



## **URGENT APPEAL!**

Beirut on 10 August, 2020

On the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 donation of cash or kind 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.**



Your donations are needed to cover roughly the rehabilitation of the following:

- Helipad that was partially damaged
- Power house and Chillers Plant that are partially functional in addition to the damaged Air Handling Units ducting network and the leaking water tanks
- Medical Gases plant are showing leakage on outlets and partially functional
- Firefighting that is partially operational
- Suspended False ceiling, vinyl & tiles highly damaged on all floors
- Patient beds and furniture highly damaged
- Computer systems highly damaged
- Wood Doors and metal frame highly damaged on all floors
- Aluminium Windows and glass totally damaged on all floors
- Lighting highly damaged on all floors
- Medical and non-medical equipment seriously defected (with the main store highly damaged)
- Underground Parking building areas highly damaged

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Cash donations are welcome at one of the following bank accounts:

- Audi Bank Achrafieh Main Branch Account Number: 00092562-0082 Saint George Hospital – University Medical Center IBAN: LB 8500560000000000925620082 Swift Code: AUDBLBBX
- Banque BEMO Sal Beirut-Lebanon Hopital Saint Georges – Centre Hospitalier Universitaire IBAN: LB17 0093 0000 0002 0665 9368 1USD Swift: EUMOLBBE

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

[www.stgeorgehospital.org](http://www.stgeorgehospital.org)

Sincerely,

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