



Qatar Foundation

A Model for Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

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Our Mission

To prepare the people of Qatar and the region to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world and to make Qatar a leader in innovative education and research.

Our Approach

Qatar Foundation is comprised of 50 entities including schools, world-class universities, and award-winning research and policy institutes together on a unique campus called Education City.



Education City

A multi-faceted hub centered on enriching children's learning and adapting community offerings to ensure inclusion of people with disabilities.

Education – Specialized schools for children with disabilities and learning needs; community supports with assistive technologies.

Services - Inclusive and accessible events, recreation and sports programming such as swimming, football & riding therapy.

Research - Pioneering precision health to support individualized health care and detection, treatment and prevention of disorders and disease.

Policy - Awareness raising and agenda setting for collective action where our advancements have made valuable contributions to national strategies and policies.



The most accessible FIFA World Cup

Highlights of Qatar Foundation's contributions

- Initiated the first-ever Sensory Room during a World Cup.
- Supported FIFA with accessibility designs for the Fan Zones, public activations, and other stadiums' Sensory Rooms.
- Trained over 250 FIFA Accessibility volunteers.
- Developed the “Qatar for All: Your Accessibility Guide” for FIFA Fans, available also in Braille.
- Created inclusion guidelines for FIFA Schools Football program.
- Provided live audio-descriptive commentary throughout the tournament.



Understanding our Impact

Beyond Qatar Foundation's contributions to the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, we have also carried out an evaluation to understand what this has meant for the communities we serve.

This includes:

- **Sensory Room survey** at Education City (EC) Stadium during World Cup matches inclusive of local and international fans.
- **Key Informant Interviews** for parents and caregivers of children with special needs who attended matches at Education City Stadium.
- **A Survey of the Wider EC community** including staff, students, families, community members, and volunteers.



Key Findings: Education City Stadium's Sensory Room

Accessibility means independence: Parents noted how the Sensory Room enabled independence for their children since they felt empowered and cared for in an environment built for them.

Families can be together: About half of families surveyed would not have attended the match if not for the Sensory Room.

Children feel safe: Nearly all parents highlighted the value of enabling a safe space resulting in an enriching experience.

Communication promotes awareness: Parents reported that accessibility information shared across multiple platforms increased participation and enhanced overall community awareness on inclusion and equity.



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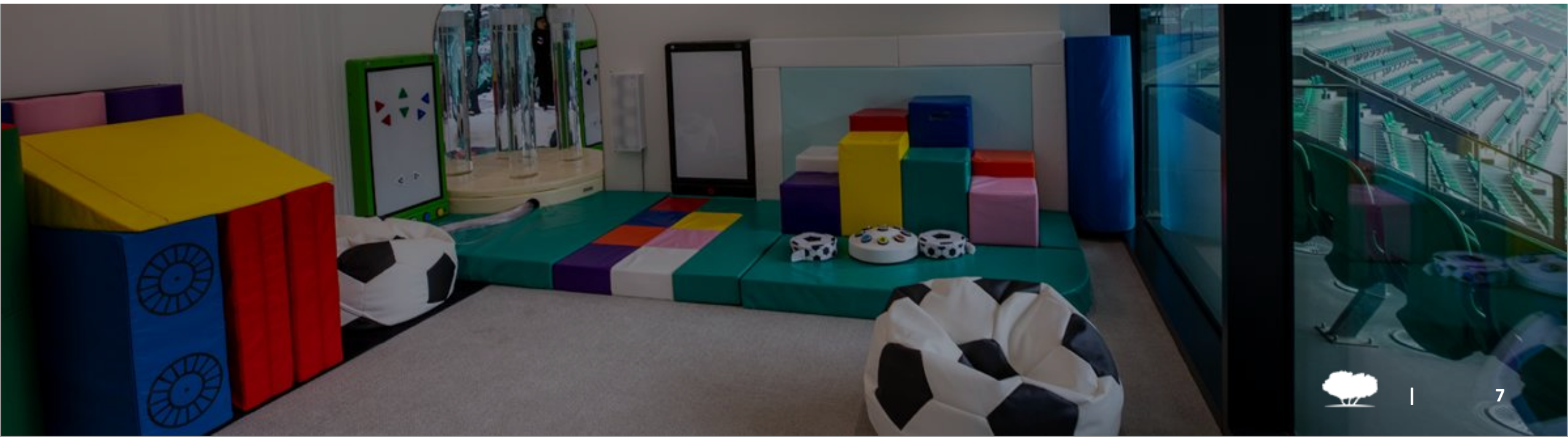
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