



QATAR KATRINA FUND

FACT SHEET

History of the Fund

- During a visit to the U.S. a few weeks after Hurricane Katrina, His Highness the Amir of the State of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, pledged \$100 million on behalf of the People of Qatar to assist the victims of the hurricane.
- Qatar's Ambassador to the U.S., HE Nasser Bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, was appointed to Chair the "Qatar Katrina Fund."
- Projects were selected with the assistance of a distinguished Advisory Committee¹, and each was defined in detail in a formal Gift and Pledge Agreement with a schedule of deliverables.
- The Qatar Katrina Fund committed all of the \$100 million pledge to 18 different projects to provide housing, health care and education assistance to Katrina's hardest hit communities.
- Project partners provide quarterly reports on their progress to the Embassy of the State of Qatar in Washington, and PricewaterhouseCoopers conducts twice-yearly site visits and detailed reviews of each project underway.
- Since the storm, the fund has touched the lives of thousands of hurricane victims -- new houses were constructed, sick children received critical health care at no cost, students received scholarships to return to college, and places of worship were rebuilt.
- His Highness the Amir visited the U.S. Gulf Coast April 29-30, 2008 to review the work of the Qatar Katrina Fund.
- As of September 1, 2009, the fund disbursed more than \$95 million in support of these projects, and remaining funds will be disbursed according to the agreed schedules in the Gift and Pledge Agreements.

Giving Strategy

- ***Necessity:*** The goal of the fund is to provide assistance as directly as possible to victims of Hurricane Katrina for projects that are not funded by other sources. Despite the organizational challenges in the immediate aftermath of the storm, it was clear that substantial assistance would be provided from governmental sources and large private relief organizations. Rather than duplicating those efforts, the fund supports projects that reflect urgent and important needs, for which other sources of funding are unavailable.
- ***Focus:*** To provide a focus for the gift and maximize its impact, the fund is dedicated to health care, housing, and education.
- ***Accountability:*** The fund identified strong local partners to handle the execution of projects selected. These partners were carefully evaluated to validate their ability to successfully execute the projects.

¹ Advisory Committee Members: Hon. James A. Baker III, former U.S. Secretary of State; Dr. John J. DeGioia, President, Georgetown University; Mr. Lee Raymond, former Chairman and CEO, Exxon Mobil Corp.; Dr. Laura D'Andrea Tyson, Professor, Haas School of Business, University of California at Berkeley.

- **Sustainability:** It was a priority to bring assistance quickly to those most in need, but where possible, the Qatar Katrina Fund sought to identify projects that would make a lasting difference in the lives and communities of the victims.
- **Local Knowledge:** To provide an organized process for soliciting gift proposals, gift recipient candidates were identified in two principal ways: (a) initiating contact with members of the U.S. Congress, State Governors, and community leaders to request their advice in defining priority needs; and (b) directly approaching strong, well-established organizations in the most heavily-damaged areas — for example, hospitals, universities, and housing providers.
- **Independent Advice:** In order to consider all options, an Advisory Committee of distinguished Americans representing diverse backgrounds and political affiliations was selected to advise in the process of identifying and selecting gift recipients.

Qatar Katrina Fund Projects

\$38.1 Million in Education Projects:

- **Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast** (\$5 million): Designed, built and equipped a new 22,000 square foot community center – the Qatar Center in Pass Christian, Mississippi – that provides after-school programs to 1,300 youth and teens each year.
- **Humanity First USA** (\$.78 million): Completed renovations and reopened six mosques and schools serving the Muslim community in Greater New Orleans.
- **Louisiana State University “Katrina Student Relief Fund”** (\$3.3 million): Provided 1,367 students affected by Hurricane Katrina with scholarships to help pay tuition, room and board.
- **Loyola University of New Orleans “Qatar Loyola Scholarship Fund”** (\$1.4 million): Provided 162 students affected by Hurricane Katrina with partial academic scholarships.
- **Tulane University “Qatar Tulane Scholars Fund”** (\$10 million): Awarded full tuition scholarships to 109 students affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- **Xavier University “Qatar Katrina Fellowship Fund”** (\$5 million): Provided scholarship assistance to 497 students adversely affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- **Xavier University College of Pharmacy** (\$12.5 million): Building a new Qatar Pharmacy Pavilion that will include additional classrooms, state of the art teaching labs, lecture facilities, and computer labs to increase the number of pharmacy students at Xavier University.

\$27.5 Million in Healthcare Projects:

- **Children’s Hospital of New Orleans - Kids First Clinics** (\$.4 million): Completed repairs and reopened two primary care children’s clinics in low-income neighborhoods of New Orleans.
- **Children’s Hospital of New Orleans “Qatar Cares Fund”** (\$5 million): Provided funding to pay for more than 19,000 pediatric patient visits for uninsured children affected by Katrina.
- **Coastal Family Health Center** (\$3.4 million): Provided free medical care for over 30,000 patient visits, and operated a mobile medical unit to reach patients in remote areas heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina.
- **March of Dimes** (\$3 million): Purchased and staffed three Mom and Baby Mobile Health Centers that provide prenatal and early pediatric care in hurricane-damaged neighborhoods.

- **Memorial Hospital** (\$10.8 million): Established the “Qatar Hope Fund” to cover medical services for uninsured, low-income victims of Katrina.
- **Tulane University Community Health Center** (\$5 million): Expanded and sustained operations at two community health centers and provided a mobile medical unit to deliver care to remote neighborhoods damaged by Katrina.

\$34.3 Million in Housing Projects:

- **Habitat For Humanity** (\$25.26 million): Built 293 new homes in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama for families displaced by Hurricane Katrina, with an additional 44 homes to be completed in 2010.
- **The NHP Foundation** (\$1.54 million): Provided rental assistance for low- and moderate-income victims of Hurricane Katrina.
- **Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans** (\$3.1 million): Extended financial loans to 120 Katrina-impacted families to purchase new homes in the New Orleans area.
- **Treme/Lafitte Renewal Project** (\$2.5 million): Restored 100 homes for low-income Katrina victims in the historic Treme/LaFitte neighborhood of New Orleans.
- **UNITY of Greater New Orleans** (\$2 million): Repaired and reopened eleven housing facilities for homeless and special needs victims in New Orleans.

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