project in Somalia by providing young entrepreneurs with loans. This increases youths' access to capital and will help create around 10,000 new jobs in their communities.

QFFD also contributed US\$ 1 million for a project in partnership with Silatech and Kah Microfinance Services. The project supports the economic empowerment of youth and women in Somalia and increases their access to capital.

## Helping strengthen Somalia's institutions

The State of Qatar has long been committed to the people of the Federal Republic of Somalia in achieving political and economic stability. In collaboration with several institutions in Qatar, QFFD is funding and implementing several developmental projects in different sectors, including infrastructure, education, and economic empowerment. To date, the total contributions pledged to the Somali government are more than US\$ 245 million.

A part of this funding was contributed to the rehabilitation of various government buildings, including the Presidential Office, ministry offices, the Diplomatic Institute, Mogadishu City Hall, and several other government buildings. QFFD additionally contributed US\$ 165 million to fund the completion of the Mogadishu-Jowhar Road and the Mogadishu-Afgoye Road.

Other funding provided to the government of Somalia includes:

- Support for the payment of arrears on loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Support for the federal government budget
- Rehabilitation of building of the Permanent Delegation of Somalia to the United Nations in New York



**78,277**  
new direct and  
indirect jobs

## Empowering Tunisian youth to realize their dreams

The Qatari-Tunisian Friendship Fund was established with a pledge of US\$ 97 million to support economic development in Tunisia. The fund enables Tunisian youth to achieve their ambitions and improve their living standards through entrepreneurship and technology.

## The chickens that changed a woman's life

Netsanet Efayie, 30, lives with her family in Oromia. Since the living conditions were challenging and job opportunities were limited, she struggled to support her family. One day she heard about a project implemented by QFFD in partnership with Silatech and the microfinance institution Oromia Credit & Saving S.C. (OCSSCO). Netsanet formed a small group of five friends and set up an enterprise called "Zerihun, Ifa, and Ashenafi." They then applied for a loan for her project.

The fledgling venture received financing to start a poultry business, technical training for poultry production, and training on running and sustaining the business. Netsanet says her life has completely changed because of this project. The income she generates has improved her family's living standards, and the business continues to grow.

Netsanet benefited from a 3-year program funded by QFFD and implemented by Silatech and OCSSCO. The program aims at promoting youth enterprise in the rural areas of Ethiopia by providing them with access to finance. The program's goals are to increase job creation, mitigate poverty and raise the quality of life across local communities.



Nazik, who underwent training in tailoring provided by UNDP, says, "Working to produce masks as part of the sewing programme makes me feel like I am giving a helping hand to my local community"

## Making masks protects Nazik's livelihood

Nazik is one of hundreds of women in Sudan who have learned tailoring in order to produce masks used as personal protective equipment. These women have all benefited from sewing and soap-making training programs provided by UNDP in support of Sudan's COVID-19 response.

Post-training, Nazik sews a new mask in less than 10 minutes. Joining the sewing program has provided her and other women across Sudan with sewing machines or soap-making equipment and the technical training needed to produce these products.

Nazik says, "My goal has been to make school and work uniforms to increase my income, giving me financial stability and helping me to support myself. Hopefully, learning a new craft will help me to do this."

While masks remain a popular item, the women have already begun receiving orders for their new small businesses, with more than 1,000 school uniforms in production.



**1.38 million**  
beneficiaries of  
UNDP-supported  
COVID-19 efforts

The pandemic has interrupted livelihoods in Sudan, adding pressure to a fragile healthcare system and economy. Building on existing support, UNDP and partners continued to fight the virus and its impacts, from directly supplying equipment and supplies, to expanding access to healthcare services, to jumpstarting economic opportunities.

UNDP has already provided US\$ 15 million worth of healthcare and hygiene supplies to hospitals, clinics, schools, prisons, police stations, and other facilities across the country. Over 6,000 people have benefited from agricultural machinery or other agricultural support designed to restart harvests in Sudan's vulnerable areas, while hundreds more have been supported with PPE production training.

## Making banking inclusive for Tunisian women entrepreneurs

Sana Ben Amor is an ambitious young craftswoman and micro-entrepreneur from Kébili, Tunisia. She transforms the wood waste of the palm trees native to her region into decorative objects and furniture using painting and engraving techniques. Encouraged by her parents, Sana opened a small store in 2017, then a small workshop in 2020, and now plans to rent a warehouse in the industrial zone of the region to grow her business.



"I have never had a close relationship with the bank; just a current account to deposit and withdraw money. I thought that the most you can do as a banking service is to transfer money. I also thought that loans are given only to those who receive a fixed salary"

Sana's path to success has not been easy. She has faced many challenges including a lack of access to finance and markets and issues of raw materials processing and transportation in a challenging economic context, exacerbated by COVID-19. Fortunately, UNDP Tunisia's Entrepreneurship for Development (E4D) project has guided Sana on her journey, strengthening her capacities in management, digital marketing, e-commerce, communication, handicrafts product design and business development.

In 2021, Sana participated in an initiative launched by the E4D project and Accelerator Labs, in collaboration with Attijari Bank, which aimed to

identify and break down barriers to financial inclusion for Tunisian women entrepreneurs. Interviews with entrepreneurs like Sana showed that they had limited awareness of financial services and products and feared the consequences of engaging with banks. This has led to a major lack of trust in banking system.

To change this perception and behavior towards banks, UNDP and Attijari Bank invited Sana and her fellow-entrepreneurs to workshops to exchange ideas and start building trust with financial institutions. The bank explained their functioning and services, and used the insights from their interactions to propose new banking offers that met specific needs of the entrepreneurs.

This UNDP-led initiative allowed Sana and other women entrepreneurs to take a step towards financial inclusion by understanding that they could also benefit from the services offered by banks. Sana is excited to know that she can benefit from a loan and other support to grow her business.



2 ZERO HUNGER



## PROTECTING LIVES, RAPIDLY RESPONDING TO CRISES

### Humanitarian Efforts: Emergency Response, Reconstruction, Relief, and Rehabilitation

Millions of people worldwide today are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance and protection. It is estimated that 1 in 33 people worldwide needs humanitarian aid — the highest reported figure in decades. The international community is working on assisting 160 million people who are most in need across 56 countries, providing US\$ 35 billion to support humanitarian responses.

Over the last decade, conflict and violence have led to the highest ever number of internally displaced people (IDPs), with many locked in a state of protracted displacement. There are an estimated 51 million IDPs, while refugees have doubled to 20 million people worldwide.

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change

affected food systems worldwide. This has resulted in 77 million people in 22 countries suffering from acute hunger.

Innovative approaches are required in response to these humanitarian crises. QFFD believes that anticipatory action is an approach to systematically link early warning signs to actions designed to protect people and assets ahead of a humanitarian crisis. In this regard, the Fund is actively working to provide anticipatory action grants to three countries valued at US\$ 6.5 million to help them predict out-of-the-ordinary events and take proactive action to mitigate the potential humanitarian impact.

*“Working at QFFD and in the Humanitarian Aid field specifically has challenged me and inspired me in many ways. I, as an individual, have the opportunity to make a change or difference to the people most in need, and that in itself is a great accomplishment. As humans, it is our duty to help each other in every way we can, and fortunately, working at QFFD, I have the opportunity to do so every day”*

**Amna Al Bader**  
Humanitarian Aid Department, QFFD





The Manahel project's temporary learning space at the camp in Northwest Syria



Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

## Kaden Ibraheem gets a new learning space

Kaden Ibraheem, a second grader, and his family were displaced from their hometown in Northwest Syria because of the intense shelling.

They ended up in a temporary camp, where Ibraheem was no longer able to learn or play as he was used to. The thing he missed most was spending time in the library and reading stories with his friends. In early 2021, the Manahel project provided the camp with a tent to serve as a temporary learning space. The tent was soon equipped with furniture, toys, crayons, and reading materials to transform it into a child-friendly space. Kaden Ibraheem got the opportunity again to read books as the school tent now provides learning activities as well as psychosocial support to him and his friends. "I could not imagine my dream would come true to have a library space, toys and stories in my new school," says Ibraheem. "I cannot wait until reading clubs are launched here."

The Manahel project is supported by QFFD in collaboration with the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). The 5-year initiative aims to provide access to safe and inclusive quality learning opportunities for vulnerable children in Northwest Syria during the pandemic. The program helps supported schools with funding for staff salaries, light refurbishment of learning areas, preparation for winter, and ensuring child-friendly spaces.



**116,498**  
students benefited  
(51% female students)



**430**  
schools refurbished



**1,730**  
classrooms insulated



**45**  
playgrounds equipped



**203**  
tents provided for  
educational activities in  
refugee camps



## Strengthening healthcare in Northern Syria

To enhance healthcare delivery to save the lives of Syrian children and women, the QFFD-funded QUEST Health initiative funded two projects with over US\$ 3 million with the Qatar Red Crescent Society.



**195**  
physicians  
trained



**250**  
health facilities  
benefited

The first project, in partnership with the Syrian Expatriate Medical Association, aims at providing opportunities for physicians to study multiple medical specialties. This promotes in building capacities of the health workforce in Northern Syria and provides the population with closer access to specialized treatment or surgeries.

The second project supported the Health Directorates in Northern Syria to build a strong and unified health information systems unit. This system currently makes it possible to provide timely care for patients with critical cases, preventing health complications.

## Easing refugees' winter woes

Meanwhile in Northern Syria, winter is equally dreaded by the IDPs living in temporary camps. QFFD, in collaboration with SHAFAK, is funding over US\$ 600,000 to provide vital winterization assistance to vulnerable IDPs and host communities in the region.



**30,000**  
beneficiaries





**42,000**  
medical  
consultations  
annually

## Helping Woroud breathe easy

Winter can be exceptionally difficult for children with breathing disorders like Woroud Alkharsan. 15-year-old Woroud is a 9th grade student who lives with her mother in the Zaatari camp in Jordan, suffered from severe shortness of breath at night. Woroud was rushed to the Qatari Clinic in the camp, and the physicians diagnosed her with chronic allergic asthma. Moreover, the doctor prescribed medication and an oxygen tank to help her breathe. A few days later, Woroud's mother reported that her daughter felt much better and had to use the oxygen tank only occasionally.

The timely diagnosis and treatment at the Qatari Clinic were facilitated through medical projects funded by QFFD with over US\$ 2 million. The clinics, run in partnership with Qatar Red Crescent and Qatar Charity, provide critical, lifesaving primary healthcare that has saved the lives of numerous children and women.



**5,000**  
beneficiaries

## Assisting refugees in Lebanon to cope with the pandemic...

As the COVID-19 pandemic swept across the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, QFFD funded an emergency response with its partners – the Lebanese Red Cross and the Palestinian Red Crescent. The project, funded by QFFD with nearly US\$ 1 million, supported health facilities in coping with the pandemic while continuing to provide other health services.



**37,500**  
beneficiaries

## ... and with the harsh winter

The onset of winter in the Syrian refugee camps in Lebanon make life almost unbearable for the families living in camps and informal tent settlements. An initiative implemented by the Lebanese Red Cross and funded by QFFD with US\$ 884,000, supports these communities by providing basic winterization needs that include critical winter clothing kits. The initiative also aims to strengthen public safety and health measures in the refugee camps through preventive actions as well as flood protection measures.



**250,855**  
beneficiaries

## Delivering healthcare to Palestinian refugees...

QFFD contributed US\$ 500,000 to a year-long UNRWA project to provide primary and secondary healthcare services to Palestinian refugees in Syria.



**52,000**  
beneficiaries

## ... and emergency cash assistance

In collaboration with UNRWA, QFFD has committed emergency cash assistance worth US\$ 4 million for Palestinian refugees affected by the conflict in Syria.

## Flying a Hospital to Seychelles

As part of Qatar's emergency COVID-19 response efforts, QFFD sent a field hospital to the Republic of Seychelles. The 60-bed hospital was delivered via an air bridge in cooperation with Qatar's Ministry of Defense.

## Supporting humanitarian funds

QFFD continued its support of the Syria Cross-Border Humanitarian Fund (SCHF), as well as the Lebanon and Jordan Country-Based Pooled Funds (CBPFs). A total of US\$ 2 million was allocated for strengthening capacities of local organizations and to support the growing needs of the affected populations.



“The regular support from Qatar Fund for Development over several decades has greatly contributed to the Agency's ability to deliver health, education and lifesaving services to Palestine refugees. At a time of intense pressure on our Agency, the generosity of the government of Qatar and QFFD sends a clear message of solidarity to the Palestine refugees”

**Philippe Lazzarini**  
UNRWA Commissioner-General



## Warming lives, and hearts, in Afghanistan

In December 2021, QFFD and UNHCR rushed emergency air shipments to Afghanistan to help families cope with the harsh winter weather and deteriorating humanitarian conditions. Life-saving relief materials, including 28 tons of solar lights and thermal blankets, were distributed to needy families.



“Partners like QFFD remain steadfast with their efforts and generosity to support life-saving needs, enabling UNHCR to respond to emergencies and improve the well-being of those most in need”

**Filippo Grandi**  
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

## Feeding Yemen’s poorest mothers and children



**13**  
million  
beneficiaries

Afrah, a mother of eight children, lives in a shelter in the Abyan region of Yemen. The family was displaced from their home due to the ongoing conflict in the country and found sanctuary in a camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs).

Along with millions of others in Yemen, Afrah’s family is at risk of slipping into famine, a situation caused by the protracted conflict, the consequent economic decline and the effects of the pandemic. To help address this urgent humanitarian crisis, QFFD has committed US\$ 90 million to the World Food Programme (WFP) for addressing critical food security needs in Yemen. WFP provides emergency food assistance to millions of people, in the form of food vouchers and cash, and specialized nutritious foods to treat and prevent malnutrition among pregnant and nursing mothers and children under five years of age. Part of the funding has also been allocated to support the WFP-led United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), a critical service that enables the wider humanitarian response in Yemen.

Afrah and her family now receive monthly food assistance from WFP, along with other food-insecure families living in the camps for IDPs.



Afrah’s daughter, Nemah, 7, carries a bowl full of sugar inside her family’s shelter in Khanfar District, Abyan. The sugar is part of the monthly food assistance the Yemeni family receives from WFP



الهلال الأحمر القطري  
Qatar Red Crescent



**172,115**  
beneficiaries



**18,696**  
beneficiaries

## Making life easier for communities in Sudan

Along with the Qatar Red Crescent Society, QFFD has funded projects worth over US\$ 16 million in Sudan. The first project is for strengthening the Health Emergencies Preparedness System in Sennar State, in anticipation of the epidemic disease outbreaks that normally affect the region between June and October. The other two projects are for construction and operation of two service complexes in West Darfur. These complexes, which form part of Qatar’s initiative for the development and rebuilding of that region, will provide social services to encourage the voluntary return of displaced communities.

## Rebuilding communities in Northwestern Syria

In partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), QFFD has committed US\$ 715,000 to improve living conditions for IDPs in Northwestern Syria. The nine-month-long project focuses on building and renovating water, hygiene and sanitation systems in the camps and tent settlements. Paving of main roads and raising the tents above ground level will help the community avoid damage from floods. All facilities have been designed to be accessible to people with disabilities and the elderly.



“IOM is delighted to sign this agreement with QFFD – a first worldwide – and wishes to thank QFFD for their generous support to IOM’s humanitarian response activities in Syria”

**Jeffrey Labovitz**  
Director, Department of Operations & Emergencies,  
International Organization for Migration



**21,636**  
beneficiaries

## Humanitarian responses to natural disasters in the Philippines...

In the wake of Typhoon Vamco, QFFD funded an immediate intervention with the Philippines Red Cross to provide urgent relief assistance to the victims. The relief aid, worth around US\$ 295,000, included over 40 tonnes of food, shelter materials, tents, water and sanitation units, generators, rescue boats, and other materials.

## ...Saint Vincent and the Grenadines...

In the aftermath of the Soufriere volcano eruption in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, QFFD contributed US\$ 500,000 to the National Emergency Relief Fund dedicated to helping people recover from the disaster.



**1,000**  
families  
benefited

## ...Sudan...

To aid families affected by the floods in Sudan's Al-Jazirah state, QFFD funded the distribution of food baskets to around 1,000 families.



**2,188**  
families  
benefited

## ...Somalia...

Along with Qatar Charity and Lekhwiya (Qatar's Internal Security Force), QFFD contributed US\$ 908,000 to support families affected by the floods in Somalia.

## ...and Malaysia

Qatar Charity and QFFD contributed urgent assistance to those affected by floods in Malaysia in support of the country's urgent relief intervention plan. The aid included foodstuff and personal hygiene items.



**2.2**  
million  
beneficiaries

## Giving Indonesian families a hand

To help Indonesian families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, QFFD has supported the Indonesian Resilience Fund with US\$ 4 million to provide social relief and economic subsidies to the affected people.

## Striving towards an end to extremism



**US\$ 5**  
million  
local community  
support

The Global Community Engagement & Resilience Fund (GCERF) is dedicated to preventing violent extremism by connecting local communities to global resources and supporting grassroots initiatives. QFFD and GCERF have a five-year funding agreement in place for US\$ 5 million to support local communities and NGOs in providing awareness and preventing violent extremism in all its forms. The contribution includes general funding support to help finance projects, programs, and administrative costs, including the GCERF's strategy to support the Federal Republic of Somalia.

# MAGNIFYING THE PROSPECTS OF POSITIVE OUTCOMES

## Partnering with multilateral organizations

In pursuing the SDG goals for 2030, the State of Qatar is especially committed to SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals. In working with multilateral organizations, Qatar is focused on revitalizing global partnerships for sustainable development and strengthening implementation methods. This approach has led to QFFD making several new commitments in 2021 to multilateral organizations, with the aim of providing budget support, resources for implementation, and core funding where they are most required.

### The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

As the first country to support UNDP's Accelerator Labs, the State of Qatar continued to fund the initiative through QFFD, taking the total contribution so far to US\$ 20 million.

### United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

QFFD has contributed US\$ 16 million to UNHCR over two years to support refugees and displaced persons. The State of Qatar is one of the leading Arab countries that contributes multi-year un-earmarked funding to UNHCR. QFFD and UNHCR have been working closely on how Qatar can better benefit refugees worldwide, with a particular focus on Afghanistan.



*Empowered lives.  
Resilient nations.*





## Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance

The State of Qatar and Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, have had a multi-year contribution agreement since 2015 to support immunization programs worldwide. Since 2000, Gavi has helped immunize more than 500 million children in developing countries, leading to more than seven million deaths being averted.

In November 2021, QFFD signed a five-year agreement with Gavi, pledging US\$ 10 million to support the Alliance in providing vaccines and the means of delivering them to eligible countries while ensuring that 'zero-dose' children get access to immunization services. A further US\$ 10 million pledged by Qatar will be used to support the Vaccine Alliance in its COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC).



## Orbis – Qatar Creating Vision (QCV)

Qatar Creating Vision (QCV) is an eye health initiative funded by QFFD and implemented by Orbis. The program aims to reduce childhood blindness across India and Bangladesh and has made significant progress since it was launched in 2016. In Phase 1 of the project, 6,031,079 children were screened.

QFFD has signed an MoU with Orbis to launch Phase 2 of QCV. This phase focuses on innovative models to address diverse eye care issues such as childhood blindness, diabetic retinopathy, and trachoma. The initiative will be further strengthened in India and Bangladesh and expanded to Ethiopia, Zambia, and Vietnam.



## UNICEF

In March 2021, QFFD and UNICEF signed an US\$ 8 million agreement to provide resources to promote the rights and well-being of children worldwide. QFFD collaborated with UNICEF on World Children's Day to raise awareness internationally and facilitated a partnership between Ooredoo and UNICEF to provide online access to education in 10 countries. In total, QFFD has pledged US\$ 16 million to UNICEF since 2019.



## UNRWA

QFFD has provided core funding of US\$ 16 million over two years to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). QFFD remains an active participant in all AdCom and SubCom conference calls and committees. The State of Qatar was ranked 9th in the 2020 list of top donors to UNRWA.



Office of the Special Representative  
of the Secretary-General for  
**CHILDREN AND  
ARMED CONFLICT**

## Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

QFFD has provided core funding of US\$ 1.5 million over three years to support the functioning of the Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and to promote knowledge and skills related to the protection of children affected by armed conflict in the region.



## UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

The State of Qatar, through QFFD, has provided un-earmarked funding of US\$ 40 million over four years to support the core budget of OCHA. In 2020, the State of Qatar was ranked 4th in the list of top donors to OCHA.



## United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

QFFD has committed a total of US\$ 5 million over five years to CERF to support rapid humanitarian response for people affected by natural disasters and armed conflict.



## Sustainable Development Goals Impact Accelerator (SDGia)

QFFD contributed US\$ 150,000 to SDGia to elevate the condition of Syrian refugees in Turkey by finding innovative solutions for the significant challenges related to the SDGs.



**United Nations**  
Office of the Secretary-General's  
Envoy on Youth

## Office of the Secretary-General Youth Envoy

QFFD has signed an agreement with the Youth Envoy to provide un-earmarked funding of US\$ 1.75 million over a 3-year period.



**Global Green Growth Institute**

## Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

QFFD has signed an MoU with GGGI to facilitate closer collaboration on projects, events, workshops, and other matters related to climate change.



**World Health Organization**

## World Health Organization (WHO)

On behalf of the State of Qatar, QFFD and the World Health Organization (WHO) have signed a Core Voluntary Contribution Agreement to the tune of US\$ 10 million. The funding will support WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW 13) and the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A).



## SPARK

QFFD signed an MoU with the Dutch NGO SPARK to support and empower Syrian refugee youth and IDPs in host communities by creating sustainable job opportunities in Syria and the host countries.



**Lives and Livelihoods Fund**

## Lives & Livelihoods Fund (LLF)

QFFD, along with the Islamic Development Bank and other significant donors such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has established the Lives and Livelihood Fund. This innovative fund focuses on three main sectors: agriculture, health, and basic infrastructure. The fund has received a contribution of US\$ 50 million from QFFD.



## Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF)

The State of Qatar has pledged to contribute a total of US\$ 30 million to GFF over five years. The funding focuses on developing and implementing prioritized national health plans in Ghana and Tajikistan to scale up access to affordable, quality care for women, children, and adolescents. QFFD is a member of the Investor Group Committee and the Trust Fund Committee of GFF.



**The Global Fund**  
To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

## The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

QFFD has made a 3-year contribution of US\$ 50 million to The Global Fund to help end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria by 2030, saving 16 million lives and building resilient and sustainable health systems. An amount of US\$ 20 million is earmarked for Debt2Health, an innovative financing mechanism that delivers additional funds to health systems through debt relief.



## USAID

USAID is an international development agency that leads international development and humanitarian efforts to save lives, reduce poverty, strengthen democratic governance, and help people progress beyond assistance. QFFD has signed an MoU with USAID to establish a strategic partnership in the field of international development and humanitarian assistance.

# EXPEDITING SUCCESS THROUGH INNOVATION

## Success Stories from UNDP Accelerator Labs

The UNDP Accelerator Labs signify a new paradigm in approaching sustainable development. Funded by the State of Qatar and the Federal Republic of Germany, the Accelerator Labs work with people, governments, and private entities to rethink development in all aspects.

Today, the Accelerator Lab Network is expanding to 91 Labs across Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America, and the Caribbean, working on development challenges in parallel. As these different labs collaborate, learning curves are dramatically shortened,

with solutions being developed in the context of the local community. Monitoring and evaluation in the case of the Labs take just months or even weeks, compared to several years in more traditional contexts.

The unique approach of the UNDP Accelerator Labs is part of the ongoing efforts to support the achievement of the 2030 SDGs by those countries that are lagging. The results of the work of these Labs are already visible in the sustainable impact on the people benefited in various countries.

“ Qatar’s renewed investment in the United Nations Development Programme’s (UNDP) flexible core resources is crucial as the organization leads the United Nations’ (UN) global socio-economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Leveraging quality data and analytics, UNDP is working as part of overall UN efforts to roll out the COVID-19 vaccine in developing countries, helping to ensure that people are not left behind. We are also helping to rebuild lives and livelihoods -- from using the

power of digital finance to extend much-needed social protection, to assisting women-owned businesses to get back on their feet. Indeed, Qatar’s strategic investment in the UNDP Accelerator Labs network is driving a range of #FutureSmart development solutions. Their contribution has included using robotics in COVID-19 healthcare centers and combining the power of digital technology and craftspeople to produce over one million face-masks, for instance. Guided by our ambitious new Strategic Plan 2022-2025, UNDP is now helping communities to build forward better from this pandemic. That includes supporting 100 million people to escape multidimensional poverty; and assisting 500 million

additional people to gain access to clean energy, a vital part of global climate action efforts. With the continued support of key partners like Qatar, we can reach these bold targets, get the Global Goals firmly back on track, and ultimately realize a green, inclusive, and sustainable future for all ”



**Achim Steiner**  
Administrator,  
United Nations  
Development Program



**5,000**  
individuals  
reached



**200+**  
informal  
market traders

## Digitally transforming women’s lives in The Gambia

In March 2020, the onset of the pandemic forced the closure of the “lumos” – weekly informal markets in The Gambia’s rural areas. This affected the livelihoods of around 50,000 rural women and their families who relied on these markets to sell their produce and buy necessities. Later, the government decided to reopen these markets as part of its Building Back Better strategy for the rural economy, but in a digitized format, recruiting UNDP’s AccLabGM to support the project.

AccLabGM set out to develop a digital marketplace for traders and buyers, which resulted in the creation of the MyLumo App. The frequency of trading was changed to daily markets instead of weekly, facilitating e-commerce on-demand, and trading was accelerated using an inbuilt online payment system.

The MyLumo App is especially useful for women and youth, who form a majority of the people engaged in agriculture. The digital platform provides them with a sophisticated marketing infrastructure while helping build resilience among the beneficiaries. To make the platform more inclusive, it incorporated an agent model, a home delivery option for users, and an interactive voice response system for non-literates. The agent model allowed traders to upload their goods through their smartphones, even with limited digital skills. Users could have their purchases home-delivered through motorcycle couriers or horse and donkey carts, which in turn created employment for young people as couriers.

The MyLumo App was launched with a Building Forward Better tour, during which vaccine sensitization posters, masks, and T-shirts were distributed. A popular musical theatre group presented a theme song as part of the tour.



The Bright Starts Entertainment group perform during the first stop of the Building Forward Better (BFB) Tour as part of the launch program for the MyLumo App

## Working with the Hushe Valley community to improve their food system



Located at the confluence of the Karakoram, Hindu Kush, and Himalayan Mountain ranges, the Hushe Valley, in Pakistan's Gilgit-Baltistan, has abundant tourism potential, which is currently untapped. This pristine valley is now experiencing a unique experiment – the Social Innovation Platform designed by UNDP Pakistan's Innovation-AccLab and the Agirre Lehendakaria Center.

This platform is designed to address socio-economic challenges, especially those that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic. The platform will allow policymakers to better listen to communities, understand their perceptions and behavioral changes in real-time, predict emerging changes in the pandemic, and contribute to designing public policies.

Ethnographers and design thinkers use active listening to comprehend people and their contexts. The outbreak of the pandemic forced these ethnographers to transform their listening process. This included making prerecorded phone calls from local leaders to villagers who are usually illiterate. The responses are transcribed through Natural Language Processing techniques that provide sentiment analysis and keyword density.

In Hushe Valley, feedback from local communities and research insights helped identify the food economy as a focus for development. The Accelerator Lab analyzed how the food system in Hushe Valley overlaps with other thematic areas such as reverse migration, women's health, education, accessibility, connectivity, and availability of clean drinking water (which is ironic considering the landscape is full of rivers, streams, and lakes). The Lab is currently working on two opportunities: the abundance of apricots and herbs and tunnel farming through hybrid seeds. The Lab supports building prototypes to derive sustainable products from apricots such as oil and seeds, and herbs while finding ways to reduce food waste.



*Ethnographic work in Gilgit Baltistan prior to the pandemic. This in-person approach was replaced by innovative listening techniques under UNDP's unique Social Innovation Platform*

## Turning waste into energy into wealth

Pointe-Noire is the economic hub of the Republic of Congo. Complications in household waste management have led to the common sight of garbage piles waiting for disposal around the city. A young man, Destin Bibila, came up with a unique idea on how to use this waste while protecting the environment at the same time. He presented his concept during the Caravan of Innovation tour organized by UNDP's Accelerator Labs.

Destin's idea was to create a new type of 100% organic coal, whose value chain can be best described as "from waste to energy to wealth." Over 60% of households in Pointe-Noire largely use firewood and charcoal as the primary source of energy. His project is called WUMELA, which means "sustainable" in Lingala, one of the most widely spoken local languages in the Republic of Congo.

The WUMELA process begins with collecting all kinds of organic waste such as banana peelings, cassava leaves, food scraps, etc. This waste is then sun-dried, carbonized, and ground before being kneaded with additives like clay. The result is a homogeneous mixture molded into briquettes and subjected to natural drying.

Studies on the WUMELA briquette show that organic coal has several advantages over wood charcoal: it is twice as energetic, emits less carbon dioxide, and costs half the price. The AccLab team now plans to engage with various stakeholders in the waste management sector to advocate the use of the product and its impacts on climate change to integrate this solution into urban waste management solutions in the future. Once implemented on scale, the organic coal briquettes will revolutionize cooking habits and generate employment opportunities for youth and women while combating climate change.



*Organic coal produced in the WUMELA project in the Republic of Congo*





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