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Diocese of Jerusalem

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Appeal for Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza

Background

During the past week, the Israeli military has carried out hundreds of airstrikes on Gaza. In the last 36 hours, the IDF has dropped 500 tons of explosives on an area that is the most densely populated in the world, and home to 1.7 million Palestinians. Half of the population is comprised of children. According to the latest OCHA report, published on July 14, more than 1,140 Palestinians have been wounded, including 296 children and 233 women; 168 were killed, of these 133 were civilians, and 36 were children; more than 940 residential houses have been fully destroyed, leaving 5,600 people displaced; 25,000 children have been traumatized and in need of psychosocial support.

As the Israeli authorities have called up 40,000 reserve troops, there are fears the conflict will escalate and many more Palestinians will be killed, wounded, or displaced.

Situation at Al-Ahli Hospital

In the last two days, the impact of the airstrikes has caused structural damages to the hospital, including its ventilation system in the operating theatre and the emergency room. In addition, windows have been broken in many buildings, as well as in the new diagnostic center.

Currently, and since the beginning of the crisis, Al-Ahli staff have 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 this help.

Al-Ahli Urgent Needs during both the war and post war rehabilitation period

The estimated Budget to cover the urgent needs including **the war and Post War Rehabilitation period** is as follows:

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 Antibiotics 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 parcels for poor	85,000

Item	Cost in USD
Hiring additional staff to meet the new challenges	30,000
Post war treatment	50,000
Repair of the ventilation system, broken glass of the windows, as well as doors	10,000
New developing x-ray machine	18,000
Medical Equipment/tools for post injury rehabilitation and treatment in the physical therapy department	
a) Two Continuous Passing Movement (CPM) at US\$ 2500 each	5,000
b) Electrical Stimulation	2,500
c) Vacuum	2,500
d) Short Wave	8,000
Total Budget needed	\$ 511,000

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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