



Qatar Voluntary National Review 2021

Key Messages

1. The State of Qatar has made remarkable achievements in the preventive physical and psychological care in various fields, including early detection of diseases, encouraging the public to practice healthy behaviors, and improving transparency regarding patients' rights and responsibilities. The Index of Essential Health Service Coverage has reached a level of full inclusion (100%) for the entire population covered by primary health care.
2. The food security issue is among the priorities of the national policies for sustainable development. Qatar is working to reach 70% food self-sufficiency by 2023, and 100% food security by 2030.
3. The State of Qatar has developed an effective social protection system for all Qataris, that safeguards their civil rights, values their effective participation in the development, and secures sufficient income to maintain dignity and health. Qatar has established a solid social protection system providing full access to health and education services for all, which made Qatar achieve advanced rankings in the Human Development Index globally and regionally.
4. The policies of employment and developing labor market legislations, encouraging entrepreneurship, creating job opportunities, encouraging women's participation in the labor force, taking effective measures to protect workers' rights, and promoting occupational health and safety, have been critical factors in achieving the goal of full and productive labor force and decent work for all in the State of Qatar by 2030.
5. Qatar National Vision 2030 aims to promote sustainable economic development by way of achieving equality and social justice, as embodied in the constitution. The policies, programs and projects of the national development strategies aim to improve the well-being of the Qatari society regardless of age, gender, race, religion or economic status.

6. Many economic activities have been impacted by the measures taken to contain the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic. However, the most affected activities are those of small and medium enterprises with high labor intensity. To mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on employment, the government has established a National Guarantee Program as part of the economic policy package to help pay the salaries of employees.
7. The State of Qatar has endeavored to diversify the production base by developing the economic infrastructure, encouraging investment, establishing industrial and service zones, supporting small and medium-sized enterprises, increasing their contribution to diversifying the production base, and promoting the culture of consumption rationalization and responsible consumption as an integral part of the society's life style.
8. The State of Qatar is moving strongly towards environment-friendly solutions, such as diversifying energy sources, investing in solar energy, moving towards an electric public transport system, shifting to green buildings and expanding natural solutions. In this context, Qatar is committed to preparing and hosting the first carbon-free World Cup Championship in 2022.
9. The State of Qatar has achieved advanced ranks in many dimensions of security and safety. The State of Qatar has also maintained its top ranking for the third year in a row (2017-2019-2020) on the list of the most safe, secure and crime-free countries at the global and Arab levels, while maintaining its first-place ranking in the Arab world throughout the period from 2015 to 2020.
10. The World Cup Championship, to be hosted by the State of Qatar in 2022, is one of the most important forms of international partnerships and a key driver for achieving the goals of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. The World Cup will leave a remarkable national legacy, promote tolerance, respect and understanding between civilizations, and display Qatar's national identity.
11. In March 2020, the State of Qatar developed a national action plan in response to Covid-19, aimed at preparing, monitoring, responding and recovering from the spread of this pandemic. Qatar has affirmed its commitment to support the directives of the United Nations, and the importance of international cooperation to confront the Coronavirus pandemic through COVAX global initiative. In addition, Qatar has developed a national electronic platform to display all information related to this pandemic.
12. Guided by the Qatar National Vision 2030, the State of Qatar relies on research, development and innovation (RDI) in implementing SDG 2030 and in increasing productivity. RDI in Qatar constitutes a major long-term lever for economic growth, prosperity and partnership.