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Final Report to Caritas Committee, OESSH Netherland

Project title: Urgent Support for the Italian Hospital in Kerak – COVID 19

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Project Summary

In the year 2020, the hospital continued its work despite the curfew and restrictions, while the pandemic has affected their economical situation, as they have to pay salaries, to purchase materials for protection, and to provide transportation, and food to staff who stay overnight shifts. In addition, the patients' income was seriously restricted due to the situation, and many cannot cover the medical expenses...

Due to Coronavirus infections, the government of Jordan has introduced and enforced measures to tackle the spread of COVID-19, which put huge impact on all sectors including the hospitals. Therefore, the urgent objective in the hospitals is to regularly review, follow-up and update safety protocols and measures.

Hospitals' protocol:

The hospital prepared different routes for patient access:

- a) "Triage" area for patients who enter with symptoms of fever, cough, cold or respiratory distress
- b) An entry area for other patients
 - The emergency area remained open only to patients with other pathologies.
 - Maternity patients who have to give birth or monitor are sent directly to the ward
 - Hand disinfection devices have been installed in all hospital wards and service area
 - Infrared thermometers were supplied for use at the different entrance
 - Once a day, disinfection with medical aerosol is carried out in the emergency room, corridors, medical and treatment rooms, examination room, laboratory and radiology and in the room when patients are discharged
 - Surfaces and instruments are cleaned several times with alcohol
 - For ordinary cleaning, chlorine is added
 - Food distribution is done by the kitchen. The trays are washed and bleached for disinfection
 - The use of chlorine is required for laundry
 - The town hall has a weekly plan for the disinfection of exteriors; it also provided signs and brochure to ensure the frontal distances between patients and employees (pharmacy, administration, first aid reception etc.)



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Patients' protocols

- Patients who seems to have coronavirus symptoms at the entrance are referred to triage where temperature and oxygen percentage are taken
- If the suspect is confirmed, they are reported to the government hospital
- Transportation is carried out by ambulance
- After these steps, the premises is disinfected

Persons' protocols

- The Presence of staff is reduced to those that are strictly necessary. External clinics, rehabilitation and one specific ward (selected for isolation) are closed
- All staff on duty are equipped with masks, latex gloves and disposable gown, which they must wear continuously
- Medical soap and antiseptic solution has been prepared for doctors, nurses, patients and visitors
- It is forbidden to external visitors to stay in the corridors
- Only one persons per patient (with non-infectious diseases) is allowed in the room.
- Assembly is prohibited. Everyone must stay at a safe distance
- The hospital has to provide transport to the personnel who live far away and do not have means of transportation during lockdown periods

Despite all these protection procedures, there were some positive cases discovered among staff, and that had put extra burden on the Hospital.

OESSH supported the Italian Hospital in Kerak with a generous grant of (US\$5,296) to purchase device needed urgently due to Covid-19. Therefore, The Italian Hospital in Kerak was able to purchase Ultraviolet lamps for the emergency room.

Items	Price / unit US\$	Quantity	Total price USD
Ultraviolet lamp for disinfection and sterilization emergency room	1,059.00	5	5,296.00
TOTAL			5,296.00