

##Press Release##

QRCS, UNHCR provide Coronavirus testing equipment for Yemen health facilities

June 15th, 2020 — Doha: Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) are working together on a health care project for refugees in Sana'a, Yemen, with a total budget of \$739,162.

A joint delegation has visited the Al-Thawra Modern General Hospital, Al-Jumhoori Hospital, and National Center of Public Health to hand over medical equipment for Coronavirus testing, at a total cost of \$26,760.

During the meeting, the delegation vowed to continue to provide vital health care services for the Somali refugees and local community of Amanat Al-Asimah. They stressed the importance of cooperation to reassure the public, who are facing the pressure of disease and lack of resources to fight the pandemic.

Dr. Abdul-Lateef Abo Talib, General Manager of the Al-Thawra General Hospital, said the new equipment would be of great help for the hospital, particularly in relation to the blood bank, renal disease, hematology, total protein tests, and, most importantly, Coronavirus tests.

Dr. Abdul-Ilah Al-Harazi, General Manager of the National Center of Public Health, welcomed these timely medical supplies.

“The results are promising,” said Dr. Al-Harazi. “All the swabs taken to date have been negative. The quick results help to make many swabs in a short time”.



Under the same project, QRCS is providing medications on a monthly basis for two health centers, where integrated health services are provided, including free-of-charge medicines and referrals for advanced treatment and surgical services at hospitals.

QRCS's health education teams are deployed to raise awareness among the public regarding how to protect themselves against Coronavirus infection.

More hospitals and health centers are planned to receive medical equipment and solutions under the UNHCR-funded project.

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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.

