

## The Seventh Anniversary of Kuwait's Designation as international humanitarian center

9/9/2014 - 9/9/2021



State	<b>Kuwait</b>
Capital	<b>Kuwait</b>
Space	<b>17,818 km<sup>2</sup></b>
Population	<b>4,500,000</b> people



## General definition of the State of Kuwait

The State of Kuwait is an Arab Muslim country located in the Middle East on the northwestern road of the Arabian Gulf, which is bordered to the northwest by Iraq, and to the south and southwest by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The coast of Kuwait extends for a distance of 290 km. Kuwait has nine islands: Failaka, Bubiyan, Miskan, Warba, Awah, Umm al-Maradim, Umm al-Naml, Kubbar and Qaruh.

Failaka Island has been considered one of the most famous islands throughout human history. It was inhabited by many civilizations, and their traces can still be found to this day.

## Kuwait humanity

Kuwait has been known since its foundation at the beginning of the seventeenth century AD, specifically in 1613 AD, for its charitable works, humanitarian initiatives and voluntary contributions, inside and outside the country, and Kuwait has continued with these qualities to this day.

The State of Kuwait has played a major role in supporting humanitarian work towards its people and residents since ancient times, whether by providing its services through its official institutions, or by civil society institutions and the private sector.

It also played a vital role towards the nearby and other countries of the world by contributing to the development of these countries, with its continuous support in poverty, hunger, disease, natural disasters

& wars. The South, the Arabian Gulf, and Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development established many bodies that play this role. The state provided grants, loans and gifts that helped the various countries of the world complete the development processes of their societies

The aid provided by the State of Kuwait to the countries of the world, according to the latest statistics, from 1990 to 2014, totaled more than 42 billion dollars, including about 8.5 billion dollars in loans, gifts and aid, through government channels.

After Kuwait's pioneering march in humanitarian and development work and achieving peace, a report was issued by the Organization (Global Development Initiatives) in Britain in 2014 according to which Kuwait ranked first in the Gulf and first globally out of 20 countries in relation to national income, and Kuwait was the most generous country.

Today, Kuwait is expressing its approach to humanitarian and voluntary giving, by including charitable and humanitarian work in its strategic plan for Kuwait's vision «New Kuwait 2035», taking humanitarian action as one of its most prominent policies, goals and plans.

## Drop interest on loans from poor countries

Kuwait has been helping its brothers from around the world, and among Kuwait's humanitarian initiatives is what the late Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah announced before the United Nations General Assembly on September 22, 1988 A.D., with the initiative to





cancel interest on debts owed by poor countries

### **Mediation for reform between countries**

Kuwait has played a prominent and significant role in reform between states, peoples and organizations for a long time, and Kuwait continues to play this role, and is even asked to intervene when political crises occur between states, given the wisdom of its successive political leadership, its far-sightedness, its distinguished relations, and everyone's appreciation for it, until it was named as the land of friendship and peace.

### **Global Center for Humanity**

On September 9, 2014, the United Nations chose Kuwait as a «global center for humanitarian action», in appreciation of its humanitarian, charitable and development efforts, which were prominently shown in donor conferences for the Syrian people, whose children are suffering because of its war. Kuwait hosted three conferences, on its soil in The years 2013, 2014, and 2015, it also participated in the fourth conference held in Britain in 2016.

The United Nations granted His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah - may God have mercy on him - the title of «Leader of Humanity» for his great efforts in organizing donor conferences and helping afflicted countries and peoples, including the Conference on Relief for the Children of Gaza and the Conference on Supporting the Reconstruction of Iraq.

For many years, Kuwait has provided aid and grants through Kuwaiti governmental and private donor funds and institutions, including the Kuwait Fund for Development, which was established in the

early sixties and whose soft loans amounted to 4.5 billion dinars, which amounted to nearly 1,000 loans that benefited more than one hundred countries. .

Kuwait continued to provide its aid and donations to countries, peoples and humanitarian organizations for the sake of human stability and safety. Kuwait donated many aids, such as: Kuwait provided \$300 million in 2007 to support the Palestinian cause at the Donors Conference in Paris. Kuwait established a fund to support and finance small and medium-sized private sector projects in the Arab world with two billion dollars during the first Arab Economic Summit on January 20, 2009, to which Kuwait contributed with 500 million dollars, and the Technology and Digital Economy Fund during Kuwait's presidency of the fourth Arab Economic and Social Development Summit in Beirut in 2019 worth \$200 million, to which Kuwait contributed \$50 million, and announced the Abdulrahman Al-Sumait competition to grow the continent of Africa.

In March 2019, Kuwait donated \$300 million over three years to alleviate the suffering of the Syrian people. Kuwait's donations to the Syrian people until March 2019 amounted to \$1.6 billion.

All these humanitarian achievements were achieved by Kuwait and its charitable efforts, so that Kuwait would continue to be the focus of the world's attention with its humanitarian actions and charitable imprints that filled various parts of the earth, that witness Kuwait's love for charitable work and its root in the hearts of its leadership and people. eadership and people.

### **Donor Conferences**

The State of Kuwait has held several donors'



conferences to help the affected countries and peoples, as follows:

- Donors' Conference for Eastern Sudan in Kuwait in 2010: 42 countries participated with financial pledges and contributions worth \$3.5 billion, attended by 30 regional and international organizations, 78 civil society organizations and 84 companies, and Kuwait contributed \$500 million.

- The first donors' conference to support the Syrian people in Kuwait in 2013: 59 countries participated in it with pledges amounting to \$1.6 billion, through which Kuwait provided \$300 million, and the conference was attended by 13 international humanitarian organizations that pledged \$194 million.

- The second donors' conference to support the Syrian people in Kuwait in 2014 AD: 69 countries and 24 humanitarian organizations participated in it, in which countries pledged \$6 billion, and Kuwait provided \$500 million, and international organizations pledged \$183 million.

- Donors' Conference for the Reconstruction of Gaza in Cairo in 2014, 50 countries participated in this conference, pledging to provide 5.7 billion dollars to help Gaza after the Zionist aggression against it. Kuwait provided 200 million dollars, directed to the reconstruction of Gaza in the population, industrial and development sectors

- The Third Donor Conference to Support the Syrian People in Kuwait in 2015 AD: 79 countries and 40 humanitarian organizations participated in it with pledges amounting to \$8.4 billion, and Kuwait donated \$500 million.

- The Fourth Donors' Conference to Support the

Syrian People in Britain in 2016 AD: 70 countries participated, pledging about \$9 billion, and Britain, the host country, invited the Emir of the State of Kuwait to the honorary presidency of the conference. Kuwait provided \$300 million in this conference.

- Donors' conference to support education in Somalia in Kuwait in 2017.

- International Conference on the suffering of the Palestinian child in light of the violations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Kuwait in 2017 by the Zionist entity

- Kuwait International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq in Kuwait in 2018: 76 countries participated in this conference, pledged \$30 billion, and Kuwait provided \$1 billion. Kuwait also provided many aids to countries and peoples, which aroused the admiration of the world.

- Kuwait pledged at the World Humanitarian Summit in Turkey in May 2016 to provide \$5 billion during the five years following the conference to confront humanitarian crises, to confirm that Kuwait will continue its humanitarian work to develop countries and peoples in light of the path of Al-Sabah rulers who support and encourage charity, and the Kuwaiti people NGOs and the private sector supporting the charitable work process.

### Feeding a billion hungry people in 2019

The International Islamic Charitable Organization has adopted many charitable projects in various countries of the world, and has become one of the largest global charitable institutions, and has won the trust of governments, international organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations,



and has also obtained an advisory membership in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. around the world, including the launch of the “Feeding One Billion Hungry” initiative in 2019, which was hosted by the State of Kuwait and participated in its implementation by 37 humanitarian organizations, which distributed about 3 billion meals, and launched more than 331,961 projects in the field of community development and empowerment of the needy, of which 132,313 million benefited, in addition to the implementation of 2,468 partnership programs in the field of combating hunger and promoting food security.

### International memberships and distinguished international events

Kuwait has gained the confidence of the international community and the United Nations, and has hosted many international and international events on its soil, including:

The nomination of the United Nations members for Kuwait for a new term to take over a non-permanent membership in the Security Council for a period of two years with the nomination of 188 votes from 193 countries, to take over the rotating presidency of the Security Council in February 2018, to return after 40 years of its non-permanent membership of the Security Council, which was in 1978, 1979 Noting that Kuwait officially joined the United Nations in 1963.

- Kuwait’s hosting of the International Conference on Integrity for Peace in January 2019.

- The World Bank honored His Highness the late Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad - may God have mercy on him - at the headquarters



of the World Bank for his role in supporting social and economic development and reviving peace at the regional and international levels.

### Corona Crisis Contributions:

- The State of Kuwait faced in 2020 to confront the Corona pandemic (Covid-19), and the country faced the crisis ably? and Kuwaiti charities conducted a donation campaign that was able to collect 9,169 million dinars (about 30 million dollars) in one day, and aid was provided to those affected inside Kuwait who benefited from it. Many families and workers affected, and logistical support was provided to many ministries and governmental and non-governmental institutions.

- The State of Kuwait made several aids to several countries affected by the Corona Virus (Covid-19) pandemic in 2020, including (Palestine, China, Iran... etc), and donated \$60 million to the World Health Organization. Charitable societies also provided aid to countries affected by the Corona virus, and many countries and international organizations praised the distinguished role of the State of Kuwait in confronting the Corona virus (Covid 19).

- Kuwait was also the first to make generous donations to the Republic of Lebanon following the big explosion that occurred in the port of Beirut on August 4, 2020, which caused many losses in lives, property and infrastructure, after the Kuwait Red Crescent Society conducted the first aid via an air bridge with the help of the Air Force of the Kuwait Army.

### Extinguishing country fires and forests

- Kuwait’s contribution to extinguishing the fires of friendly and brotherly countries. When forest fires



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erupted in the Republic of Turkey and Greece in August 2021, Kuwait prepared Kuwaiti firefighting teams along with necessary equipments. Each team for both countries consisted of 45 firefighters, totaling 90 firefighters from the sons of Kuwait. The most wonderful championships in extinguishing the fires, and they returned after their honorable heroic performance in fighting the fires. It also sent aid to contribute to extinguishing the fires in Algeria and Tunisia that broke out in August 2021 CE.

### Nawaf Al-Khair and Giving and the Continuation of the Biography of Human Giving

Because of the belief of all the rulers of Kuwait in the importance of charitable and humanitarian work, it is customary for the ruler of Kuwait to assume the position of honorary president of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society, and when His Highness, the Emir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh / Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah - may God protect and preserve him - took office on September 29, 2020, His Highness became the president of Honorary Kuwaiti Red Crescent.

His Highness the Amir took it upon himself to complete Kuwait's humanitarian and charitable march, so that Kuwait's long hands would continue

to be full of giving without being counted. His Highness worked to direct relief campaigns to all countries in the world that need help, without discrimination, to reaffirm that charitable work is a prominent feature of Kuwait and its people, rulers and people alike. . .

In honor of His Highness, the Al-Salam Association for Humanitarian and Charitable Activities organized the first charitable campaign in his name, which is the "Nawaf Al-Khair and Giving Trucks Campaign for Relief Syria and Yemen 2021," which was implemented during the period from January 15 to February 20, 2021 AD for the relief of refugees and displaced persons in Syria and Yemen, and managed to collect 313 trucks at a cost 1,349 million dinars, to provide support and relief aid, benefiting 6 million beneficiaries living in 2,800 camps in Syria and Yemen.

In conclusion, all these achievements in the field of humanitarian work have made Kuwait the focus of the world with its humanitarian actions and charitable imprints everywhere. These achievements remain a witness to Kuwait's love for charitable and humanitarian work and its rooting in the hearts of its people and leadership.



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