QFFD, QRCS support primary health care in Al-Zaatari camp

October 9th, 2019 — Doha: Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) has signed an agreement with Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) to support the provision of lifesaving Primary Healthcare for Syrian refugees in the Al-Zaatari camp in Jordan.

As this agreement is a continuation of an already established clinics. The Qatari clinics under the supervision of the QRCS have been providing primary health care services for over 4 years and are a major contributor to the health care system within the camp, the clinics provide life-saving health services (counseling and treatment) for all ages. It has been providing dental services for the last 3 years, as well as providing prenatal care.

The implementation of this project is following three phases, 1st Phase will include renewing and reviewing licensing and registering of the Qatari clinics in the Al-Zaatari camp. The 2nd Phase include assessing the status of the infrastructure and equipment of the Qatari clinics. In order to ensure quality delivery of services and efficient use of resources ensuring all instruments and equipment in the clinic are in good condition and meeting the standards of QRCS and QFFD. 3rd Phase where QFFD and QRCS will coordinate with UNHCR and Health Working Group in the camp, they will revise the services
packages provided in the clinic. The main objective is to ensure that all basic health needs are adequately met.

It's worth mentioning that a High-level delegation from QFFD visited the Al-Zaatari camp in the beginning of this year and to observe the situation in the camp and QFFD funded health programs.

As the health systems in the Al-Zaatari camp is facing a major pressure on due to large inflow of refugee populations, priority becomes to support the capacity of health care services in the host countries one of which is Jordan to help ensure primary health care services to both Syrian refugees and host communities are effectively provided.

Also, this support comes in various forms, including direct support through the provision of equipment and supplies, capacity-building and the strengthening of health system. Strengthening surveillance, detection, response and prevention of infectious diseases is a priority, as well as increasing access to chronic disease treatment services. By promoting health care systems, QFFD aims to facilitate the inclusion of Syrian refugees and reduce pressure on services to host communities and increase flexibility.

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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 191 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.