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Annual Report 2023

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From the beginning of 2023 (amid global praise for the exceptional and well-organized FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022) to the year end (when everyone was showing unparalleled solidarity with the just cause of the agonized Palestinian people), Qatar has been moving forward on its development efforts across the board; maintaining its leading position; and gaining deserved international political, economic, social, diplomatic, cultural, and humanitarian respect.

At all times, Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) has aligned itself with the government's general policies, priorities, and directions. It continued to do its best to develop the local community, improve the living conditions of vulnerable groups, and pursue the goals and pillars of Qatar National Vision 2030. Internationally, QRCS scaled up its relief and development operations to deal with the increasing and worsening disasters and humanitarian crises, representing Qatar's bright image in the international humanitarian arena.

The biggest achievement made by QRCS during 2023, from my point of view, was the platinum-level accreditation by Accreditation Canada, in recognition of the quality health care services offered at Workers' Health Centers. This international certification is the product of impressive work and harmony among the involved teams, who admirably contributed to QRCS's culture of quality and excellence. I would like to thank the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) for their permanent cooperation with QRCS, as well as their absolute trust in its ability to meet the requirements and priorities of development, quality, and inclusiveness under the national health strategy.

To maintain the great history made by QRCS over decades, I promise to give every possible form of support to maximize achievements, go ahead with our development plans, and expand our scopes of work. The ultimate goal is to strengthen QRCS's status and promote its humanitarian, social, and development mission in the short and long term.



Faisal Mohamed Al-Emadi

Secretary-General

This is the annual report of Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS), which summarizes yearlong efforts, achievements, and giving. Over its rich history since 1978, QRCS has been inspired by the genuine Qatari traditions, the directions of the country's leader and government, and its humanitarian mission of supporting vulnerable people and meeting their diverse needs.

As you will see in this report, QRCS reached out to 8,529,794 beneficiaries during the past year, including 2,004,745 in Qatar and 6,525,049 in 28 other countries. The value of such aid activities amounted to QR 314,453,746 and QR 208,107,350 respectively. These were not the only accomplishments made last year: the number of volunteers registered with QRCS continuously increased by the end of the year to 29,645 volunteers of various nationalities and age groups.

Top examples of QRCS's numerous successes during 2023 were (1) launching the 1st QRCS Annual Scientific Conference, a new contribution to the health care sector in Qatar; (2) organizing the 9th Disaster Management Camp (DMC-9), with extensive training courses that attracted much government and media attention; (3) winning the Best NGO Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative Award from Qatar University's Qatar CSR Summit 2023; and (4) obtaining the platinum-level accreditation from Accreditation Canada in health care quality at Medical Affairs Division.

When adding such remarkable results to the progress made by QRCS over the past few years, we will realize how great this organization has become! To us, our admirable history is not everything; we are geared up to further thrive and become stronger year after year. Our future will hopefully see more institutional development and more giving to those in need everywhere.



2023

Facts and Figures





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Host Countries



208,107,350
International Expenditure (QR)



314,453,746
Local Expenditure (QR)



6,525,049
International Beneficiaries



2,004,745
Local Beneficiaries



14
Foreign Missions/Offices



29,645
Volunteers



88
Ambulance Vehicles



+100
Institutional Partners



Highlights of the Year



In 2023, Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) launched its 1st annual scientific conference. Supported by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), health care providers, and pharmaceutical companies in Qatar, it was a major and successful event aimed at building the capacity of medical professionals in noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), such as diabetes, hypertension, and asthma.



This year, QRCS won the Best NGO Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative Award from Qatar University's Qatar CSR Summit 2023. Also, its Medical Affairs Division obtained the platinum-level accreditation from Accreditation Canada, after passing the final survey in all four Workers' Health Centres, by covering 891 evaluation criteria within the nine standard specifications for accreditation.



QRCS organized the 9th Disaster Management Camp (DMC-9), the region's biggest-of-its-kind training event. Over 10 days, 300 participants from Qatari government organizations, NGOs, and private-sector companies, as well as Arab and non-Arab National Societies, received training in the different humanitarian and relief skills.



Over the year, QRCS hosted a series of important regional meetings, including the 47th Session of the General Assembly of the Arab Red Cross and Red Crescent Organization (ARCO), the 4th GCC Volunteering Forum, the GCC Red Crescent Volunteer Leaders Qualification and Recruitment Workshop, the 1st Annual Meeting of Community of Practice for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), the advanced regional workshop on “Frontline Humanitarian Negotiation Management”, and the 12th meeting of the Committee of Media and Awareness Officials at GCC Red Crescent National Societies/Associations.



Other international events attended by QRCS included the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) (Qatar), Red Cross and Red Crescent Global Communication Forum 2023 (Jordan), the 11th Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) (Vietnam), and the IFRC General Assembly extraordinary session (Switzerland).





Local Activities



Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) operates in Qatar through its Volunteering and Local Development Division, Medical Affairs Division, and Al-Khor Branch. Its local activities consist of a large number of development, medical, volunteering, and social projects/programs. Last year, the total number of beneficiaries was 2,004,745 people, at a total cost of QR 314,453,746.

Local Development

QRCS continued to implement annual and seasonal programs to help vulnerable groups and develop the capabilities of various segments of the community. The number of beneficiaries was 153,772, and the total cost was QR 16,210,707.

In community care, QRCS has many projects such as: Subsistence for Me, Let's Help Those Heavily Indebted, Khairkum Sabeq, Relief from Distress, Feeding, Adahi, Ramadan Iftar, Ramadan Provisions, Eid Clothing, In-Kind Donations, Have Mercy, and Shared Payment.

Another field of local work is community development, under which QRCS implements innovative initiatives such as "Create a Living" for penitentiary inmates, environmental awareness and recycling workshops for children, distribution of gifts to children from poor families, participation in university and professional forums, and many others.

With regard to volunteering work, the volunteers database continued to grow, recording 29,645 volunteers by the end of the year. In 2023, QRCS established the Volunteering Fund, a project concerned with the training and empowerment of volunteers in essential specializations and capacity-building. Also, there was a volunteer capacity-building project in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture's Wijdan Cultural Center, designed to promote national identity, social responsibility, and volunteerism.

29,645

volunteers registered
in database

30,959

beneficiaries of community dev.
activities at a cost of QR 63,300

121,988

beneficiaries of social assistance
at a cost of QR 16,068,890



Medical Services

Medical Affairs Division supports the government’s public health policies and strategies. In cooperation with the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), QRCS operates four Worker’s Health Centers (Al-Hemailah, Mesaimeer, Fereej Abdul-Aziz, and Zekreet), in addition to a Medical Commission Unit in Mesaimeer.

Project	Health Facility	Number of Visitors
Workers’ Health Centers	Al-Hemailah Health Center	530,609
	Mesaimeer Health Center	406,428
	Fereej Abdul-Azeez Health Center	310,338
	Zekreet Health Center	35,115
Medical Commission	Mesaimeer Medical Commission	179



The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department provides ambulatory care through a fleet of 88 ambulance vehicles, run by top-level medical and technical teams. They are deployed for medical coverage of sports and community events, public places, and industrial facilities, such as sports tournaments in cooperation with Aspetar Hospital and the premises of Nakilat and Qatar Steel. QRCS also has first-aid units to serve the visitors of Doha Quest and Villaggio Mall.

The Training and Development Center offers continuing professional education (CPD), Training of Trainers (ToT), Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), first-aid, and First Responder courses. Other activities of the center are health education for workers and the public, the “My Health, My Protection” (COVID-19) campaign, participation in health exhibitions, and posting of health education messages in the media and social media.

In total, the number of beneficiaries of health care and awareness services jumped in 2023 to 1,841,973, mostly expatriate workers, while the budget for these activities amounted to QR 294,809,737.

1,282,669

visitors served by Workers' Health Centers & Medical Commission Unit

88

ambulance vehicles, run by top-level medical and technical teams

11,057

beneficiaries of EMS

17

Afghan Relief

With its considerable relief and refugee camp management experience, QRCS works with the competent government authorities to provide welfare services and psychosocial support for the Afghan guests hosted by the State of Qatar, following the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan over the past years. QRCS's specialized personnel hold many educational, cultural, handicraft, recreational, and sports activities. They also provide individual and group psychological consultations and restoring family links (RFL) services. The cost of these activities during the past year was QR 3,433,302, benefiting a total of 9,000 evacuated men, women, children, and older persons.



International Activities



During 2023, Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) implemented foreign aid projects worth QR 208,107,350, for the benefit of 6,525,049 people in 28 countries: Palestine, Turkey, Malawi, Sudan, Chad, Morocco, Libya, Somalia, Vanuatu, the Philippines, Mauritania, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Yemen, Jordan, Iraq, Bangladesh, Niger, Mongolia, Albania, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Ethiopia.





Health

QRCS implemented numerous health interventions in 2023, including the provision of medications, consumables, medical equipment, and ambulance vehicles; emergency epidemic response; health education campaigns; rehabilitation and physiotherapy; mental health; prosthetic implants; dialysis; surgery; development/operation of Health facilities; mobile clinics; medical convoys; eye treatment camps; treatment for patients with cancer; neutral monitoring of vaccination campaigns; preventive and therapeutic nutrition; and disability services.





Shelter & NFIs

Shelter aid projects ranged from the provision of hygiene kits, kitchenware, tents, blankets, mattresses, children's clothes, heaters, heating oil, and power generators, to the construction of homes, services facilities (mosques, health centers, shops, etc.), and kids areas.

An official delegation from QRCS, headed by Faisal Mohamed Al-Emadi, Secretary-General, visited Aleppo countryside in northern Syria to open some shelter projects implemented in cooperation with partners for the benefit of displaced Syrian families. The projects included Al-Nasr Charitable Village in Al-Jamel, Jarabulus, Rawafed Al-Khair Residential Village in Akhtarin, A'zaz, and Al-Kamal and Humanity First villages in Qabasin. All the residential villages have mosques, schools, health centers, water tanks, water supply and sewage networks, and shops.





Livelihood

In order to improve the standard of living of poor, affected, and disabled people, QRCS implemented several projects to help them carry out productive, income-generating activities such as: vocational training (entrepreneurship, handicrafts, maintenance, fishing, beekeeping, sewing, agriculture, photography, hairdressing, cooking, etc.); provision of production resources (repair/maintenance toolkits, fishing tools, boats, heads of cattle, apiaries, shops, auto rickshaws, sewing machines, fertilizers, etc.); funding of small-sized projects; and rehabilitation of irrigation canals and tree pruning to enhance agriculture.





Water and Sewage

In the field of water and sanitation, QRCS distributed personal/family hygiene kits, water bottles, water containers, and mosquito nets. It also deployed water tankers, dug and equipped water wells, promoted hygiene awareness, harvested rainwater, maintained and rehabilitated drinking water stations and water supply systems, and constructed toilets.





Food Security

QRCS's activities to enhance food security for affected people during 2023 included, among many others, the distribution of food parcels, provisions, and fresh meals; equipment and operation of mobile relief catering hubs; implementation of Ramadan Iftar projects during the holy month of Ramadan; distribution of meat rations of Adahi sacrificial animals during Eid-ul-Adha; and provision of flour for bread.





Education

QRCS paid attention to education in vulnerable communities. During 2023, it implemented projects to provide school bags in Jordan and Lebanon, support schools in Somalia with furniture and materials, and construct primary and secondary schools at model villages for returnees in Sudan.



Aid by Country

Country	Value of Aid QR	Country	Value of Aid QR
Turkey (Syria)	80,204,334	Libya	1,858,950
Yemen	33,249,570	Malawi	1,736,151
Palestine	18,471,545	Morocco	999,998
Bangladesh	12,064,954	Vanuatu	945,786
Somalia	11,410,347	Philippines	910,587
Sudan	9,500,079	Chad	546,750
Niger	8,800,989	Pakistan	364,500
Lebanon	5,461,801	Albania	72,900
Iraq	5,131,746	Kosovo	72,900
Jordan	5,002,186	Mongolia	72,900
Afghanistan	4,165,039	Kyrgyzstan	44,108
Mauritania	3,803,516	Other	3,215,713
Total	208,107,350		



Aid by Sector

Relief

QR 44,691,227

Field	Value of Aid QR
Health	608,715
Shelter and NFIs	364,500
Water and Sewage	945,786
Multi-Sector	42,772,226

Development

QR 163,416,123

Field	Value of Aid QR
Food Security	9,348,828
Education	635,009
Health	57,727,564
Shelter and NFIs	44,980,815
Water and Sewage	11,379,753
Livelihoods	21,141,295
Multi-Sector	18,202,859



Seasonal Campaigns



In 2023, Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) launched seasonal campaigns as shown below:

1. During the holy month of Ramadan 1444 AH, QRCS implemented its Humanity First: Give to Charity campaign, which reached out to approximately 720,000 beneficiaries, with Ramadan and development projects in Qatar and 18 countries.



2. Under the theme Humanity First: Your Udhiya Brings Happiness, QRCS implemented the Adahi Project during Eid-ul-Adha 1444 AH, with the aim of helping donors to purchase sacrificial lambs, goats, and cows. Then, the purchased animals were slaughtered in cooperation with Widam Food and Islamic Relief Worldwide. The meat was distributed as food rations for the benefit of 302,974 poor people in Qatar and 18 Asian, African, and European countries, at a total cost of QR 3,215,713.



3. QRCS launched the Warm Winter Campaign 2023–2024, under the theme Humanity First: Hope for Warmth. It involves a wide range of winterization projects/aid for the benefit of more than 230,000 displaced and poor people in 13 countries. The campaign’s fundraising target was increased to QR 15 million.





Relief Interventions



1. The Disaster Information Management Center (DIMC) was activated 14 times during 2023, to respond to many disasters and humanitarian crises globally, such as the Syria-Turkey earthquake, Afghanistan-Pakistan earthquake, Sudan conflict, Cyclone Mocha in Myanmar and Bangladesh, war on Gaza, Morocco earthquake, and Cyclone Daniel in Libya.
2. QRCS carried out 11 medical convoys for the benefit of 11,803 patients in Sudan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Mauritania, and Somalia. The medical and surgical interventions covered pediatric cardiac catheterization, general surgery, urology, and ophthalmology.



Since 7 October 2023, QRCS has been responding to the war on Gaza, by providing 44 palletloads of humanitarian aid aboard the Qatari airlift in support of the people of Gaza. It allocated \$5.5 million from its Disaster Response Fund as an initial emergency relief intervention, with contributions by Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) and many other donors.



International Relations



As member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) gives high priority to building excellent and influential partnerships locally, regionally, and internationally; strengthening relations with international humanitarian organizations and National Societies; promoting public awareness of international humanitarian law (IHL); and enhancing respect for key IHL principles in the international humanitarian arena.

QRCS held an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) in March 2023, to elect Mr. Yousef bin Ali Al-Khater as President.



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Local and International Meetings

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Committee Memberships

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Courses/Workshops

The Movement

In cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Geneva-based Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation (CCHN), QRCS organized a four-day regional workshop on Frontline Humanitarian Negotiation Management. Other activities done by QRCS included supporting fellow National Societies under the Global First Aid Reference Centre, supporting the Global Islamic Finance Platform, supporting and attending the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of IFRC, proposing a MENA National Society Financial Performance Monitor, signing a cooperation agreement with the American Red Cross, hosting the 47th Session of the General Assembly of the Arab Red Cross and Red Crescent Organization (ARCO), and printing the English Humanitarian Terminology Guide.



IHL

During the 9th Disaster Management Camp (DMC-9), the Humanitarian Tent hosted 15 informative lectures on many IHL-related topics. QRCS representatives participated in many IHL workshops held in cooperation with several partners, including the National Committee for IHL (Qatar), the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (Qatar), Al-Jazeera Media Institute (Qatar), the Permanent Committee for IHL (Saudi Arabia), Ez-Zitouna University (Tunisia), the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC), the Iraqi Red Crescent Society (IRCS), and the Tunisian Red Crescent (TRC).



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Media



In parallel with the considerable efforts by Qatar Red Crescent Society's (QRCS) divisions and governing board, the organization's media and public visibility increased substantially during 2023. This includes the media and marketing materials, art/creative production, social media platforms, the website, the mobile app, and protocol.

Visibility



Public Relations



Social Media Platforms

