Saudi Arabia in Focus

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"I am very encouraged to see the centre developing its activities, with a strong commitment to humanitarian principles"

Antonio Guterres

UN Secretary General during his visit in Yemen 2017

"For years, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has been a strong supporter and a generous donor to the World Food Programme worldwide.

Our partnership has helped save millions of lives across the globe."

Abdallah Alwardat

Director WFP office in UAE & GCC at the signature of the new Saudi financial engagement in 2017

Improving international cooperation for humanitarian aid

Saudi Arabia is one of the world's leading humanitarian donors and, since the launch of its aid programmes in 1950, continues to increase its financial contributions and support in over 80 countries across the globe improving health and living conditions of people in need.

Over the past 40 years, Saudi Arabia's humanitarian contributions has totalled over 125 billion euros in a wide range of activities and programmes most often in cooperation with the UN agencies and leading humanitarian organisation spanning from the support to refugees fleeing the conflict in Syria to the rebuilding of infrastructure and social assistance in Afghanistan, from the assistance to the Yemeni people, to the aid provided to the Rohingya community in Myanmar and beyond.

With the establishment in 2015 of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief), under the sponsorship of the Custodian of the two holy mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and the leadership of Dr. Abdullah Al Rabeeah, Supervisor General of the Centre, the Kingdom's humanitarian activity has stepped up its outreach delivering relief to the world's crisis-stricken communities.

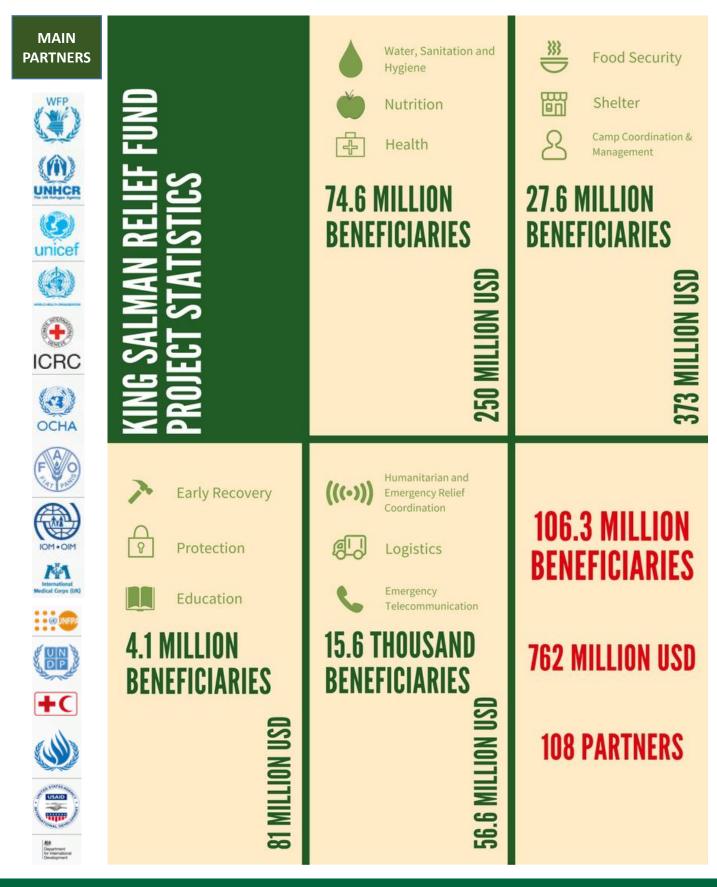
The close cooperation and exchanges promoted by the KSRelief Centre with the European Union Institutions, with WHO, FAO, WFP, UNICEF and with all other relevant organisations, will directly contribute to develop further synergies and better leverage each other experience on the ground, towards the improvement of the living conditions of most disadvantaged people.



Ambassador Abdulrahman S. Alahmed



Worldwide KSRelief Projects 2015-2017







Dr. Abdullah Al Rabeeah Supervisor General KSRelief

Aid

Provided

In Syria

KSRelief support to Syrian Population

Health

Medical services in KSA

Aid Provided to Syrians Within Saudi Arabia 2015-2016



The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has received hundreds of thousands of Syrians since the beginning of their national crisis. The Kingdom has given them the necessary facilities including healthcare, education, and employment opportunities.







Education





Hama





KSRelief support to Yemen Population

Since its inception in 2015, the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre has spared no effort to assist those in need across all Yemeni governorates, and has provided aid worth around €430 million to some 26 million Yemeni civilians. In cooperation with the WHO, UNICEF and the international Medical Corps, the Centre has supplied medicines, surgical supplies and health care across the country

Supporting Yemeni women and children wherever they are

The most important projects implemented by the centre and its partners have focussed on women and children. One of the centre's first projects involved providing medical care to more than 7,600 children and mothers living as refugees in Djibouti. This project was carried out in cooperation with UNICEF, with a total expenditure of €309,652.

Another project was put in place in response to an urgent UN flash appeal for immediate humanitarian assistance to Yemen; this €26.2 million project was again carried out in coordination with UNICEF. The project provided food, therapeutic and preventative interventions to save the lives of children under the age of five, and also provided protection for the health of pregnant and nursing mothers.



Two new projects have been launched earlier in 2017. The first will help tackle malnutrition among children, and pregnant and nursing mothers, while a second focuses on water supply. The malnutrition project will cover eight provinces, and targets 348,468 children, nursing and pregnant women.

Water supply projects will be implemented in 15 governorates and help deliver water to houses, distributing tanks and other water containers. The water project will benefit 1.35 million children, 796,011 men and 762,917 women.

The challenges that KSRelief faces are the same as those faced by all relief organisations.

The UN Verification and Inspection Mechanism for Yemen confirms that the Houthi Rebels and Saleh forces are currently controlling the vital ports of Hodeida, As Salif and Ras Isa on the Red Sea coast. The rebels are blocking activity in the ports in an effort to damage the Saudi-led Coalition's reputation whilst pocketing the black market income it generates.

Access to Yemen has therefore proven difficult, with great risk to relief conveys and very challenging geography. Given these challenges, KSRelief is proud that the centre in Yemen has been able to reach all regions of the country, irrespective of who is in control. KSRelief works equally in the north and the south demonstrating Saudi Arabia impartiality and adherence to the international humanitarian law.



KSRelief team visiting one of the centre's food aid projects being implemented through the World Food Programme (WFP) in Aden

