

Establishing a Field Hospital at Al Nuseirat – Middle Governorate of the Gaza Strip



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➤ Background about Al Awda Health and Community Association (AWDA):



The Al Awda Health and Community Association (AWDA) (previously was called: Union of Health Work Committee – UHWC) is grassroots, community based, Palestinian non-governmental, non-profit voluntary and the largest and most active health organization. It has been established in 1985 by a group of Palestinian doctors and health professionals seeking to supplement the decayed and inadequate health infrastructures caused by the years of Israeli occupation. AWDA provides holistic health care to the population in the Gaza Strip, with a focus on the most vulnerable marginalized sector of Palestinian society. AWDA is committed to raise the level and quality of primary health care services within the community, working to ensure that all individuals and families have equal access to quality healthcare. AWDA seeks to improve the overall physical, mental and social wellbeing of all Palestinians regardless of racial, political, social or religious status, through its specialized facilities, as well as through field visits, services and activities with a community-based approach.



AWDA employs 610 professional technical, administrative and other workers, who provide comprehensive health services to more than 400,000 Palestinian people who attend annually our facilities which are distributed all over the Gaza strip as follows:

Secondary health services program:

- Al-Awda Hospital - Jabalia (Tal Azzater), Gaza North
- Al Awda Hospital - (Al-Nusseirat), Middle Gaza Strip

Primary health services program:

- Al Awda Health Center (Beit Hanoun), Gaza North
- Al Awda Health Center (Jabalia), Gaza North
- Al Awda Health Center (Hala Al Shawa) – Beit Lahia – Gaza North
- Al Awda Health Center - Gaza city – Al Maqousi area.
- Al Awda Health Center (Bani Suhila), Gaza South
- Al Awda Health Center (Rafah), Gaza South

Protection Program:

- Al Awda Community Center (Beit Hanoun), Gaza North
- Al Awda Community Center, Jabalia refugee camp.
- Al Awda Community Center – Al Awda Hospital – Jabalia Tal El Zatar
- Al Awda Community Center – Gaza City.
- Al Awda Community Center (Al-Nusseirat), Middle Gaza Strip
- Al Awda Community Center (Bani Suhaila) Khanyounis
- Al Awda Community Center, Rafah.

Facilities



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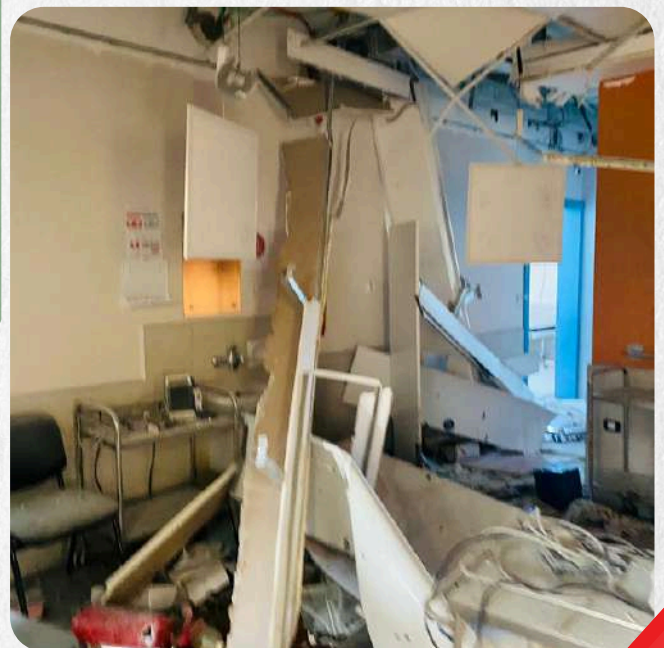
AWDA's Interventions During the Current Aggression on the Gaza Strip:

As previously mentioned, AWDA operates (2) hospitals, (6) primary health care centers, and (7) community centers. By the end of 2022, AWDA's services benefited (524,569) individuals, with a total of (1,140,201) services provided.

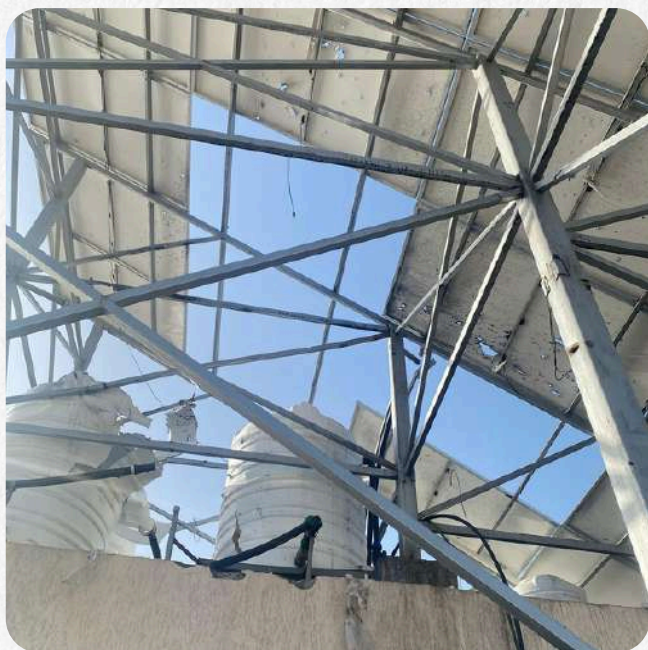
On October 7th, 2023, AWDA declared a state of extreme emergency and concentrated its efforts in the Gaza and Northern governorates through Al-Awda Hospital - Tal Al-Zaatar and Al-Awda Health and Community Center - Jabalia. It closed its HQ office in Gaza City and its health and community centers in Gaza City, Beit Lahia, and Beit Hanoun due to their locations in high-risk areas. Additionally, AWDA focused its interventions in the Middle and South governorates through Al-Awda Hospital - Al Nuseirat and Al-Awda Health and Community Center - Rafah, and closed its Health and Community Center in Bani Suhaila - Khan Younis for the same reason.

On October 13, the Israeli Occupation Forces threatened Al-Awda Hospital - Tal Al Zaatar with evacuation. Moreover, the hospital has been targeted multiple times, both directly and indirectly, but despite these challenges and risks, the hospital continued to provide its services. Tragically, (6) of its employees were martyred while on duty, and (4) employees, including Dr. Ahmed Muhanna, the hospital director, were arrested. Several staff members were injured during the direct and indirect targeting of the hospital, which resulted in the destruction of (9) vehicles and ambulances, rendering them out of service. Additionally, (2) operating theaters and (2) inpatient departments for reconstructive surgery were targeted and destroyed. The Israeli occupation forces later targeted the solar energy system, fuel stores, medical gas warehouse, central medicine warehouse, and main water tanks

Moreover, Al-Awda Hospital in Tal Al-Zaatar was besieged twice, once on 5th Dec. 2023 for (17) days and again on 20th May 2024 for (13) days. During the last siege, the occupation forces raided the hospital, destroying many doors and cabinets inside.



Al-Awda Hospital in Al Nuseirat was also targeted, specifically the fourth floor of the hospital's administrative building, resulting in the disruption of the solar energy system and water tanks.



In the same context, the Israeli occupation forces completely or partially destroyed all of AWDA's health and community centers, as well as its headquarters office, as follows:

1. AWDA H.Q. office



Before



After

2. Al Awda Health and Community Center - Beit Hanoun



Before



After

3. Al Awda Health Center - Beit Lahia



Hala Al Shawa Center is originally a government center and a Memorandum of understanding was signed with the Ministry of Health stipulating that AWDA will manage the center and provide primary health care services through it

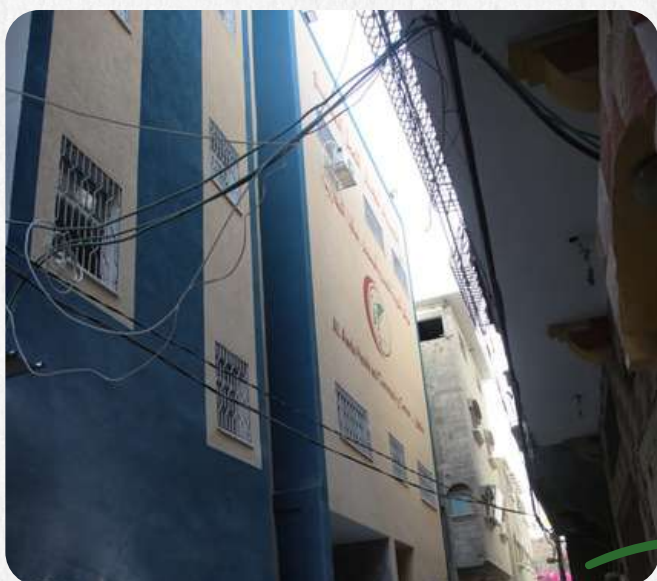


Before



After

4. Al Awda Health and Community Center - Jabalia



Before



After

5. Al Awda Health and Community Center - Gaza



Before



After

6. Al Awda Health and Community Center - Bany Suhaila - Khanyounis



Before



After

7. Al Awda Health and Community Center - Rafah



Note: as we are unable to access the center due to its location within an Israeli military operations area, we confirmed its destruction through satellite images.




Before



After



 Despite all these challenges, AWDA continued to provide its services to the injured and patients through its two hospitals in the northern and middle governorates of the Gaza Strip. Moreover, with the support of many partners and donors; AWDA established two temporary health care centers in the middle and southern Gaza Strip, as well as five medical points to provide general medicine and reproductive health services. Additionally, AWDA continued to offer psychosocial support services to women and children in shelter centers. Noting that, from October 7, 2023, to June 30, 2024, the number of beneficiaries of AWDA's services reached (558,206) beneficiaries.





Project idea and justification:

The Gaza Strip continues to bear the brunt of Israeli aggression for the ninth-consecutive month, with the detrimental impact on both infrastructure and health services escalating. Since the beginning of the aggression, more than (38k) persons were killed, and more than (88k) others were injured.

At the beginning of the aggression, the occupation forces obliged (1.7 M) residents of the Gaza Strip (75% of population) to displace to the south and middle governorates of the Strip, on the grounds that it is a safe area despite its constant exposure to ground and air bombardment.

This displacement placed a significant burden on the health system in the central and southern Gaza Strip. Hospitals and health facilities were already struggling to provide services to the local residents due to severe shortages of medicines, medical supplies, and equipment, resulting in a deficit of health services. This situation worsened with the influx of large numbers of displaced individuals, accordingly the increase in the number of patients and injuries received by the hospitals, causing hospitals to operate at 400% of their capacity.

This pressure on hospitals at the middle governorate of the Gaza Strip began to ease gradually starting in January 2024 due to the displacement of many residents to the south governorates. But the burden returned with the start of military operations in Rafah in May 2024 and the subsequent displacement of over a million people from Rafah Governorate to Khan Yunis and the middle Governorate. Currently, the number of populations in the middle Governorate is estimated at 940,000. While, before the aggression in 2023, the population of the middle Governorate was 319,208, representing an increase of 194%.



The overcrowding in tents and shelter centers, coupled with insufficient water supply and reliance on canned food, has led to the spread of various infectious diseases, including skin infections, intestinal infections, and hepatitis. It is worth noting that there are over 721K cases of acute respiratory infections and more than 380K cases of acute watery diarrhea. Furthermore, accessing services and medication is difficult for individuals suffering from non-communicable diseases, as more than 220K people suffer from high blood pressure and over 60K patients living with diabetes. This is in addition to the large numbers of injuries who need emergency services and dressing services.

Noting that, currently (546,000) women of reproductive age live in formal and informal shelters in the Gaza strip, including about (50,000) pregnant women with limited access to SRH services.

The previous statistics show the urgent need to expand the scope of services to respond to health needs, noting that only 9 primary health care centers are currently providing services in the middle governorate of the Gaza Strip, while 14 centers are no longer operational. This means that the functioning centers represent just 39% of the total primary health care centers.

On the other hand, please note that there are three hospitals in the middle Governorate including:

- Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital: A government hospital located in Deir al-Balah with a bed capacity of 274.
- Al-Awda Hospital: Affiliated to Al-Awda Health and Community Association, located in Al-Nuseirat with a capacity of 52 beds.
- Yaffa Hospital: Not functional.

This is in addition to IMC field hospital, that has been recently established.

Background about Al Awda Hospital – Nuseirat:



Al Awda Hospital was established in 2022 by developing Al Awda Health and Community Center, which had been in Nuseirat since 1989. Al Awda Hospital is a general hospital providing the following services:

- Emergency services.
- Outpatient Clinics.
- Normal delivery and Caesarean Section
- Surgical Services: including gynecology, general, orthopedics, urology and ENT surgeries.
- Ambulance and Emergency Services: including 7 ambulances.
- Supportive Medical Services: Including laboratory, radiology, and pharmacy services.



Due to the displacement of people from the North Governorate to the middle governorate of the Gaza Strip, this led to a doubling of the percentage of beneficiaries of Al Awda hospital services, and accordingly the hospital took a set of measures, the most important of which were:

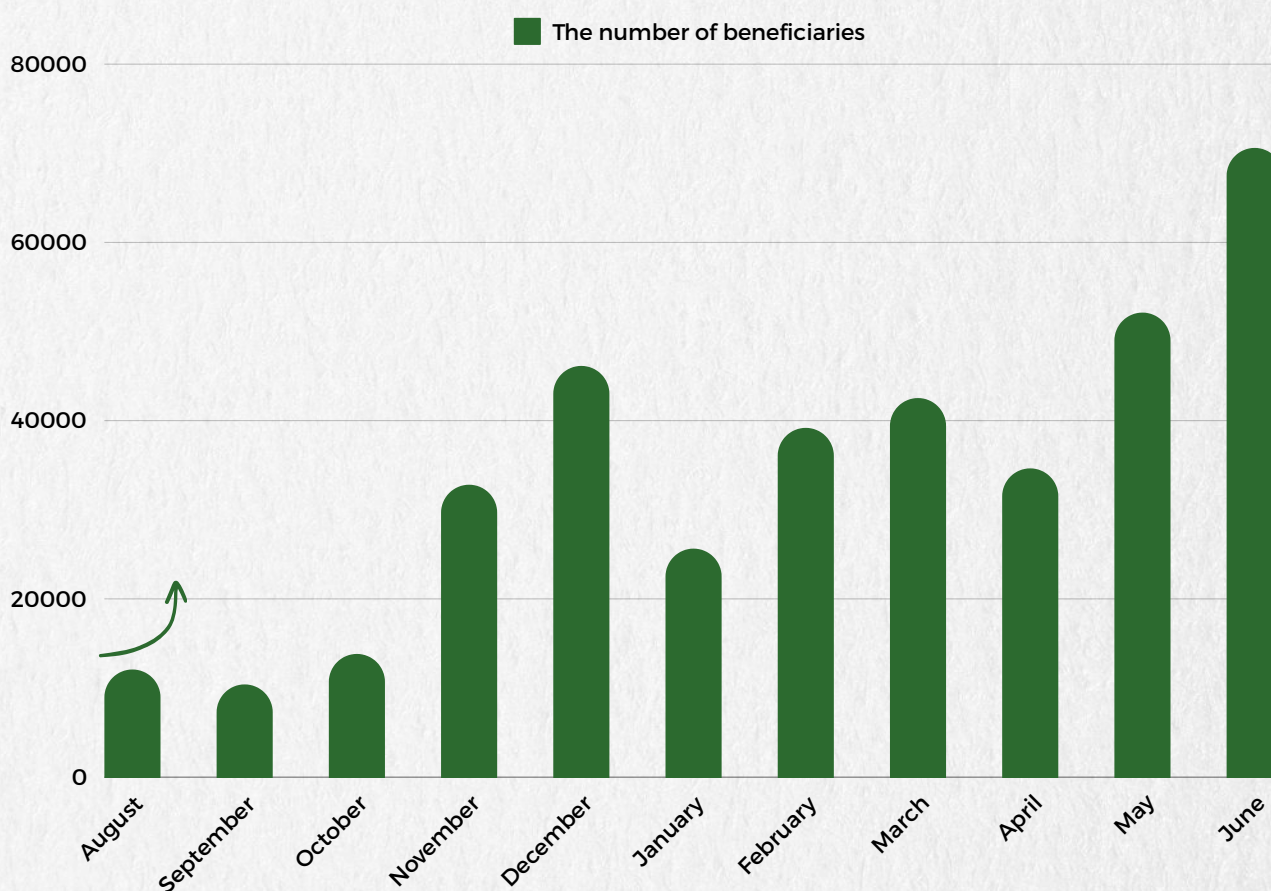
- Establishing a field emergency department due to the significant increase in injured cases arriving at the hospital, increasing the number of emergency beds from (6) to (14) beds.
- Expanding the inpatient dept. to increase the capacity from (17) beds to (38) beds.
- The following clinics were maintained in operation: General Medicine – Orthopedics – Gynecology, Obstetrics and Ultrasound – Dentistry – Dermatology – Internal Medicine – Orthopedics – Dressing – Pediatrician.

It's worth noting that Al Awda Hospital in Nuseirat stands as the sole facility providing maternity services in the middle Governorate. This includes normal delivery, cesarean sections, and gynecology surgical operations. This crucial healthcare provision is carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Refugees – UNRWA



Noting that, the beneficiaries from the hospital's services from 7th Oct. 2023 until the end of May 2024 reached (361,499) patients and injuries. It is worth noting that during the last invasion of Al Nuseirat in June 2024, Al Awda Hospital received 250 injuries and 142 martyrs in one day which exceeds its capacity.

The following figure shows the numbers of beneficiaries from Al Awda Hospital before the aggression, during the period of displacement from the north to the middle governorate, after the displacement of many residents to the south governorate, and after their return back again to the middle governorate, where it is clear that the numbers increased significantly again starting in the month of June 2024:



As a result of the previously mentioned factors and due to the increasing number of displaced people fleeing from Rafah Governorate to the middle Governorate, coupled with the limited number of hospitals providing health services in the middle Governorate, the aims to respond to emergency humanitarian needs and saving lives through expanding the health services at Al Awda Hospital in Al Nuseirat to meet the growing needs of patients, as the hospital is currently operating at 400% of its capacity. The plan includes establishing a field hospital on land adjacent to the hospital, covering an area of 1,320 m², which will be rented to expand the hospital services as follows:

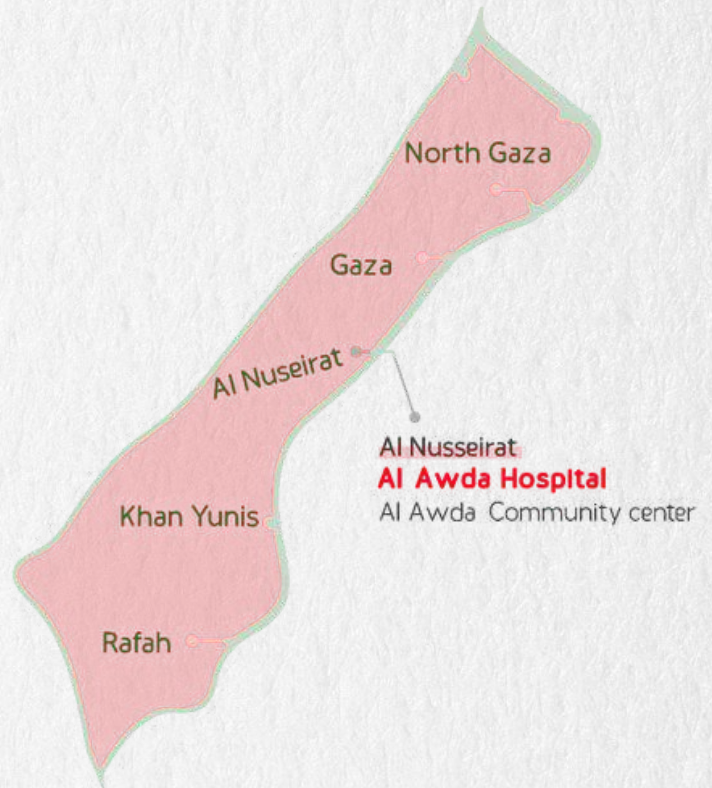
- Establishing the emergency department with a capacity of 23 beds instead of the current emergency department with the capacity of 14 beds.
- Establishing an outpatient department that includes (12) outpatient clinics instead of the current outpatient department, which includes (9) clinics.
- Establishing (3) inpatient department with a capacity of (72) beds, increasing the capacity to (110) beds.

Part of the current outpatient department and the emergency department, will be used to expand the obstetrics and gynecology services, and the other part will be used to provide dressing services for complex wounds for patients.

By establishing the field hospital, Al Awda Hospital will increase its bed capacity from 52 to 133 . This expansion will expand the range of services, improving patient access to healthcare. It will also enable Al Awda Hospital to accommodate more injured individuals and patients, easing the burden on the sole governmental hospital providing these services in the middle governorate of the Gaza Strip.



Geographical Area:

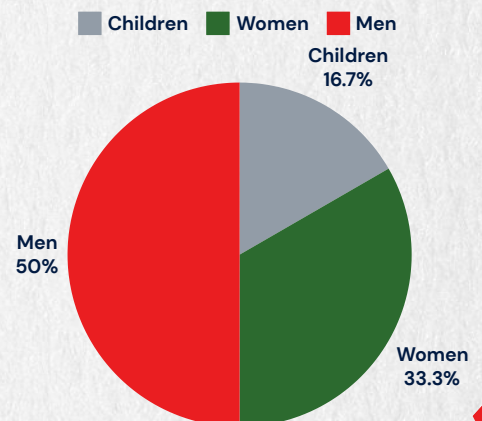


Nuseirat

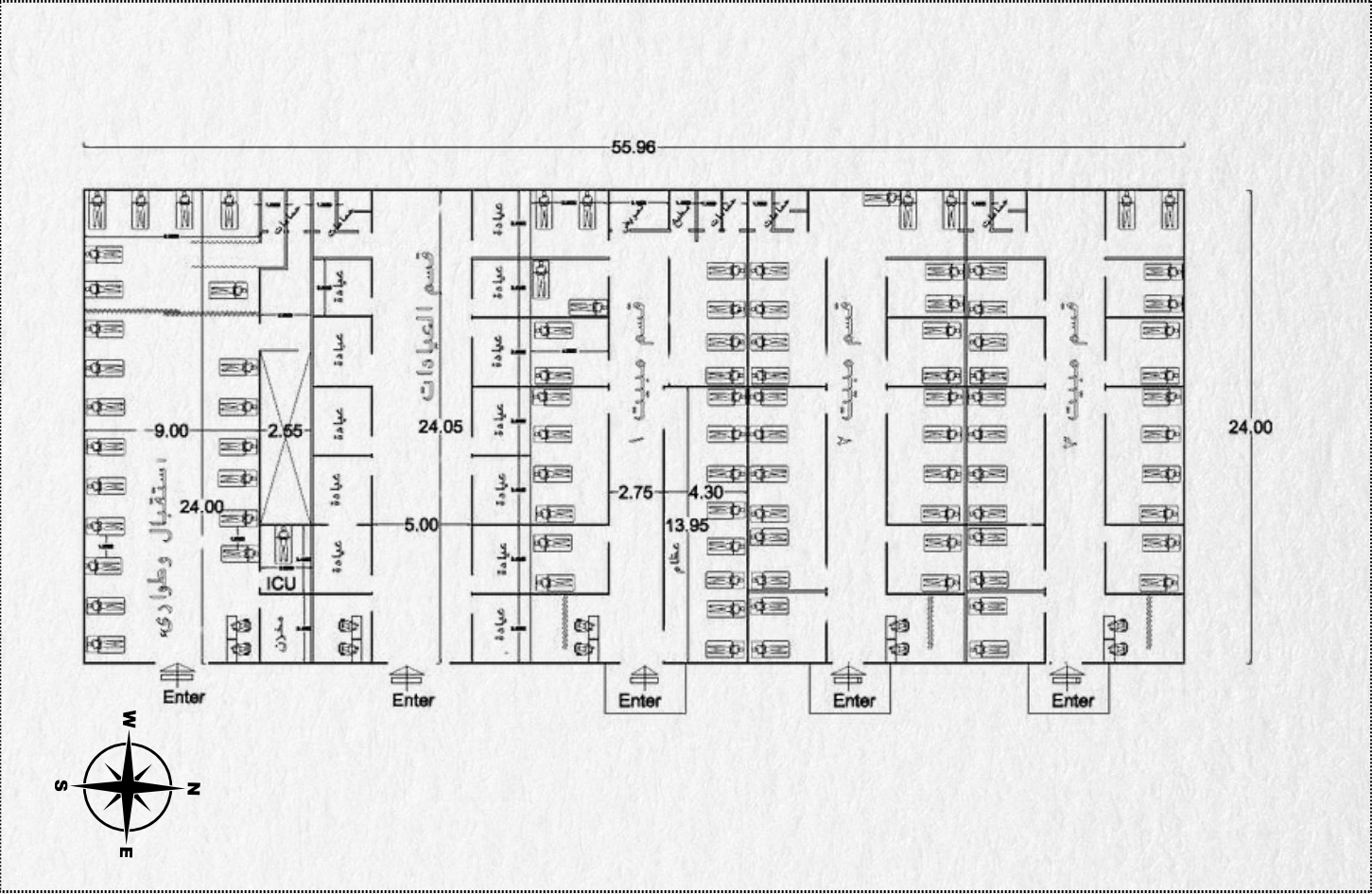
➔ No. of the Project's Direct beneficiaries:

It is estimated that 15,000 injured/patients will benefit from the field hospital services on monthly basis.

- 7500 men
- 5000 women
- 2500 children



Engineering chart :



➔ The shaded area is designated for the construction of the hospital.

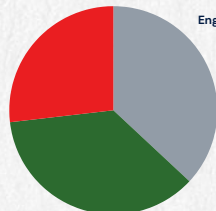
● **Project Duration:**
6 months (15th July 2024 – 14th Jan. 2025)

Budget:

#	ITEM	UNIT	QTY.	UNIT PRICE \$	TOTAL PRICE \$
1.	RENTING A PIECE OF LAND	YEAR	1	14000	14000
2.	SITE LEVELING	M2	1820	10	18200
3.	TILE AND FLOORING WORKS	M2	1820	100	182000
4.	METAL STRUCTURE WORKS	M2	1820	130	236600
5.	ELECTRICAL WORKS	LUMP SUM	1	30000	30000
6.	SANITARY WORKS	LUMP SUM	1	50000	50000
7.	OTHER WORKS	LUMP SUM	1	20000	20000
8.	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	LIST	1	500000	500000
9.	ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	LIST	1	20000	20000
10.	FURNITURE	LIST	1	20000	20000
11.	MEDICATION	LIST	1	300000	300000
12.	MEDICAL DISPOSABLE	LIST	1	100000	100000

● BUDGET SUMMARY

Medications and Medical Supplies
26.8%



Equipment and Furnishings
36.2%

Engineering and Construction Works
36.9%

ENGINEERING AND
CONSTRUCTION WORKS

\$ 550,800

EQUIPMENT AND
FURNISHINGS

\$ 540,000

MEDICATIONS AND
MEDICAL SUPPLIES

\$ 400,000

TOTAL: \$1,490,800



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