



**Ahli Arab Hospital
Gaza Emergency Response Situation Report # 2
02 August 2014**

1. General Update

The humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate. Of particular concern to the United Nations is the alarming number of incidents since the start of the emergency in which multiple members of the same Palestinian family have been killed. There is an increasing number of incidents where humanitarian relief personnel, medical and emergency teams are coming under attack. 25% of the Palestinians in Gaza are displaced with their homes partially or completely destroyed. Ahli-Arab Hospital (AAH) continues to respond to the emergency and receive patients and their families who suffer from severe injuries, burns and diseases as a result of lack of water, sanitation, food and lack of adequate living conditions.



Shuja'iyya neighborhood of East Gaza City

2. Humanitarian Situation Update¹

- 1.8 million Palestinians affected in the Gaza Strip by the current humanitarian crisis.
- 1.8 million Palestinians have reduced or no access to clean water and sanitation services.
- 80% of Palestinians receive electricity 2 hours a day (on average, some receive less and some do not have access at all).
- Over 1,439 Palestinians killed, including at least 926 civilians, of whom 286 are children and 187 are women.
- 8,265 Palestinians injured, including 2502 children and 1,626 women.
- 66 Israelis killed, including two civilians and 56 soldiers, in addition to one foreign national.
- 24 Hospitals, clinics and medical centers hit and damaged by shelling
- 137 schools damaged.
- 457,000 displaced people hosted in UNRWA/government schools, churches, informal shelters, and with host families.

¹ Information and data in this section is based on reports:

OCHA Gaza Emergency Report, (as of 1 August 2014, 15:00 hrs),

http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_sitrept_02_08_2014.pdf

OCHA Gaza Emergency Humanitarian Snapshot, (as of 31 July 2014, 15:00hrs)

http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/humanitarian_Snapshot_31July2014_oPt_V2.pdf



Treating children at AAH

- The numbers of killed, injured, displaced are always on the rise as there are still people under the rubble, or cannot be reached due to the Israeli military operation on the ground, or still not located yet.
- The homes of 9,815 families (approximately 58,900 individuals) were totally destroyed or sustained major damage and are now displaced.

Child Protection

- At least 326,000 children require direct and specialized psychosocial support on the basis of families who have experienced death, injury or loss of home.
- Explosive remnants of war are left in civilian areas affected by conflict, causing a major threat to children.

Health Situation

- Due to the air strikes, fighting on the ground, very limited access of medicine and medical supplies and equipment into Gaza and inside Gaza. There is a large number of casualties. Hospitals and health service providers are suffering from a great shortage of essential drugs and medical disposables, supplies, equipment, spare parts and fuel for energy and electricity.

3. Situation at Ahli Arab Hospital (AAH)

- Since the beginning of the crisis, AAH staff has maintained around-the-clock presence at the hospital, receiving wounded people and providing them with the critical medical care that they need.
- Like the other hospitals in Gaza, Al-Ahli hospital is experiencing shortages in medicine, fuel for electrical generators, food for patients, and food parcels for many in the community seeking assistance and support.
- Due to the difficulties of movement, 40% of Ahli manpower is unable to reach the hospital. Consequently, the management of the hospital was obliged to hire extra staff to replace the Ahli work force shortages as well as to meet the extra number of injured and patients who are in need of medical care.



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4. Response of Ahli Arab Hospital (AAH)²

- AAH has opened its doors to the family members of the wounded (being treated at the hospital) who are desperate with no place to go and have sought refuge at the hospital. Care is provided to those family members (food, lodging, psychosocial support, etc...)
- Coordination with other hospitals is taking place with AAH focusing on covering some shortages of the medicine and medical supplies.
- Since the beginning of the emergency, AAH added extra beds and hired additional staff (that are able to reach the hospital) in order to respond to the massive need.
- AAH surgical team is dealing mostly with explosion injuries and traumas including: abdominal injuries, bone injuries, chest injuries, soft tissue injuries and different types of burns.
- AAH has received since the beginning of the Gaza Emergency 1420 cases, of which more than 35% suffer from physical casualties.



Treating the injured at AAH

- AHH is currently treating 38 patients suffering from severe injuries.
- AHH receives on average per day 45 burn cases as a result of the war; of which 50% are children.
- AAH receives on average per day 30 new cases suffering from wounds.
- AAH receives on average per day 150 new cases (mostly children) affected by the inadequate hygiene (partly because of big amounts of garbage not collected), lack of water, and food shortages. Children suffer chest infections, diarrhea, rash and scabies.

² Updated information and data in this section are till 1 August 2014.



5. Needs of Ahli Arab Hospital

- Fuel to produce electricity in order to run the surgery theaters and keep running essential equipment that keeps patients in critical conditions alive.
- Medical supplies, medicine and antibiotics
- Orthopedic supplies for the high number of cases of broken limbs, etc...
- Food and non food items for patients and their families that have sought refuge to the hospital
- Linen, hospital beds, mattresses and pillows.
- Procurement of new equipment that are needed for post-war treatment and rehabilitation of injured patients
- Hiring of new staff to stand to up to the need of responding and supporting patients and their families

6. Funding Needs of Ahli Arab Hospital

Item	Cost in USD
Fuel	60,000
Medical Supplies for 300 injured and treatment of 5000 women and children's victims affected by the ongoing offensive	95,000
New generation of Antibiotic for the injured	5,000
Orthopedic supplies (plates, screws,...etc)	30,000
Psychosocial support for women and children (approximately 2000)	100,000
Food (for patients, their families , staff, people coming from street seeking food)	10,000
Food parcel for poor	85,000
Hiring additional staff to meet the new challenges for 4 months	30,000
Post war treatment	50,000
Repair of the Ventilation system, broken glasses of the windows as well as doors	10,000
New developing X_Ray machine	18,000
Medical Equipment/tools for the post injuries rehabilitation and treatment in the physical therapy department including:	
a) Two Continuous Passing Movement (CPM) at US\$ 2500 each	5000
b) Electrical Stimulation	2500
c) Vacuum	2500
d) Short Wave	8000
Linen, beds and pillows	15000
Total Budget needed	\$ 526,000



7. How you can help

Your financial contribution will help meet these urgent needs and is greatly appreciated. Funds may be contributed directly to the Diocese of Jerusalem or through a local charity in partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem.

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