

Middle East Crisis Appeal – Update September 2024

Situation summary:

Since the conflict began in 2023 on October 7, over 1,200 Israelis and over 40,000 Palestinians have been killed. Over 90,000 people have been injured and more than 2.3 million have been displaced. Unfortunately, the violence continues.

Thank you for supporting the Middle East Crisis Appeal. You helped provide critically needed humanitarian support to people affected by the conflict.

The appeal's donations total \$28,838.50 and are being directed to Anglican Overseas Aid, a fellow member of the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CAN DO). Their local partner, the al-Ahli Arab Hospital (AAH) in Gaza, provides urgently needed aid so Christian care can continue in the region. Anglican Overseas Aid has partnered with AAH in Gaza since 1988.

Funds sent through Anglican Overseas Aid have been used for immediate hospital needs, including medicines and medical supplies, including—but not limited to—anaesthesia, antibiotics, surgical supplies, fuel (for generators), hygiene kits, and portable drinking water for patients.



Situation Update:

Update on the Closure of al-Ahli Arab Hospital

Due to the escalation of the Israel-Gaza conflict, on July 8, Al Ahli Hospital was forced to shut. All patients and staff, as well as vulnerable people sheltering in the hospital grounds, were ordered to evacuate the immediate area. Patients were transferred to the Indonesian hospital. This, however, was a temporary closure.

To add to the challenges, the diocese's statement also reported that one of its ambulances had been 'hit' on July 7 by a potential rocket/ sniper while travelling to the hospital. The vehicle was damaged, but luckily, the driver was unhurt, and there were no passengers or patients in the vehicle.

Update on the Reopening of al-Ahli Arab Hospital

Although the situation in Gaza remains extremely volatile, the Diocese of Jerusalem reported that the AAH reopened on Thursday, July 11.

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Anglican Overseas Aid reports: “We are relieved to announce that on the al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City has reopened amidst ongoing military activity in the area. Some of the dedicated staff have bravely returned to provide essential medical services.”

A statement from the Diocese said that while most patients and those in need of medical attention cannot make the perilous journey to the hospital, the incredible AAH team managed to perform eight surgeries on July 11, when the hospital reopened.

Our thoughts remain with those facing challenges in reaching medical care. Protecting hospitals and health services amidst war is crucial to ensure that life-saving treatments can continue. AAH is the only hospital currently functioning in north Gaza.



The hospital, operated by the Diocese of Jerusalem, has been a crucial lifeline for the people of Gaza, providing essential medical care to over 30,000 patients annually. Daily, the hospital sees 300 patients, offering vital health services to a population in dire need. The hospital has been the only facility in Gaza undertaking surgeries, having recently opened two additional operating theatres and established three new triage units to serve the community better. Additionally, the hospital set up a clinic in Rafah to extend its reach and support.



Please pray for the Diocese of Jerusalem and the people of Gaza. Your support is also crucial in helping us provide necessary health and education services to those affected by this conflict.

We continue to pray for a ceasefire and for the resilience of the al-Ahli Hospital staff in these challenging times.

Response to date:

To date, \$28,838.50 has been given to the Middle East Crisis Appeal in total. Thank you for your generosity. After administration costs, \$17,681.40 has been sent to Anglican Overseas Aid, with \$8,273.25 remaining to be released

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Find the appeal at www.gmp.org.au/MiddleEastCrisisAppeal

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