

WISH ANNOUNCES NEW STUDY INTO HEALTHCARE IN CONFLICT SETTINGS AT UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD EVENT

QF Initiative to present Results of Extensive Study by Global Experts at WISH 2018 in November

Doha, Qatar, April 17, 2018: The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH), an initiative of Qatar Foundation (QF), has convened a team of global experts to prepare a special report on healthcare in conflict settings, to be presented at WISH 2018, in Doha, on November 13-14.

The report was announced at a WISH event at the University of Oxford's Harris Manchester College on Saturday, April 14, by Dr. Mukesh Kapila, Chair of the WISH Healthcare in Conflict Zones Research Group. Dr. Kapila, who is Professor of Global Health and Humanitarian Affairs at the University of Manchester, was one of two special guest speakers at the event.

He was joined as a guest speaker by Dr. Mohammed Bin Ghanim Al-Ali Al Maadheed, Chairman of Qatar Red Crescent. Dr. Al Maadheed is one of the global experts who will be contributing to the WISH report, which will explore the many challenges faced by communities and healthcare practitioners living and working in conflict zones around the world. Experts from Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), the International Rescue Committee, Humanity First, and the World Health Organization will also contribute.

The WISH event gathered representatives of several organizations from across the UK that have an interest in the topic highlighted. Among those present were representatives of humanitarian groups, charities, universities, and think tanks.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Kapila, said: "We live during a time of unprecedented challenges for humankind, and central to our well-being is healthcare. We may or may not know how to end wars, but I believe that we're definitely capable of mitigating suffering.

"Just because you're living in a warzone doesn't mean that you have to live with ill health. I'm very keen that through WISH's focus on healthcare in conflict settings we'll spearhead a global effort to bring help and hope to the tens of millions of people affected by conflict."

Dr. Al Maadheed said: "Qatar Red Crescent Society representatives work hard to provide medical and humanitarian support in some of the most difficult conflict environments in the world. It's vital that teams working to provide medical support in areas of conflict are able to go about their work in the safest possible conditions. I am therefore delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to the WISH report on Healthcare in Conflict Settings, which I hope will produce findings that can have a positive impact on efforts being made to help those people around the world whose health is affected by conflict."

The event was one of three that have been organized by WISH at the University of Oxford this April. Previously, the Qatar Foundation initiative used a lecture by Paul Farmer, CEO of Mind, the UK's leading mental health charity, to announce a report on anxiety and depression.

The third event is a public lecture by Dr. Mohammed Ghaly on Islamic ethics and palliative care at the Investcorp Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College, University of Oxford.

WISH 2018 will once again gather global healthcare leaders in QNCC this November to highlight and address some of the world's most pressing healthcare challenges. WISH, which hosts its showcase Doha summit biennially, has quickly established itself as a major highlight of the global healthcare calendar for thousands of high-level policy-makers, academics, and professionals who attend. It has also become a key platform for the dissemination of healthcare innovation and best practices.

WISH 2018 will feature nine research forums, each led by an internationally renowned expert in their field. Between them, the nine forums will highlight and address some of the world's most pressing challenges across topics that cover medical, ethical, technological, and humanitarian aspects of healthcare.

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About the World Innovation Summit for Health:

The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) is a global healthcare community dedicated to capturing and disseminating the best evidence-based ideas and practices. WISH is an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) and is under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, its Chairperson.

The inaugural WISH Summit took place in Doha in 2013 and convened more than 1,000 global healthcare leaders. Through international summits and a range of ongoing initiatives, WISH is creating a global community of leading innovators in healthcare policy, research and industry.

Together, they are harnessing the power of innovation to overcome the world's most urgent healthcare challenges and inspire other stakeholders to action.

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) is a non-profit organization that supports Qatar on its journey to becoming a diversified and sustainable economy. QF strives to serve the people of Qatar and beyond by providing specialized programs across its innovation-focused ecosystem of education, science and research, and community development.



QF was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, who shared the vision to provide Qatar with quality education. Today, QF's world-class education system offers lifelong learning opportunities to community members as young as six months through to doctoral level, enabling graduates to thrive in a global environment and contribute to the nation's development.

QF is also creating a multidisciplinary innovation hub in Qatar, where homegrown researchers are working to address local and global challenges. By promoting a culture of lifelong learning and fostering social engagement through programs that embody Qatari culture, QF is committed to empowering the local community and contributing to a better world for all.

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