

QRCS Mobile Clinics Treat 2,389 Patients in Myanmar

March 18th, 2017 — Doha: Qatar Red Crescent (QRCS) is going on with its humanitarian intervention in Myanmar, with a series of health projects for 5,000 families (25,000 people), at a total cost of \$485,513.

As a transition from relief to development, the program involves rehabilitation of health infrastructure, provision of medical care through mobile clinics, and capacity building for local medics.

These projects are coordinated with Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRC) and the Health Department in Rakhine State.

QRCS's mobile clinic teams regularly provide primary health care for the beneficiaries in 14 villages and one internally displaced people (IDP) camp.

According to the monthly reports, 2,389 patients were treated, including 1,905 adults and 484 children.

The treated cases included antenatal care, mild diarrhea, dysentery, common cold, chest infection, skin infection, eye infection, trauma /injury, asthma, hypertension, diabetes, gastritis, urinary tract, O&G, and musculoskeletal problems. Confirmed malaria and dengue hemorrhagic fever were found.

Mobile clinic teams participated in the routine immunization program of the State Health Department in two villages and one camp, because the immunization coverage in these areas is low.

To contribute to the promotion of IDP/villager health access, mobile clinic teams also deliver emergency and specialist referral of patients in villages/camp to higher medical services.

Last month, 18 patients received referral for emergency/special care. After discharged from hospital, the teams follow up with the patients as needed.



The Tender Evaluation Committee selected two contractors from among 11 bidders for the tender of village clinic construction. The highest transparency standards were ensured.

QRCS's officials meet regularly with the campers and villagers and inspect the mobile clinic team activities and services.

A third project is the training of community health workers (CHW) and exchange of experience. The programs will adopt the curriculum used by the State Health Department with minor adjustments to be in line with the specific needs of the project.

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About Qatar Red Crescent Society (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.

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