



URGENT APPEAL!

ROTARY LEBANON COUNTRY FUND

Attention: Dr. Michel P. JAZZAR

Chairperson

Beirut, August 18th, 2020

On the 4th of August 2020, Beirut suffered a massive explosion of such strength that it was felt as far as 150 miles away in Cyprus. At the current count, it has left more than 150 people dead, 5,000 injured and 300,000 homeless. In addition to the loss of lives, there has been extreme destruction of the vibrant cultural centre of Beirut and the integral infrastructure of the city. Amongst all the essential services and structures hit by this calamity was also Saint George Hospital University Medical Center (SGHUMC).

SGHUMC is the first hospital in the region that has been serving the local population for more than 150 years. Since its inception, SGHUMC has relied on the generous donations of its benefactors, enabling it to become a leading hospital in Lebanon, serving approximately 800 out an inpatients daily.

Our hospital, situated extremely close to the epicentre of the explosion, heartbreakingly lost four of our cherished nursing staff, twelve patients and one visitor. Also, more than a 100 of our healthcare professionals, doctors, residents, nurses and administrative staff sustained injuries, some of which are critical.

This disaster couldn't have occurred at a worse time for Lebanon: hospitals have already been stretched to their maximum capacities due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the country's unprecedented economic crisis. Now, 80% of SGHUMC sustained damage rendering it non-operational for the first time in its long history. 160 inpatients had to be evacuated in under two hours whilst we converted the hospital into a field hospital to administer urgent care to the injured with the very few means at hand.

A preliminary assessment has estimated the cost of rehabilitation to amount to several million USD.

Your generous giving is much needed in these critical times!

Any in kind donation will be more than welcome, so that we can fully resume our mission of providing excellent healthcare services to the population of Beirut and wider Lebanon.



Medical equipment donations are highly needed for the below reconstruction projects (details sent in a separate excel sheet):

- B4 floor to 2nd floor (various departments)
- Intensive Care Unit
- Inhalation department
- Medical Surgical Unit 3FN
- Paediatric Neonates Department
- Paediatric Unit 4FN
- Delivery Unit
- Nursery Unit

Thank you for your generosity!

For further information/details, please feel free to contact Ms. Lamia Raffoul on +9613166010 or through email on ljraffoul@stgeorgehospital.org.

You can also find news and update of our status on the hospital's website:

www.stgeorgehospital.org

Sincerely,

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