

##Press Release##

## QRCS Provides Supplies for Medical Center in Yemen

**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 — Doha:** Under its large-scale response to the humanitarian crisis in Al-Hudaydah, Yemen, Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) has breathed life into the collapsing health sector in Sanaa.

A new plan is in progress to provide primary health care for the population displaced from Al-Hudaydah due to the recent escalation of violence.

It is based on an appeal issued by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to mobilize international humanitarian support for the internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Sanaa.

Several schools are used as makeshift shelters to accommodate the increasing numbers of IDPs, who experience unbearable calamities.

QRCS's representation mission in Sanaa supplied \$18,000 worth of medicines to cover the needs of 400 patients being treated at the Abo Bakr Al-Siddiq Health Center.

In coordination with the center's management, other shortages are surveyed to be subsequently met, in an attempt to stop the alarming deterioration in public health conditions as a result of the mass displacement.

The people of Al-Hudaydah are facing exacerbated living and health risks, with little food and rampant epidemics.

A medical worker at the Abo Bakr Al-Siddiq Health Center said they were doing their best to alleviate the suffering of the IDPs at the school's packed classrooms. "The doctors and nurses are working 24/7 to take care of the patients. All of us are unpaid volunteers," he added.

In addition, the school's medical camp lacks medicines and solutions, particularly those for chronic diseases like cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, hypertension. There is a stressing need to activate the referral system, by contracting a big hospital and medical lab to receive critical cases, particularly infections and communicable diseases.



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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 190 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.

