

##Press Release##

QRCS, YHF sign pact to support Yemen hospitals

December 24th, 2018 — Doha: Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs' (OCHA) Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) to provide life-saving health care services in Taiz and Dhalee Governorates, the Republic of Yemen.

Under the agreement, \$2 million funding will be secured to support the most vulnerable communities affected by inadequate health services. It is planned to cover five hospitals in Taiz and six health centers in Dhale, with an estimated 204,500 beneficiaries over one year.

Among the activities of the intervention are (1) supplying basic and emergency medicines, procuring lacked medical equipment, qualifying medical professionals, providing water and fuel, providing ambulance vehicles, and holding community health education sessions.

In coordination with the Ministry of Public Health and Population's (MOH) governorate office and the National Authority for the Management and Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (NAMCHA), QRCS held a workshop to introduce health, district, and local community representatives to the project's importance, components, outcomes, and challenges.

Dr. Abdul-Malik Al-Motawakil, Director, MOH office in Taiz, welcomed the long-term partnership with QRCS, and promised to facilitate its activities and remove any inconveniences.

"I would like to thank QRCS for its efforts to address the governorate's health care deficiencies, as well as its effective contributions on the ground. I call upon all my colleagues to help QRCS's team to reach out to the public and overcome any difficulties that may delay the project," said Dr. Al-Motawakil.

Judge Ahmed Al-Misawi, Director, NAMCHA, emphasized the importance of cooperation in facilitating the work and making the project a success, which will help to expand it later to more hospitals.



QRCS, Mr. Al-Misawi pointed out, is an effective partner for government authorities in Yemen. "We should all work together to find a way out of the current stalemate and improve the severe conditions suffered by the patients and needy people," he noted.

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About Qatar Red Crescent (QRCS)

Established in 1978, Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) is a humanitarian volunteering organization that aims to assist and empower vulnerable individuals and communities without partiality or discrimination.

QRCS is a member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, which consists of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and 190 National Societies. QRCS is also a member of several GCC, Arab, and Islamic organizations, such as the Islamic Committee of International Crescent and the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization (ARCO). In this legally recognized capacity, QRCS has access to disaster and conflict zones, thus serving as an auxiliary to the State of Qatar in its humanitarian efforts — a role that distinguishes it from other local charities and NGOs.

QRCS operates both locally and internationally and has ongoing international relief and development projects in a number of countries throughout the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Europe. QRCS's humanitarian actions include providing support in disaster preparedness, disaster response, risk reduction, and disaster recovery. To mitigate the impact of disasters and improve the livelihoods of affected populations, QRCS provides medical services, healthcare, and social development to local communities. It is also active at the humanitarian advocacy front. With the help of a vast network of trained, committed staff and volunteers, QRCS aspires to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity.

QRCS works under the umbrella of the seven international humanitarian principles: Humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality.

