QRCS Covers Treatment for 64,000 Patients in Taiz

**November 6th, 2016 — Doha:** Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) has recently completed the second phase of its project to support the Al-Thawra Modern General Hospital's Surgical Emergency Center in Taiz, Yemen, with funding from Qatar Fund for Development (QFD).

The second phase had been extended from 1 August to 16 October 2016, with a view to receiving more victims of the current war across the country.

In partnership with Yemen Medical Charitable Society – Taiz and the Al-Thawra Modern General Hospital, QRCS's Mission in Yemen treated 64,606 cases (48,913 male and 15,693 female), including 63,914 cases that received dressing, inpatient, radiology, lab, and outpatient services. The remaining 692 patients underwent major, medium, and minor surgeries.

Also, the project hired 167 medical, assistant, nurse, and administrative staff of various specialties, such as general surgery, cardiovascular surgery, facial surgery, plastic surgery, neurosurgery, and eye surgery.

In his remarks, Dr. Ahmed Anaam, Chairman of the Al-Thawra Modern General Hospital, commended QRCS's contributions to the Surgical Emergency Center, hoping for more support to continue to receive more and more injuries in the governorate.

Dr. Nashwan Al-Rabasi, Director of the Surgical Emergency Center, stated, "Thank God, the center has resumed work after being halted due to lack of resources and staff. QRCS's intervention enabled us to receive and treat surgical cases, amid protracted war and increasing numbers of injured civilians".

Dr. Sadek Al-Shugaa, Chief Doctor of Taiz, welcomed QRCS's significant role in operating the largest surgical establishment in the governorate as well as securing medical supplies. He described QRCS's success as outstanding compared to other peers.

**Wessam Salem**
While Wessam F. Salem (4) was playing with his elder sister in front of their house in Beer Pasha, he was run into by a passing car. His father carried him to a private hospital, which required a high deposit that the poor father could not afford.

The child was referred to the Al-Thawra Modern General Hospital's Surgical Emergency Center in Taiz, where an X-ray revealed a fracture in his right arm. Immediately, the child was moved to the operations room, and the orthopedic surgeon fixed the arm with a splint. The procedures was for free, fully covered by QRCS.

Following the operation, the father thanked God for enabling QRCS to treat his son, who would otherwise have a permanent disability. He also thanked the staff of the center for their professional medical care services.

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**About Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS)**

Established in 1978, Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) is a humanitarian charitable 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) in Geneva, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and 190 National Societies. QRCS is also a member of several Gulf, Arab, and Islamic assemblies, such as: the Islamic Committee of International Crescent and the Secretariat-General of the Arab Organization of Red Crescent and Red Cross. 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 charitable or philanthropic organizations.

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. As a reflection of its long-standing accomplishments and credibility, QRCS's Chairman, Dr. Mohammed Al-Maadheed, is former Vice-President of the IFRC.

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