



QATAR SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES PARTNERS WITH EDUCATION ABOVE ALL TO PROVIDE SOLAR ENERGY TO KENYA'S KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP

Qatar Foundation Member Supports Initiative Benefiting Schools, Clinics And Communities

Doha, Qatar, 8 November 2014: Qatar Solar Technologies (QSTec), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, today (Wednesday) announced its support for Education Above All's (EAA) Kakuma Project under a multi-year agreement that will see schools, clinics and community centres powered by solar energy.

Following a joint visit to Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya in 2012 with Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, QF Chairperson, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), EAA has partnered with UNHCR to develop a new holistic model that will empower refugee communities.

QSTec's involvement in the Kakuma Project is fully aligned with QF's mission to be a catalyst for change regionally and internationally by leveraging its experiences, knowledge and capabilities.

As Qatar's leading solar solutions provider, QSTec has joined forces with a number of partners for a collaborative effort that will see the Kakuma Project engage in an innovative programme that changes the way education is provided.

At 12sqkm, Kakuma is one of the largest refugee camps in the world, serving more than 170,000 people.

Rather than being entrenched in dependency, the project is seeking to empower refugees and enable them to build a new life – both in the camp and in the communities where they will resettle.

EAA is a global initiative founded in 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, aimed at building a global movement that contributes to human, social and economic development through quality education and other welfare programmes and initiatives.

Speaking at the launch of the initiative, Dr Khalid K. Al Hajri, Chairman and CEO of QSTec, said: "There is nothing more important than the power of education and its ability to transform communities and future generations.

"In line with the vision of our founding organisation Qatar Foundation, enabling access to quality education programmes and initiatives that can change lives, is

extremely important to QSTec. Qatar Solar Technologies and its partners are facilitating the development of educational environments that will encourage the development of life-long learning skills to have a profound positive impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.”

The project, will offer educational intervention from early childhood education to vocational training and literacy classes that are designed to meet the learning needs of each individual regardless of age, background or special need. The project will also feature peace education programmes, sports and extra-curricular activities to benefit both refugees and Kenyan nationals in the surrounding community, further solidifying peaceful coexistence and enhancing protection in the region.

Leonardo Pinheiro, Director of Strategy, Policy and Research for EAA, said: “The Kakuma Project represents an innovative approach to providing education in a conflict-affected community.

“Not a relief effort, the Kakuma Project focuses on improving camp infrastructure and providing educational opportunities to residents of all ages in order to give them the confidence, skills and knowledge necessary for self-reliance.

“Together with our partners, EAA seeks to give the residents of the Kakuma Refugee Camp the tools they need to create a better future for themselves.”

EAA, which is funding the project, will coordinate the efforts of a wide range of industry partners, including experts in construction, project management, solar technology, sports, and water and sanitation, to create a multi-sector ecosystem conducive to the provision and sustainability of quality education.

This is a multi-year project that in the future could possibly be used as a model for other such camps around the world.

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About the Kakuma Refugee Camp

Established in 1992 by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Government of Kenya, the Kakuma Refugee Camp occupies approximately 12 square kilometres in northwestern Kenya. It is one of the largest refugee camps in the world, serving more than 170,000 refugees who fled from neighbouring countries due to dire circumstances.

About Education Above All

Education Above All (EAA) is a global initiative founded in 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser of Qatar. EAA's aim is to build a global movement that contributes to human, social and economic development through quality education and other welfare programmes and initiatives. With a particular focus on areas affected by poverty, conflict and disaster, EAA champions the needs of children and youth and empower them to be active members of their communities. By meeting the demand for education, EAA equips them to support sustainable development and to nurture environments of peace, security, justice and prosperity. EAA is the umbrella organisation overseeing three core programmes: Educate A Child, Al Fakhoora and Protect Education in Insecurity and Conflict (PEIC), as well as one special project, the Kakuma Project.

(read more at www.educationaboveall.org).

About Qatar Solar Technologies:

QSTec is a joint venture between Qatar Solar, a fully owned subsidiary of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, SolarWorld AG and the Qatar Development Bank and has a vision to become a world leading integrated solar company.

QSTec is currently building an 8,000 metric tonne per year (MTPY) high quality, solar grade polysilicon manufacturing facility in the Ras Laffan Industrial City (RLIC), Qatar with first exports of product commencing in 2015. In addition to this, ground-mounted, rooftop and carport Solar PV installations are underway in QSTec's RLIC site, totaling a combined installed capacity of 1.1 MW of electricity.

QSTec is enabling Qatar reach a sustainable future by manufacturing and supplying solar energy solutions that are used locally and exported globally as well as investing in solar companies around the world. QSTec has access to unrivalled resources with a philosophy that is built on quality, operational excellence and commercial integrity. (read more at www.qstec.com)

About UNHCR

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, also known as the UN refugee agency, was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. UNHCR safeguards the rights and well-being of refugees. In more than six decades, the agency has helped tens of millions of refugees restart their lives. It also has a mandate to help people who have become forcibly displaced inside their own

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countries, stateless persons, returnees and asylum seekers. UNHCR is on the front lines of the world's major humanitarian crises, including Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and countless other emergencies (read more at www.unhcr.org).

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