

# AL AHLI ARAB HOSPITAL Gaza City, Gaza

Al Ahli Arab Hospital (Ahli) in Gaza City is a beacon of hope and healing in one of the world's most troubled areas. Ahli serves everyone regardless of religion, ethnicity, or ability to pay.

## A BEACON OF HOPE AND RESILIENCE

Al Ahli Arab Hospital (Ahli) in Gaza City, operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, stands as a critical lifeline in the midst of an overwhelming crisis. Even before the current conflict, Gazans were struggling under extreme conditions—scarce clean water, soaring unemployment (over 80%), and limited electricity. Since the Israel-Hamas war erupted in October 2023, the humanitarian crisis has worsened drastically, with 90% of Gaza's 1.9 million residents displaced,\* forced into overcrowded shelters that lack even the most basic necessities.

The war has fueled a surge in communicable diseases, malnutrition, and devastating injuries, with more than 95,000 people wounded and over 41,000 lives lost.\*\* The destruction of Gaza's healthcare system has left Ahli one of the few remaining facilities to shoulder the overwhelming need.

This 80-bed hospital is stretched to its limits, transforming every available space—from its chapel to the pharmacy and library—into areas of care. Ahli endured two missile strikes in October 2023, the second of which, on October 17, caused unspeakable devastation, resulting in over 400 casualties, damaging medical equipment, and severely impacting its facilities.

Your support is crucial to keeping Ahli operational during this relentless crisis. Every donation ensures the hospital can continue providing essential care to Palestinians in dire need.

*\*as of September 2024, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs (UN OCHA)*

*\*\*as of September 10, 2024, UN OCHA*



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## AT A GLANCE

- **Mission:** In Arabic, its name means "The Arab People's Hospital."
- **Location:** Gaza City, Gaza
- **Founded:** The oldest and only independent hospital in Gaza. It was founded in 1882.
- **Serves:** More than 45,000 Gazans receive care at Ahli each year.
- **Israel-Hamas War:** Ahli was struck twice by air in October 2023. In March 2024, an aid drop by air hit Ahli's rooftop solar panels, disrupting power to several units.
- **AHLI EMERGENCY SUPPORT:** In 2023, AFEDJ mobilized **\$1.7 million** in emergency support for Ahli. This funding has been crucial, enabling the hospital to continue its essential operations amidst these extraordinarily challenging conditions.

## AHLI'S OUTREACH CLINIC IN SOUTH GAZA

In early April 2024, a number of Ahli's dedicated doctors and staff who were displaced by IDF operations in Gaza City late last year demonstrated their resilience by establishing an outreach clinic in the Southern Gaza Strip, an area heavily populated with refugees, offering treatments for OB-GYN, ENT, and Ophthalmological needs. Ahli's unwavering commitment to healing now extends beyond its Gaza City walls, making this clinic a beacon of hope and a lifeline for people of Rafah, Khan Younis, and Al Mawasi.

