



Physicians for Human Rights- Israel

Gaza Emergency Appeal

December 29, 2008

Gaza Hospitals Already Filled to Capacity; Medical Supplies on the Verge of Depletion

Since the beginning of attacks in Gaza three days ago, over 300 people have been reported dead, more than 1000 wounded, and many hundreds more are in need of immediate medical attention. With a medical system already on the verge of collapse as a result of the ongoing closure, 1.4 million civilians are in desperate need of urgent medical help from outside the Gaza Strip.

PHR-Israel has the means to transfer this help within days and is seeking to raise 700,000 USD during the next week for purchase and direct transfer of supplies to Gaza hospitals.

Palestinian hospitals in the Gaza Strip have asked us for help in securing the following items:

- Basic Sterilization equipment
- Needles
- Dressings
- Anesthetics
- Catheters
- Medical gases
- Endo-tracheal tubes
- Laryngoscope
- Oxygen
- Portable monitors, ventilators, ultrasounds and x- ray machines
- Clothing for medical teams
- 105 Essential Medications
- 225 Additional Medical Supplies
- 93 Laboratory items
- Electric Shaving Machine
- Trolleys
- Hospital beds

As the situation stands, Palestinian doctors are performing surgeries without surgical gloves, local or general anesthetics, gauze, sterilized equipment or sufficient oxygen for patients. All together, there are only 1,500 hospital beds available in Gaza's 13 publicly run hospitals. A fleet of 60 ambulances is now reduced by half. The endless flow of new wounded and the need for beds has led to a suspension of care for dozens of other patients, including cancer, cardiac, and other chronically ill patients, who have all been sent to their homes for the duration of the crisis. Patients are not being permitted entry to Egypt and all referrals out of Gaza via Erez crossing have been suspended.

We are turning to organizations and individuals like you who have demonstrated your respect for the right to health by generously supporting PHR-Israel in recent years.

PHR-Israel accepts donations via check or bank transfer. To send a check by post, make check payable to Physicians for Human Rights-Israel and send to:

PHR-Israel
Attn: Gila Norich, Director of Development
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To make a bank transfer, our details are as follows. Please also send a note with your e-mail address informing us of your transfer:

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For additional information gathered by Physicians for Human Rights, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights (Gaza) and the Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) on the current crisis please click [here](#).

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