



The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
The Diocese of Jerusalem

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Dear friends

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We received with gratitude the news of ceasefire. We are deeply grateful for all the sincere prayers, thoughts and positive responses we have received so far, however, much still need to be done in order to mitigate the significant effects of this crisis.

Gaza strip requires a long term rebuilding process with escalating humanitarian and health needs, with shortages evident now in medical equipment, supplies, in addition to basic humanitarian essentials, like food, shelter and hygiene needs. Since fuel and medical supplies are scarce and far between, we are required to address the most immediate basic livelihood essentials of the multitude of injured and traumatized showing up on the doorsteps of our Ahli hospital in Gaza.

Ahli hospital solicits urgent assistance in order to support an effective emergency humanitarian response, and to maintain and strengthen essential hospital services. The Diocese has launched an urgent appeal for \$1.6 million so that essential medicals supplies, treatments, and services can reach those impoverished people. In addition to the medical shortages, Ahli is also faced with supply shortages of fuel. Urgent intervention is of utmost importance where treating wounds of the severely wounded, psychosocial support to traumatized women and children, and cater to the referrals with severe to moderate burns to the Ahli advanced burn wards. This Emergency Appeal lays out the responses required to mitigate the impact of the crisis on this vulnerable community addressing the most urgent needs caused by the crisis. Ahli hospital management and diligent staff are working tirelessly to receive wounded people and providing them with the critical medical care that they so desperately require.

We are here as instruments of the hand of God to show the love of Jesus Christ for all people. We are proud that in all conflicts, this hospital was there to alleviate the suffering of the injured, the poor, and those in need of a compassionate heart. The doors of Ahli Hospital will remain open, and with your benevolent help it will stand as a powerful witness in this place of desperation and unimaginable horror.

The support by any means keeps this hospital operational in our mission of healing, your prayers, thoughts, advocacy, and donations all help us alleviate the suffering of the innocent.

Please give generously to sustain Ahli in this time of crisis.

Grace and peace,

The Most Rev. Hosam E. Naoum

Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem