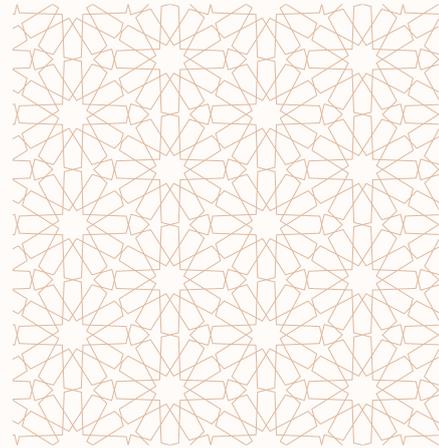


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Foreword

2025 marked a year of consolidation, strategic positioning, and increased international engagement for the Qatar Centre for Peace and Democracy (QCPD). Building on prior foundational groundwork, the organisation strengthened its role as a civil society actor contributing evidence-based analysis, advocacy, and dialogue at national, regional, and multilateral levels.

Throughout the year, QCPD remained guided by its core mission: to promote peace, democracy, human rights, and inclusive development through constructive engagement, documentation, collaboration and policy-oriented work. Our activities in 2025 reflected a continued commitment to amplifying voices from the ground and ensuring that lived realities inform global discussions and that the situation of vulnerable people guide decision-making processes.

About QCPD

The Qatar Centre for Peace and Democracy (QCPD) is an independent and apolitical, civil society organisation working at the nexus of peacebuilding, human rights, democratic reform, and ethical innovation. Our work bridges grassroots realities and international advocacy, particularly through our Geneva-based office, which engages with global discourses and UN mechanisms such as the UPR, Special Procedures, the upcoming Second World Social Summit, and the SDG review processes.

We adopt a survivor-centred, evidence-based approach rooted in human rights law and cultural sensitivity, ensuring that all our initiatives reflect the needs, dignity and lived realities of affected communities.



QCPD engagement at the United Nations Office, Geneva, 2025.

2025 at a Glance

2025 was a year of consolidation and expansion for QCPD, marked by the strengthening of its international presence, increased engagement with United Nations mechanisms, and the establishment of new operational capacities.

Key highlights include:

- Submission of individual cases and mandate-relevant information to UN Special Procedures;
- Direct engagement with UN processes, including participation in the World Social Summit (WSSD2), the UN Social Forum, the Forum on Minority Issues, and OHCHR-hosted initiatives;
- Expansion of field engagement in India, including the establishment of a helpdesk for migrant workers and partnerships with grassroots organisations;
- Release of policy-oriented briefings and advocacy materials linked to UPR processes and international summits;
- Strengthening of institutional presence in Geneva and New Delhi, including staff recruitment and operational set-up;
- Enhanced communications and outreach, including public events, publications, and digital platforms.



QCPD representation at the Berlin Security Conference, Berlin, 2025.



Programmes & Key Activities

Human Rights Documentation & Case Work

In 2025, QCPD strengthened its survivor-centred and evidence-based approach to human rights work, with a particular focus on migrant workers and vulnerable individuals, including women and girls. During the year, the organisation developed and operationalised internal protocols and methodologies to receive, screen, and assess individual concerns submitted by affected persons, ensuring a consistent, sensitive, and rights-based handling of information.

QCPD reviewed multiple individual cases through this framework, applying defined procedures to determine appropriate follow-up, documentation, and potential referral pathways. Several survivor-victim interviews were conducted to document lived experiences, identify systemic patterns of abuse, and inform advocacy and engagement efforts.

Where appropriate, QCPD shared case-based information and documented concerns with relevant United Nations Special Procedures mandate-holders, in line with their thematic or country mandates and established submission practices.

In parallel, QCPD established a dedicated helpline and helpdesk in India to receive, register, and respond to concerns raised by migrant workers and their families, contributing to early identification of protection gaps and strengthened access to support and information.

Advocacy & Policy Engagement

In 2025, QCPD deepened its engagement with United Nations mechanisms, actors, and multilateral forums, contributing to international policy discussions through participation, advocacy, and written inputs.

QCPD engaged actively with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process in 2025, including through analysis and the release of a briefing paper examining key recommendations, the broader reform landscape, and linkages with the upcoming Second World Social Summit. As a complementary action, QCPD launched a dedicated public awareness initiative to increase the visibility and accessibility of UPR outcomes, systematically re-sharing and contextualising individual recommendations addressed to Qatar through its communication channels. This initiative aimed to support transparency, public understanding, and sustained engagement with UPR commitments beyond the review cycle itself.

QCPD participated in several UN-hosted and UN-affiliated forums throughout the year, including the UN Social Forum and the UN Forum on Minority Issues, where it attended plenary sessions and side-events and contributed to discussions on inclusion, discrimination, and social justice. QCPD also engaged in the OHCHR-hosted Faith for Rights 6th Annual Meeting in Asia, contributing to both the discussions and the drafting of the meeting's final report.



In addition, QCPD took part in the Second World Summit for Social Development process (WSSD2), including through attendance and participation in Doha, engaging with civil society actors, experts, and institutional stakeholders on issues related to social development, labour rights, and inclusive governance.

Through these engagements, QCPD sought to ensure that grassroots realities and lived experiences — particularly those of migrant workers and other vulnerable groups — are reflected in multilateral deliberations and policy-oriented discussions.

Engagement with the UN & Multilateral Processes

In 2025, QCPD engaged actively with United Nations mechanisms and multilateral forums as a core channel for advancing its advocacy, documentation, and policy-oriented work.

QCPD participated in several UN-hosted and UN-affiliated forums throughout the year, including the UN Social Forum and the UN Forum on Minority Issues, where it attended plenary sessions and side-events and contributed to discussions on inclusion, discrimination, and social justice. These engagements provided opportunities to exchange with States, UN experts, civil society actors, and affected communities on structural inequalities and protection gaps impacting vulnerable groups.

QCPD also took part in the OHCHR-hosted Faith for Rights 6th Annual Meeting in Asia, contributing both to substantive discussions and to the drafting of the meeting's final report. This engagement reflected QCPD's interest in ethical governance frameworks and dialogue-based approaches to human rights promotion.

A key focus of 2025 was QCPD's engagement in the Second World Summit for Social Development (WSSD2) process. Beyond registration and participation in official sessions in Doha, QCPD actively supported inclusive civil society engagement by sponsoring and facilitating the participation of grassroots representatives, enabling local actors to engage directly in global policy discussions. In parallel, QCPD organised and held an information session to explain the Summit's objectives, dynamics, and implications, with particular attention to relevance for Indian civil society organisations and labour rights advocacy.

QCPD also maintained engagement with the Commission for Social Development, including through participation in CSocD63 in New York. In the margins of the session, QCPD co-organised and contributed to a civil society side-event addressing social development challenges, labour rights, and inclusion. Additionally, QCPD contributed substantively to the drafting and publication of Volume II of the NGO Committee for Social Development's collective report, reflecting coordinated civil society perspectives relevant to the Commission's work.

In 2025, QCPD was also represented at the Berlin Security Conference, where the organisation's representative attended discussions on international security, governance, and geopolitical

developments, contributing to QCPD's broader engagement with global policy and dialogue spaces.

Across these engagements, QCPD's objective was to ensure that grassroots realities and lived experiences — particularly those of migrant workers and other vulnerable individuals — inform multilateral discussions and policy processes, while strengthening dialogue between civil society, UN mechanisms, and institutional stakeholders.



QCPD participation at the Second World Summit for Social Development (WSSD2), Doha, 2025.



Partnerships & Collaborations

In 2025, QCPD prioritised building and consolidating partnerships to strengthen its operational reach, thematic expertise, and advocacy impact, particularly through collaboration with grassroots organisations and civil society networks.

QCPD formalised memoranda of understanding with India-based grassroots organisations, supporting cooperation on documentation, outreach, and assistance related to migrant workers and vulnerable communities. These aimed to facilitate referrals, and ensure that advocacy efforts are grounded in local realities and community-led perspectives.

At the multilateral level, QCPD engaged with civil society platforms and networks linked to United Nations processes, including the NGO Committee for Social Development, contributing to collective initiatives, joint events, and shared policy outputs. Such collaborations enabled QCPD to participate in coordinated civil society advocacy and knowledge-sharing across thematic areas related to social development, labour rights, and inclusion.

QCPD also maintained dialogue and exchanges with academic institutions, policy-oriented organisations, and international forums, including participation in events such as Global Ethics Week and the Globethics Forum, as well as engagement in knowledge-sharing spaces like the Frankfurt Book Fair, where advocacy materials were disseminated and discussions held with diverse stakeholders.

Through these partnerships and collaborations, QCPD sought to foster complementarity rather than duplication, reinforce trust-based cooperation, and contribute constructively to collective efforts aimed at advancing human rights, social justice, and inclusive development.



QCPD participation at the OHCHR Faith for Rights Annual Meeting, Asia, 2025.



Organisational Development & Presence

In 2025, QCPD focused on consolidating its organisational foundations and strengthening its operational presence in key locations to support its growing programme of activities and international engagement, always centred around its core mission.

During the year, QCPD expanded its operational footprint through the establishment and strengthening of its presence in Geneva and New Delhi, reflecting the organisation's dual focus on multilateral advocacy and field-informed engagement. These developments enabled closer interaction with United Nations mechanisms, diplomatic missions, and international partners, while also reinforcing connections with grassroots organisations and access to affected communities.

QCPD invested in building internal capacity through the recruitment and onboarding of new staff and collaborators, supporting programme delivery, research, advocacy, and coordination functions. This included clarifying roles and responsibilities, workflows, and reporting lines to ensure efficiency, accountability, and alignment with the organisation's mission and values.

In the course of this organisational consolidation, QCPD also undertook clarification and delineation of its institutional positioning, mandate, and guiding principles. This process reaffirmed the organisation's independent and apolitical character, as well as the scope and limits of its engagement. This ensured optimum coherence across QCPD's advocacy, partnerships, and public positioning, while reinforcing alignment with international human rights standards, ethical principles, and responsible civil society practice.

In parallel, QCPD developed and formalised internal procedures and operational frameworks, including protocols for case handling, engagement with external partners, and participation in international processes. These efforts aimed to ensure transparency, institutional continuity, and compliance with relevant international legal standards and working methodologies, as the organisation's activities expanded across multiple regions and thematic areas.

Overall, 2025 represented a year of institutional consolidation for QCPD, laying the organisational groundwork necessary to sustain its human rights, peacebuilding, and policy-oriented work in the years ahead by strengthening an integrated approach that connects grassroots-level evidence with high-level engagement in global policy and decision-making spaces.



Communications & Outreach

In 2025, QCPD strengthened its communications and outreach efforts as part of its mission to promote human rights, peace, and democratic values, recognising the importance of clear, responsible, and accessible public communication in raising awareness and informing engagement.

QCPD focused on accurately and transparently communicating its activities, methodologies, and positions, ensuring that public-facing content reflected the organisation's mandate, scope of engagement, and evidence-based approach. Communications aimed to explain not only what QCPD does, but how and why, supporting institutional coherence and credibility.

The organisation consolidated its digital presence through its website and multiple social media platforms, which were used to share activity updates, advocacy messages, analysis, and contextual information on international human rights and social development processes. Particular attention was given to factual accuracy and the responsible presentation of sensitive issues.

Recognising the diversity of its audiences, QCPD adopted a differentiated communication approach, tailoring content, tone, and formats for grassroots and affected communities — particularly in Asia — as well as for institutional audiences such as UN actors, diplomatic missions, and civil society professionals.

As part of its engagement with United Nations mechanisms, QCPD implemented targeted outreach initiatives to enhance public understanding of multilateral processes. This included a communication campaign linked to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), through which QCPD systematically contextualised and explained recommendations addressed to Qatar during its fourth review cycle.

In addition, QCPD produced and disseminated written outputs in 2025, including policy-oriented briefings and analytical articles linked to international forums and conferences, contributing to informed dialogue among civil society, policymakers, and other stakeholders.



Financial Overview

In 2025, QCPD operated with limited and proportionate financial resources, aligned with its non-profit mandate and programme-based activities. The organisation’s funding structure reflected its early-stage consolidation and prioritised strategic deployment of resources to support core human rights, advocacy, and gradual organisational development objectives.

The organisation’s activities during the year were primarily supported through private contributions, notably from the founder, ensuring continuity of operations and enabling QCPD to maintain independence from political, commercial, or governmental influence. Funding was allocated to programme implementation, staffing and operational costs, research and advocacy activities, and support for internal and external participation in relevant international and multilateral processes.

QCPD applied prudent financial management practices throughout the year, ensuring that expenditures remained carefully and directly linked to programme priorities and institutional development needs. Financial oversight and decision-making were conducted in line with the organisation’s governance structures and internal controls, with a focus on transparency, accountability, and responsible use of resources.



Civil society side-event participation at the United Nations, Geneva, 2025.



2026 Outlook

In 2026, QCPD will prioritise additional consolidation, strategic presence-building, and visibility within multilateral and civil society spaces, rather than rapid expansion of new initiatives. The organisation aims to deepen its recognition and credibility among institutional stakeholders, diplomatic actors, and civil society partners through sustained participation, networking, and targeted engagement in relevant international forums.

QCPD will continue to favour a selective and commensurate approach to programme development, focusing on initiatives that are closely aligned with its mandate and that allow for meaningful follow-up across policy and advocacy processes. Planned activities include the preparation of policy-oriented briefing papers grounded in United Nations thematic work, with the intention of translating research and analysis into dialogue-based initiatives and contributions to relevant UN mechanisms.

In this context, QCPD anticipates developing analytical outputs linked to thematic mandates, which may inform side-events and expert discussions during Human Rights Council sessions. Insights emerging from these engagements will, where appropriate, be synthesised into recommendations or conclusions to contribute to broader policy debates, including within labour and social development fora.

Throughout 2026, QCPD will maintain and strengthen the operational and communication practices established in 2025, including its public outreach and digital engagement, ensuring continuity, coherence, and responsible growth in line with available resources and strategic priorities.

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