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Rehabilitation of the Cultural and Hospital Centre (Project II)



PARTNERS

Palestinian National Authority
Palestinian Red Crescent Society
UNDP/PAPP



APPROVED BUDGET

US\$644,700

Duration: May 2014 to
December 2016

“Since the reconstruction works for the Red Crescent Society Cultural and Hospital Centre were completed, the facility is once again providing essential services to the community during regular and emergency times, with the guest houses hosting a number of delegations and volunteers, while the onsite catering services provide meals for employees, patients, medical staff and relief crews.”

Dr. Khalil Abu Al Foul, Deputy Director General of Al Quds Hospital

OVERVIEW

This project extends IBSA’s first initiative of rebuilding the Cultural and Hospital Centre for the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in the Gaza Strip by expanding the rehabilitation of the building and upgrading the medical capacities of the facility. The first IBSA project regarding this centre refurbished the nine-storey building, enabling the operation of most outpatient medical services and some internist health care. This second IBSA project is establishing, equipping and furnishing an operating room in this hospital to enable surgical procedures, including open-heart surgery, emergency response and medical interventions for chronic diseases. It is also increasing patient rooms in the hospital by an additional 50 to 60 beds.

The Gaza Strip has 24 hospitals, but at the time that this project was approved, 12 had interrupted health services owing to severe damage to their infrastructure. By rendering this hospital operational once again, enabling the performance of surgical procedures and the intake of a greater number of patients for onsite care, this initiative is ensuring the continuous reach and scope of health-care services to the population of the Gaza Strip.

RESULTS (INTENDED OUTCOMES)

- Essential infrastructure for economic and social development, in particular health-care infrastructure, is improved.
- The national health system is better able to prepare for, and respond to, emergencies and chronic disease requirements affecting the Palestinian population’s general health.
- Palestinians in the Gaza Strip have improved, equitable access to quality health services provided by the national health system, including urgent care, surgery and psychosocial treatment.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- An estimated 90 per cent of the planned rehabilitation works have been completed. The block and concrete structures were finalized; the mechanical and electrical systems were completed; sewage and water pipes and pipes for medical gases were installed; and plastering, tiling of walls and floors, painting and carpet installation advanced. The patient bedrooms were completed, equipped and furnished.
- Thanks to the successful reopening of the Cultural and Hospital Centre for the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in the Gaza Strip and its provision of continuous services, additional resources were mobilized to establish an operating theatre and other additional improvements through this project.
- Moreover, US\$14,700 were mobilized to repair damage caused by exchanges of fire in 2014.



CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

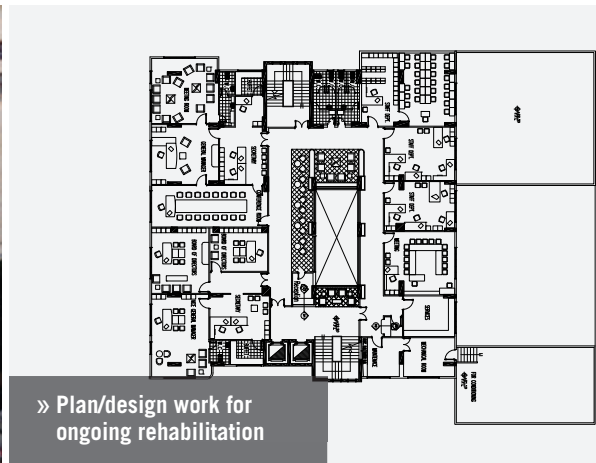
- As the hospital's refurbishment was ongoing, minor additional damage was caused by hostilities in 2014.
- Permission to have construction materials and hospital equipment and furniture enter Gaza was obtained but some delays were incurred.

LINK TO NATIONAL STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES

These projects were designed in line with the Palestinian National Health Strategy, which has the objective of assuring the rights of all citizens to quality, sustainable primary, secondary and tertiary health services. In line with this strategy, these two interrelated initiatives seek to strengthen partnerships so as to ensure access for all Palestinians to health services.



» Facade of the hospital already refurbished by an IBSA project



» Plan/design work for ongoing rehabilitation



» Works on air-conditioning and medical gases

