

## DOHA INTERNATIONAL FAMILY INSTITUTE TO PARTNER WITH AL JAZEERA MEDIA NETWORK

*DIFI Announces Media Partner for Second Annual Conference on Family Research and Policy  
- The Impact of Wars and Conflicts on Arab Families*

**Doha, Qatar, 10 October 2016** – Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) has announced that Al Jazeera Media Network (AJMN) will be its official media partner for the Second Annual Conference on Family Research and Policy, which will address the theme of ‘The Impact of Wars and Conflicts on Arab Families’.

The partnership was born as a result of the awareness of both parties of the multilayered impacts that war and conflict within the Arab region have on Arab families. With a shared interest in media coverage of human stories, DIFI and AJMN are working together to promote and emphasise the critical role research and policy discussions can have in helping secure a safe and prosperous future for war-torn families in the region.

The conference will host a panel session, through which three expert Al Jazeera correspondents will share their on-the-ground experience in war and conflict zones in the Arab region. These first-person accounts will add great value to the debate and to the conference. The AJMN panel session titled, ‘Witnesses to the Human Story’, will take place on 17th October, from 1pm - 2.30pm, after the keynote presentation.

Al Jazeera news anchor Ghada Oueiss will also moderate in another plenary session. Oueiss, who has been an Al Jazeera presenter since 2006, is a Lebanese journalist who has reported from, amongst other places, Syria during the current conflict. She will be in Plenary Session II: ‘The Roles and Experiences of Non-Governmental Organizations’, which will take place on 18th October, from 9am - 10.30am, with the participation of international and regional civil society organisations, such as Save the Children, Qatar Red Crescent and Amel Association International.

On behalf of DIFI, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), Ms Noor Al Malki Al-Jehani, DIFI Executive Director, stated: “We are delighted to be partnering with Al Jazeera Media Network for our Second Annual Conference on Family Research and Policy. At DIFI we aim to bring everyone to one platform to enable discussion, to investigate the role of research and policy, and to ultimately promote the well-being and protection of Arab families. Al Jazeera has witnessed first-hand the devastating effects of conflict on Arab families and will help us to provide unparalleled insight for delegates and tangible evidence of the issues to be addressed.”

AJMN Director of Brand, Marketing & Communications Division, Mohammed Al-Rumaihi, said: “Al Jazeera Media Network is honoured to be the official media partner of such a significant conference, highlighting the current humanitarian plight of families within, or escaping from, war and conflict zones within the Arab region. Through this partnership, the network is intent on reinforcing its focus on the human story within its news coverage.”

In addition, Witness: ‘Syria: No Strings’, an Al Jazeera Documentary film, will be screened on day two and ‘Scenes of War and Conflict: Arab Families in Focus’, a photo gallery by Al Jazeera photographers, will be on display throughout the conference to highlight the plight of war-torn Arab families. The conference will be covered live and aired on Al Jazeera Mubasher.

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### **Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)**

DIFI is a pioneer international organization in the State of Qatar that supports research programs, policies and social outreach to promote the development of Arab families. Focusing primarily on research, DIFI supports a wide range of national, regional and international evidence based studies pertaining to marriage, family building, women, fertility, demographics, children, family safety, child safety, fatherhood and motherhood. DIFI comprises of two divisions: family research division and family policy division. DIFI is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development and has a special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNECOSOC).

### **Qatar Foundation- Unlocking Human Potential**

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organization 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.

Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.



QF's strategic mission focuses on education, research, science 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 solutions through key sciences. QF also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

For a complete list of QF's initiatives and projects, please visit: <http://qf.org.qa>

### **Al Jazeera Media Network (AJMN)**

Al Jazeera strives to deliver content that captivates, informs, inspires and entertains. Launched in 1996, Al Jazeera was the first independent news channel in the Arab world dedicated to providing comprehensive news and live debate. It challenged established narratives and gave a global audience an alternative voice—one that put the human being back at the centre of the news agenda—quickly making it one of the world's most influential news networks. Since then, it has added new channels and services, with more than 70 bureaus around the world, while maintaining the independent and pioneering spirit that defined its character. Each subsidiary follows the same principles—values that inspire it to be challenging and bold, and provide a 'voice for the voiceless' in some of the most underreported places on the planet.

