

Qatar Foundation: Community Development

Community development is at the heart of everything QF does, with its programs, initiatives, activities, and facilities:

- Providing a platform for **social engagement and interaction**.
- Strengthening **community and cultural bonds**.
- Developing a nation of **active, engaged citizens**.
- Preserving and promoting **Qatar's national culture and the Arabic language**.
- Empowering people to **adopt healthy lifestyles and embrace sustainability**.

Entities under QF's Community Development pillar are:

- **Al Shaqab**: a leading global equine center committed to preserving and promoting the Arabian horse breed and Qatar's equestrian heritage.
 - Al Shaqab has bred **7** world champion stallions since its establishment in 1992.
 - **More than 6,000** participants have attended courses on horsemanship and horse-riding at Al Shaqab since 2003.
 - Since 2013, Al Shaqab has organized world-class international equestrian competitions such as **CHI AL SHAQAB** and the **Longines Global Champions Tour**.
- **Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art**: a cultural hub offering art and education programs to all audiences.
 - The museum is dedicated to modern and contemporary art from the Arab World and its cultural and historical connections, from Morocco to India, and from Turkey to Sudan, while looking at the diaspora.

- The Mathaf Collection is comprised of over **7,000** works, making it the world's largest specialized collection of its kind.
- **Qatar Career Development Center (QCDC):** empowering youth to plan their career paths in line with their potential and the needs of Qatar's labor market.
 - QCDC has rolled out its Career Advising System (CAS) across all public secondary schools in Qatar, benefiting more than **11,000** students, and trained these schools' academic and career counselors to use the system.
- **QatarDebate:** Qatar's national debating organization, shaping global citizens through diverse debate learning programs.
 - More than **35,000** young people have participated in QatarDebate activities since its inception in 2008.
 - QatarDebate welcomed 166 student participants in the most recent edition of its Universities Arabic Debating Championship, and 439 student participants in the most recent edition of its Schools Arabic Debating Championship, both held in 2020.
- **Qatar Diabetes Association (QDA):** establishing and promoting diabetes awareness and prevention through community outreach programs; empowering people living with diabetes; and supporting healthcare providers to deliver diabetes education.
 - QDA's work reaches over **30,000** members of Qatar's community every year.
- **Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC):** driving sustainability in Qatar through community outreach, research and innovation, and education and training programs.
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- **Qatar Music Academy (QMA):** nurturing promising musical talent from Qatar and the region through practice, theory, and an Arab and Western music curriculum.
 - QMA offers **2** musical education programs to more than **450** students in Qatar.
- **Qatar Nanny Training Academy (QNTA):** providing a high-quality training program for Arabic-speaking Muslim nannies to become qualified childcare providers.
 - **120** nannies have graduated from QNTA across **5** cohorts.
- **Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra (QPO):** a world-class orchestra performing and promoting Arabic and Western music in Qatar and on the global stage.
 - QPO is comprised of **101** musicians from **30** countries and has performed more than **500** different programs.
- **Qur'anic Botanic Garden (QBG):** exhibiting and conserving the plants mentioned in the Holy Qur'an and Qatar's native flora, explaining their significance, science, use, and relevance.
 - QBG is aiming to cultivate **2,022** trees in Qatar by the 2022 FIFA World Cup™
 - QBG stocked more than **4,000** trees, shrubs, saplings and seasonal plants in protected greenhouses for educational and outreach activities.

- QBG has collected and preserved more than **150** botanic items and tools that will be displayed in its permanent Botanic Museum.
- Over **125** types of seeds and herbaria have been collected and conserved at QBG's Herbarium and seeds conservation unit.

QF's community development focus also encompasses:

- **Akhlaquna:** a QF award designed to recognize young people who display exemplary moral character toward the good of humanity.
- **Alumni Program:** enabling QF alumni to maintain their connections to QF and their peers, receive and provide mentorship, and participate in volunteer programs, while highlighting their positive impact on Qatar and the world.
- **Art Trail:** an initiative offering guided public tours of QF's art collection and all art activities taking place in Education City, promoting cultural appreciation and social interaction.
- **Education City Mosque:** a community mosque with the capacity to host 2,800 worshippers, which also hosts a diverse range of knowledge-based community activities. More than 20 initiatives and 50 activities, targeting different age groups, are held during the year.
- **Heritage Sites:** historic urban structures within Education City that are being preserved by QF for generations to come.
- **National Reading Campaign:** a QF program designed to promote the importance of, and enhance interest in, reading among the community of Qatar.
- **Oxygen Park:** the 'green lungs' of Education City – a landscaped, 130,000sqm open space incorporating sports, recreation, and heritage.
- **Recreational Facilities:** Education City houses many sports facilities, recreational areas, and fitness and sports classes for children and adults, with facilities being open to the public.