



Situation Report

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Humanitarian Situation Brief

As of November, 12th the number of killed is 11,078 Palestinians of which 4,506 are children and 3,027 are women. The number of injured is 27,490, and about 1.6 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) are estimated in Gaza. Around 198 health professionals were killed who would have saved the lives of thousands¹, 28 Ambulances were damaged and hence out of service, more than 50% of the hospitals are no longer operational due to damage by airstrikes or lack of fuel and more than 65% of PHC centers have shut down due to damage by airstrikes.

Current Response of Ahli Arab Hospital (AAH)

Al-Ahli Arab Hospital is the only functioning hospital in the north of Gaza as the other hospitals are no longer functioning due to the damage caused by the airstrikes as well as the lack of fuel. The staff continues to implement a 24-hour emergency response plan; to meet the increasing number of wounded and traumatized, the staff appealed and called for health professionals who are in the neighborhood and can access the hospital to join the staff to save the lives of hundreds of patients. Currently, the hospital treats around 200 to 250 wounded per day and is performing up to 10 surgical operations per day mostly in orthopedics and plastic surgery.



Generators are being used only for sterilization procedures, which require greater wattage. This is draining the fuel capacity, which is at a level that may last as little as three weeks, depending on usage.

Up until this date (Nov 13), the banks are working in Gaza, so we can wire money in for staff salaries and the purchase of supplies. So far the hospital has been able to procure three deliveries of medicines and medical supplies from the aforementioned agencies. Ahli Hospital. Red Cross/Red Crescent and UNRWA are providing the hospital with supplies and are the only agencies (or individuals) allowed by the IDF to get humanitarian aid into Gaza City where the hospital is located.



¹ <https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-37>



Update on the needs

Immediate needs

The greatest need is for anesthesia, antibiotics, surgical supplies, and food for those being brought into the hospital; Similarly, the need for fuel, Hygiene kits, Food, and potable drinking water for patients and their families and relatives is increasing. The need for additional staff to meet the 24-hour work shifts is rising, particularly in the emergency wards, surgical operations, and burns treatment departments as well as for psychosocial support.

Needs in 3 months

More supplies will be needed to meet the increasing number of wounded, burnt, and traumatized. As well as for the prolonged treatment of wounded, treatment for children with malnutrition, physiotherapy sessions.

We need to purchase new medical equipment to replace those that were completely damaged and to fix those that were partially damaged. Renovation of the severely damaged departments and rooms, and a new ambulance to replace the damaged one.



Impact on Diocese of Jerusalem institutions

The impact of the current war on the economic situation of the Diocese Institutions in the country is grave. For example, in Jerusalem and Ramallah, due to the loss of income in the Guesthouses and College, we would lose all of the diocesan contributions from the Guesthouses and College which was used to overcome the gap in costs for the needy students and poor in our schools and health institutions.

The closure and separation of West Bank areas result in the inaccessibility of our services to outpatients which, in turn, results in a similar drop in incomes generated, (50% less). This situation has also had an impact on the unemployment rate in Israel, Jerusalem, and the West Bank, as all the employees working in the Israeli firms, tourism, and related sectors are no longer working which has directly affected the income of the schools and health institutions. Parents are not able to cover the cost of tuition fees of their children as well as medical services that they receive in our institutions.