

##Press Release##

## QRCS provides clean drinking water for IDPs in northern Syria

**August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 — Doha:** The representation mission of Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) in Turkey has recently initiated a project to provide clean drinking water for internally displaced people (IDPs) in the northern countryside of Aleppo, Syria.

Lasting until February 2022, the project will benefit a total of 13,898 beneficiaries in Al-Bab City and neighboring camps, including 5,454 children and 7,194 women, as well as 95 indirect beneficiaries.

The purpose of the project is to meet the basic needs of purified and potable water for the displaced families in Al-Bab City and countryside outskirts, thus ensuring better and more stable living standards.

QRCS's tankers are deployed to deliver drinking water, which is already tested to verify its quality and decontaminated with chlorine, as per the internationally accepted standards.

The municipalities are engaged in selecting the most vulnerable groups. There is coordination with the other humanitarian organizations operating in the region to ensure non-duplication and provision of integrated services for the IDPs.

As a result of the protracted Syrian conflict, more people continue to be displaced, and more camps are created, and more families are badly in need of the necessities of life, such as food and water. The camp areas suffer environmentally scarce water resources, as they are located far from the sources of potable water. There are no means to supply good-quality water for drinking and personal use.



So, this project helps the affected populations to find safe and disinfected water in a manner that preserves the dignity of women, children, and persons with disability, who are now protected against disease and epidemics, especially amid the Coronavirus outbreak.

It has a significant impact on reducing the suffering of IDPs and host communities in the target area, by giving the affected families improved access to regular water supply and protecting them against the risks of inadequate or unsafe water supply.

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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.

