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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 3RD RIYADH INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN FORUM

Under the high patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the 3rd Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum (RIHF) was held in the Saudi capital from 20 – 21 February 2023. The forum was organized by KSrelief in partnership with the United Nations, and included humanitarian, research, media and volunteer panel discussions with the participation of leading experts from the humanitarian field.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUMANITARIAN SCENE IN 2023 AND UPCOMING YEARS

THE HIGH-LEVEL PANEL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED:



Dr. Abdullah Al Rabeeah

Advisor to the Royal Court and Supervisor General of KSrelief



Adel Al Jubeir

Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Ministry Member and Climate Affairs Envoy



Martin Griffiths

Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (OCHA)



Andrew Mitchell

British Secretary of State for Development and African Affairs



Janez Lenarčič

European Commissioner for Crisis Management



Filippo Grandi

High Commissioner for Refugees



Diana Janse

State Secretary for International Development Cooperation at the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Adel Al Jubeir stressed that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was a pioneer in humanitarian and relief work, and that its aid provided through KSrelief has reached 90 countries around the world, with a total value exceeding USD 6 billion; the aid, he added, was characterized by transparency, efficiency and impartiality. He called for international cooperation to face the world's current humanitarian challenges, which include conflict, climate change and natural disasters.



Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, stated that “driven by the values of our Islamic religion, the leaders of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from its founding until today, have always been keen to rally all efforts and mobilize the Kingdom’s capabilities to address humanitarian issues, alleviate suffering and provide relief to people in distress wherever they are” without regard to the race or religion of beneficiaries. He added that the amount of aid provided by the Kingdom over the past seven decades has amounted to **USD 95 billion**, and has benefitted **160 countries**.

“We stand today,” he said, “in respect and appreciation for every individual who donated money for the victims of the devastating earthquakes (in Turkey and Syria); these events remind us of our urgent need for unrestricted humanity, to ensure the preservation of human dignity, and prompt us to redouble our efforts to avoid the scourge of conflict, cooperate in facing disasters, and ensure the delivery of aid to those who deserve it.”

Martin Griffiths delivered a speech on behalf of the **UN Secretary-General, António Guterres**, in which he thanked the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, adding that “the landscape before is a rough and rugged one, as the needs are escalating all over the world. The humanitarian crises are piling up on top of each other, and desperate people are looking to us in their hour of need...in times of need, human rights, especially women’s rights, are under vicious attack in many places, punishing entire societies.”

Mr. Griffiths added that globally more than 350 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, more than 222 million people do not know when they will eat their next meal or whether they will find something to eat at all, and 45 million people are already on the brink of starvation – most of them women and children. Nearly USD 54 billion in funding, he said, is needed to meet the basic needs of the most affected people.



SIGNING NEW PROJECTS TO SUPPORT EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN SYRIA AND TURKEY

Dr. Abdullah Al Rabeeah signed approval to allocate funds for several new projects for earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey


SAR **+183**
million
including:

Constructing 3,000 housing units to shelter earthquake victims.

Providing life-saving health care services.

Sponsoring orphans affected by the earthquake.

Implementing life-saving WASH interventions.

Implementing a volunteer program for earthquake victims (Saudi Volunteer Life).

Providing basic nutritional supplies.

HUMANITARIAN ACTION & DEVELOPMENT HACKATHON

Programmers, students, university and institute graduates and amateurs from promising technologies competed in a two-day technological event organized by KSrelief in partnership with Al Maarefa University.

The aim of the project was to implement pioneering innovations in humanitarian work. Its outcomes are expected to help develop sustainable solutions to challenges facing donors, United Nations agencies and civil society organizations in implementing relief and humanitarian projects in disaster and crisis zones. It was a unique opportunity that encouraged innovative thinking among its participants across four tracks: technical, engineering track, digital health, and social support.





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