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Funding Proposal to Caritas Committee, OESSH Netherland

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Description:

The Corona Virus pandemic was confirmed to have reached Jordan in March 2020. The Jordanian government declared a state of emergency on 21st March; this essentially halted all public events, religious events, hospital visitation (unless crucial), and any interactive gatherings of any sort.

Under the advice of the Fatwa Council and the Council of Churches, decision was made to halt prayer in the entire Kingdom's mosques and churches as a preventive measure to control the pandemic.

A Royal Decree was issued the same day approving the Cabinets decision to announce the implementation of the National Defense law #13. In summary, this law gives the power to the government to place restrictions on the freedom of people to gather, move, reside, and arrest or detain suspects or those who pose a threat to the national security and the public order.

Despite the devastating economic impact and the country's underprivileged population, these strict emergency regulations have flattened the curve of COVID-19.

At the beginning of June 2020, the government announced that Jordan is now in its "moderate-risk" phase, and accordingly published a much-awaited decision allowing most sectors and services to resume operations, and limiting the restriction on public movement from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight. The government lifted the ban and allowed the opening of all activities excluding the universities, colleges and vocational training centers, schools, kindergartens, and the weddings, funeral halls, exhibitions and concerts, cinemas, parks, museums, amusement parks and entertainment venues, and youth activities are not allowed yet until further notice.

Sunday 7th of June 2020 was a joyful day, all churches were allowed to reopen again, with terms of following the precautions and measures of distancing, face mask and sanitize hands before entering the church, no elders, sick or children allowed to come. Bishops, priests and parishioners of every denominations celebrated the mass in their churches. Prayers and gratitude offered to Our Lord Jesus Christ for this long awaited gift.

The updates about corona virus in Jordan is 1,218 positive cases, 11 deaths, cured 1,131, and under treatment 89. These results are very acceptable, and Jordan expects to enter the green zone soon. This refers to the precaution measures taken precisely by the government under the instructions of His Majesty King Abdullah, and in coordination with the Ministry of Health, Army...



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This outbreak of Corona Virus and the lockdown of the private and public sectors for almost three months was taken to limit the spread of the epidemic, but the day laborers, immigrants and many already poor Jordanian citizen are most affected by the consequences of the economic hardships. Those people are having difficulties in securing food and basic materials, pay house rent, access to health care and medicines, pay bills of water, electricity and other expenses...

During the pandemic, the private and charity based hospitals and clinics were asked to refrain from daily operations, except for high priority and emergency cases. This caused severe impacts on maintaining the Italian Hospitals in Amman and Kerak, and Mother of Mercy Clinic in Zerqa in terms of physical upkeep and their staff.

With the governmental regulations in place concerning sterilization and sanitization, there are specific costly and timely procedures whenever an emergency case arrives to either of the hospitals or clinics. This process has put a huge burden on these health institutions.

This sterilization process took place every time a new case came through the doors. Patients needed to be tested for COVID-19 before any procedure took place, which required the purchase of new medical equipment and supplies, a cost that was not anticipated or included in their initial budget. All in all, the medical institutions suffered economically a great deal during this crisis, these costs have created a heavy burden on them, which resulted in seeking the support to allow for their future continuity.

The urgent demand of the Italian Hospital in Kerak is shown in the table down below:

Personal protective equipment and sanitizers	Price / unit US\$	Quantity	Total price USD
Pulseoximeter	35	4	140.00
Oxygen concentrator	850	1	850.00
Infrared thermometer	75	5	375.00
Charge of oxygen (25 cylinders 3 times (3 months))	12	75	900.00
Oxygen mask	2	200	400.00
Nebulizer mask + container	2	200	400.00
Fumigation Machine	250	4	1,000.00
Total			4,065.00

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