



## **ROTA's Ramadan 2016 Project Helps Hundreds of Individuals and Families Across Qatar**

**Doha, Qatar 19 July, 2016:** Reach Out To Asia's (ROTA's) annual Ramadan Project offers volunteers and members of the local community the opportunity to take part in a series of engaging and rewarding activities designed to contribute to community development in Qatar. This year's theme, '10 Years of Service', marked a decade of support and commitment to members of the local community in Qatar through activities that connect volunteers with the wider community and the true spirit of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Commenting on ROTA's Ramadan initiative, Essa Al Mannai, Executive Director of ROTA, said: "The 2016 Ramadan Project has become an iconic annual project that focuses on serving local communities in Qatar. We're very pleased with the outcomes of this year's project and I would like to express my gratitude to all our volunteers, who generously gave their time for the greater good of the community. The Holy Month of Ramadan is a unique opportunity to demonstrate the importance of voluntary work".

Marking its fifth year as a key sponsor of ROTA's Ramadan 2016 Project, Occidental Petroleum Corporation (OXY) Qatar sponsored the distribution of bulk groceries to the local community. Additional food items were supplied by the Government Tender Committee, and shopping vouchers were provided to beneficiary families to purchase other products from Al Rawabi Food Center outlets. Oxy Qatar also sponsored the many Iftars hosted by ROTA during the Holy Month of Ramadan with the aim of implementing ROTA's various community service initiatives.

Stephen Kelly, President and General Manager of Occidental Petroleum of Qatar Ltd, said: "It's a privilege to support ROTA once again in its annual Ramadan Project. One of the focus areas of Oxy Qatar's social responsibility programme is to engage and enable individuals to actively contribute to the development of communities in Qatar. Our partnership with ROTA exemplifies this commitment. On behalf of Oxy Qatar, we thank all the people who worked very hard to make this year's 2016 Ramadan Project a successful and meaningful event."

One of the activities included ROTA volunteers hosting an Iftar for municipality workers living in the Al Shamal Municipality. This gave volunteers an opportunity to interact with different communities in Qatar, and to build a platform for increased interaction between cultures. Furthermore, an Iftar for municipality workers living in Al Khor was delivered by 25 ROTA volunteers who enjoyed a meal and conversation with more than 40 men from a variety of countries.



More than 100 local volunteers gathered to pack and distribute bulk groceries which benefited more than 200 families in need across Qatar, while volunteers worked together to provide a new computer lab for the Bangladesh MHM School in Abu Hamour.

ROTA volunteers visited Rumailah Hospital's Residential Care Compound For the sixth consecutive year, and shared Iftar with patients as part of their Ramadan 2016 outreach initiative.

Towards the end of Ramadan, ROTA held an Iftar for the volunteers who took part in the ROTA Ramadan 2016 Project to recognise and celebrate their commitment to serving the wider community in Qatar. During the event, 250 volunteers were praised for their dedication and hard work in participating in the month-long programme of community service activities.

As a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), ROTA believes in the importance of developing human capacity, and its Ramadan initiative aims to raise local awareness of the value of volunteerism and community service.

### **Image Captions**

**Image 1:** An Iftar was held for volunteers who took part in the ROTA Ramadan 2016 Project.

**Image 2:** The ROTA Ramadan project enables volunteers to interact with different communities across Qatar.

**Image 3:** ROTA volunteers hosted an Iftar for municipality workers living in the Al Shamal Municipality.

**Image 4:** More than 100 volunteers gathered to pack and distribute bulk groceries to 200 families in need.

### **About ROTA**

Reach Out To Asia is a non-profit organisation launched in December 2005 in Doha, Qatar, by Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. Operating under the auspices of the Qatar Foundation, ROTA is committed to providing high quality and relevant primary and secondary education, encouraging relationships among communities, creating safe learning environments and restoring education in crisis affected areas across Asia and around the world. ROTA envisions a world where all young people have access to the education they need in order for them to realise their full potential and shape the development of their communities.

For more information about Reach Out To Asia, please visit: [www.reachouttoasia.org](http://www.reachouttoasia.org)



## **About Qatar Foundation**

### **Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential**

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organisation that is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential for the benefit of not only Qatar but the world. Qatar Foundation was co-founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Chairperson Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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