

##Press Release##

QRCS provides vital medical supplies for Sudanese counterpart

April 10th, 2021 — Doha: Ali bin Hassan Al-Hammadi, Secretary-General of Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS), is visiting Sudan to sign an agreement to support the ambulance services of the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS).

Accompanied by Dr. Fawzi Oussedik, Head of International Relations and International Humanitarian Law at QRCS, Mr. Al-Hammadi is going to launch new humanitarian projects for the people of Sudan, as part of the operations of its representation mission there, in cooperation with SRCS and Sudan's Federal Ministry of Health.

The delegation was welcomed at the Khartoum International Airport by Dr. Awadallah Hamdan, head of QRCS's mission in Sudan, and the staff of mission.

A tripartite agreement was signed by QRCS, SRCS, and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to provide SRCS with ambulance vehicles to support the Coronavirus control campaign in Sudan.

In compliance with the due preventive measures, Mr. Al-Hammadi signed the agreement remotely. "SRCS is a strategic partner in executing our operations in Sudan," he stated. "I hope that this contribution will pay off for the people of Sudan. Admirably, both parties work hard to serve the people of Sudan, by joining hands on many relief and development projects".



Under the agreement, SRCS will be supplied with three fully equipped ambulance vehicles. Two of them will be used in combating the third wave of COVID-19. Together with the Turkish Red Crescent, QRCS had already launched a Coronavirus response in Sudan, providing \$1.2 million worth of medical consumables, equipment, and PCR test machines for SRCS, covering over 120,000 beneficiaries in many states.

The third ambulance vehicle will be deployed to SRCS's health clinic at the Ethiopian refugee shelter camp in eastern Sudan. QRCS and SRCS are responding to the recent displacement wave from Ethiopia, by implementing a multiphase project for the benefit of 50,000 persons, at a total cost of \$1,835,000.

As a donation from QRCS, Mr. Al-Hammadi handed over a number of lithotripsy machines to the Center for Renal Diseases in Sennar State. In coordination with SRCS, these supplies were received by Dr. Ismael Al-Dhabih, director of the center, who thanked QRCS and the government and people of Qatar for their humanitarian interventions in Sudan.

Mr. Al-Hammadi promised to continue to back the country's health sector and commended the efforts of SRCS to fight COVID-19.

In 2015, QRCS had supported the center with 11 dialysis machines, water station, and rehabilitation equipment, at a total cost of \$305,000. It serves patients with kidney failure in Sennar and neighboring states.

In commemoration of the late Dr. Hassan Abdullah Kishkish, one of the founders of QRCS, Mr. Al-Hammadi visited his family at their home in Khartoum. Being in office as representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Qatar and consultant to Qatar's Ministry of Health (MOH), he took part in the establishment of QRCS in 1978.



The Secretary-General met Dr. Kishkish's wife and son – the latter is a volunteer with QRCS in Doha. They thanked Mr. Al-Hammadi for the visit, describing it as a recognition of Dr. Kishkish.

##End of Text##

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.

