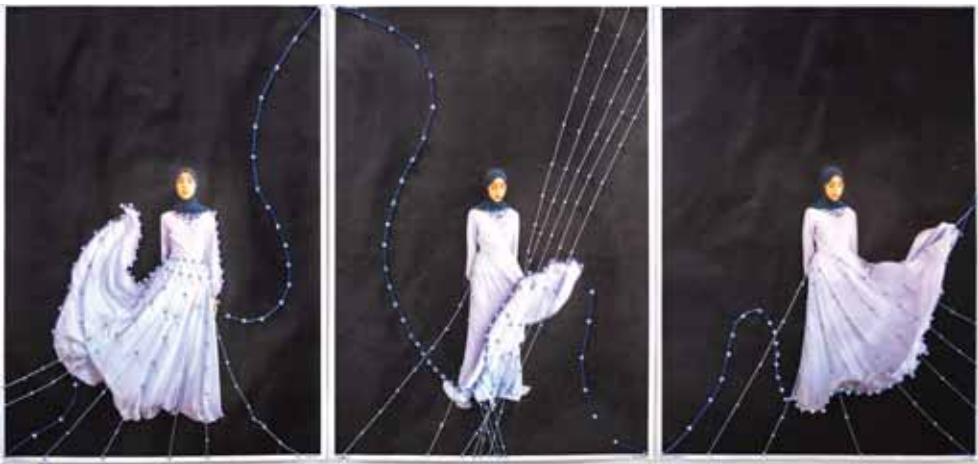


QC launches appeal for Somalia drought relief

In the light of the current severe drought, Qatar Charity (QC) has launched an urgent response appeal for relief in Somalia, a statement said. Under the slogan 'Stop the Famine of Somalia', the QC initiative focuses on vital areas. Benefactors can donate QR395 for a food basket, QR566 for non-food items, which include plastic tarpaulins, mats, blankets, in addition to providing potable water (water tanks worth QR1,170). The 'Somalia Relief Package' donation is QR2,131. Somalia, is one of the countries most affected by drought in Africa, the statement explained. In addition, and most importantly Somalia is on the verge of a famine crisis that threatens about 7.1mn people. Furthermore, half of the country's population are now on the edge of displacement. Adding to that, malnutrition rates increased significantly to the highest levels among children under five years of age and 1.4mn children are at risk of death. In the light of the crisis, QC urges donors in Qatar to carry out their fraternal and humanitarian duty by donating for the benefit of the people affected by drought and malnutrition. Donations can be made to the campaign through QC's website QCH.QA/SO or the QC QCH.QA/APP application, as well as requesting a home collector service, or by direct contacting the call centre 44290000 for all donation options, or through collection points in malls. QC recently provided food aid to families affected by the crisis. About 7,000 people in Baidoa, the temporary capital of southwestern Somalia, benefited from this assistance. Since the beginning of 2022, QC has aided those



affected by drought, which included 21 projects in various fields and locations, namely food supply, health, water, sanitation, and shelter. QC's efforts benefited 438,261 people in a number of the most affected Somali states, including Galmudug, Southwest Somalia, Hirshabelle, Somaliland and Jubbaland. The total cost of the intervention amounted to more than QR8mn.



Doha College holds first art exhibition in new campus

For the first time since the pandemic began, and for the first time in its new Al Wajba campus, Doha College unveiled its annual exhibition displaying the work of GCSE and A-Level students of Fine Art and Photography.

The in-person event, which celebrates the creativity and skills of the students, includes coursework outcomes along with preparatory pieces that span across the mediums of painting, drawing, sculpture, installation, printing, graphics, lens-based media, moving imagery, mixed media, three-dimensional design and textiles.

Susan Walker, Doha College's head of art and photography, said: 'We are immensely proud of what our students have achieved over the past few years during a time of great change and disruption due to the pandemic. Despite the obstacles of distance learning, our students demonstrated great skills



of perseverance, determination and creativity to overcome these challenges, producing works of originality and excellence.'

Each exhibit comes with a QR code, which allows viewers access to an online story of the project. This details the two-year journey that each student undertook - from conceptualisation to the various intermediate stages, to the finished product displayed.

Doha College offers courses in Art, Photography, Design and Technology and Media from (I)GCSE through to A-Level. Students who studied these subjects at Doha College were accepted at top universities world-wide, including The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Yale University in the US and the University of British Columbia in Canada.

WISH awards \$15,000 to nursing innovation grant contest winners

● Nurse-led projects address Covid-19 care and telerehabilitation for stroke patients in Africa

The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) has announced the winners of its new Nursing Innovation Grant Competition; Faith Nawagi of Uganda, and Stephanopoulos Osei of Ghana, both of whom are trained nurses.

Each winner has been awarded \$7,500 to help fund their research in the areas of creating guidelines for nurses' management of Covid-19 patients and the implementation of nurse-led telerehabilitation services for stroke patients respectively.

This grant, made possible by the support of University of Calgary in Qatar (UCQ) - Qatar's only Canadian nursing school - was introduced to support nurse-led research projects.

Congratulating the winners on their success, Sultana Afzal, CEO of WISH, said: "WISH Champions empowering nurses to lead and actively contribute when it comes to the development of healthcare policies. It is unfortunate that nurses are underrepresented in research

because we believe that, whilst their role and value encompasses more than frontline work, nurses' close contact with patients puts them in an ideal position to identify and understand the gaps in current care delivery practices. It is therefore essential to support and encourage nurse-led research to create innovative solutions that address these gaps."

Dr Deborah White, dean of UCQ said: "The grant has shone a spotlight on the incredible work that nurses do beyond the traditional frontline work. I am pleased to congratulate the winners for their outstanding research projects which have not only tackled challenges but have highlighted the leading role nurses play and must continue to play in bringing evidence to healthcare."

Alongside Prof Lisa Bayliss-Pratt, pro-vice-chancellor, Health and Life Sciences, Coventry University, UK; Dr Badriya al-Lenjawi, executive director of Nursing Research at Hamad



Faith Nawagi from Uganda

Medical Corporation, and Didi Thompson, director of Research and Content at WISH, both Afzal and Dr White were on the judging panel that reviewed applications received from 14 different countries. Nawagi, who is chair of the Africa Regional Hub for Nursing Now Challenge in Uganda, will be leading a study that will establish the nursing care for Covid-19 inpatients and explore



Menewo team from Ghana

the experiences of the nurses who cared for them over the past two years in Uganda.

"Receiving this grant marks the start of my contribution to evidence generation, regarding the role of nursing in response to the Covid-19 pandemic in Africa. Uganda has made remarkable progress in tackling Covid-19 since 2020. Contracting the virus is largely characterised by long periods of

hospitalisation, which involves nursing care. However, there is hardly any literature on the care provided to Covid-19 patients by nurses, or the experiences of nurses themselves, particularly in low-income settings like Uganda and Africa at large," Nawagi commented.

The findings from this study will guide the Ugandan ministry of health in developing guidelines for the nursing man-

agement of Covid-19 patients. Furthermore, the findings will be a starting point to showcase Africa's nursing response to Covid-19, and the approaches that work best in low-income settings.

A registered nurse in Ghana, Osei is leading on the project called Menewo that will offer nurse-led telerehabilitation support for patients recovering from strokes in Accra, Ghana.

The aim of the six-month study is to assess the impact of nurse-led online neurorehabilitation support on the self-efficacy of patients with strokes. It also seeks to test the feasibility of tele-neurorehabilitation in Ghana and how nurses could take the lead role in this method of care.

Osei says: "The limited number of specialists and programmes available in Ghana for neurorehabilitation makes access to such services very costly and challenging. Our project offers a cost-effective approach by allowing care to be deliv-

ered to selected patients virtually through video calls. We are sincerely grateful to WISH and UCQ for the grant as it will help us support patients with brain injury rehabilitation needs in Ghana and hopefully beyond."

Through leadership courses, symposia and workshops in collaboration with local and global partners, WISH continues to deliver on its long-standing commitment to enabling nurses to become leaders. Several thought provoking discussions around this subject, including investment in nursing, the mental health of nurses, and building workforce resilience are planned to take place during the upcoming WISH summit on October 4-6, taking place under the banner of Healing the Future.

WISH is Qatar Foundation's global health initiative. Those wishing to attend the upcoming WISH 2022 may register their interest via <https://www.wish.org.qa/news/register-your-interest-wish-2022/>

Qatar Airways, IATA, GE Aviation team up for leadership training programme

Qatar Airways and GE Aviation have joined forces to launch a customised training programme under the name 'Leadership, Future and Culture' (LFC).

National senior managers of Qatar Airways attended this one-week course, which was designed for them to connect and enrich their leadership skills.

The 'Leadership, Future and Culture' training programme was created to enable national participants to develop a better understanding of different ways to further evolve and shape the future of leadership in Qatar's culture.

Employees from other sectors and industries in the aviation field have also participated in this programme, which has benefited nationals in learning from other leaders and gain different perspectives.

GE experts also displayed a number of ways to facilitate leadership skills through the emphasis of fostering teams by covering topics on 'leading in 2025', 'coaching as an alternative mode', 'neuroscience of success', and 'storytelling'.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, HE Akbar al-Baker said: "The Al-Darb Qatarisation programme continually provides unique opportunities for Nationals designed to elevate them to excellence and success. Within this framework, Qatar Airways strives to further support the community and gear up for the future. Through this special programme collaboration with GE



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Aviation, national senior managers acquired the necessary information to boost their leadership skills and reinforce their knowledge on perseverance and maintaining smart objectives, as well as helping them facilitate an efficient working environment within Qatar Airways."

Qatar Airways senior vice president (Nationalisation and Special Projects) Nabeela Fakhri said: "Qatar Airways has always sought to enhance its employees' careers, by providing the best innovative training programmes to develop and further enrich their skills and abilities. By providing our national senior managers with this unique training programme, we are ensuring the progress and professional development of our national leaders,

while asserting Qatar Airways leading position".

GE Aviation general manager (Sales - Middle East) Main Canaan, said: "GE Aviation was proud to partner with Qatar Airways and GE Crotonville to deliver the (LFC) programme. Crotonville was established in 1956 is believed to be the world's first corporate university. Its mission is to inspire, develop and connect the leaders of today and tomorrow and as such, it represents the very epicentre of GE culture and learning.

"The Leadership, Future & Culture programme was specially designed for selected strategic customers to replicate the type of learning experience GE leaders receive at the Crotonville campus. We were pleased to share GE's ap-

proach to leadership development with Qatar Airways and look forward to continuing this leadership journey with future participants".

The 'Leadership, Future and Culture' programme was held in Ossining, New York at Crotonville, in GE's facilities and encompasses an interactive forum, providing Qatar Airways' national leaders with instructions to resolving issues and ways to tackle tough challenges.

All leaders were also given the opportunity to take part in innovative aviation courses administered by International Air Transport Association (IATA) to progress their knowledge and skills. The courses inspire the participants to step out of their comfort zones and delve deep into aviation industry knowledge.

HBKU Press highlights summer reading

Hamad Bin Khalifa University Press (HBKU Press) has highlighted some of its books and urged parents to help students continue reading over the holidays by introducing them to new genres, adventures, and story characters. *This is My Family* by Noor al-Hanzab is about the diversity of family and teaches younger readers that not all families look alike, and they come in all different shapes and sizes.

Child of my Heart by Muneera al-Romaihi further explores the nuance of family dynamics by introducing the concept of adoption in a colourful, kid-friendly book, which teaches younger readers about the different ways families can find each other, and helps them understand what it means to be adopted. In her book *A Night Without Internet*, author Basma Elkhatib reminds that family is also the perfect company to have - even when the electricity goes out. With no power or Internet, siblings Noura and Youssef are stuck in the dark with their family and seemingly with nothing to do. This illustrated book is part of Elkhatib's *My Smart Family* series and available in both Arabic and English.

As part of the award-winning *Swish the Shark* series by Matthias Krug, *Swish's Mobile Dilemma* takes the readers back into the deep blue sea to revisit Swish and read on as he tries to tackle his next big problem. It is summer vacation, and while he can't wait to get outside and play his favourite sport, all his friends would rather stay indoors with their screens instead. Will Swish be able to convince them to put down their devices and play a game of football for once? Author Hala Abu Saad has published two stories about connecting with the elderly. In *Grandpa Adel Forgets His Way Home*, she



tells the story of a little girl named Angie and the increasingly forgetful Adel. The illustrated book gently teaches children about the effects of Alzheimer's disease and the importance of companionship and empathy for elders. In Teta Mariam's *Barley Soup*, Angie and her friends visit her grandmother, Mariam. During their visit, Teta Mariam tells them wonderful stories and nostalgically talks to them about her own past. To try and cheer her up, Angie suggests that Teta Mariam prepare her famous barley soup for a big upcoming party.