

## **An Urgent Call to All Interested Parties by the Makhmur Refugee Camp Health Committee:**

We as Makhmur Refugees have been living here for over 23 years. Our population is more than 12 thousand, mostly women and children. We are serving here as the Health Committee of these people. We live here under very difficult conditions. This geography we live in has major security, political, economic and social problems. Every day there are attacks by the terrorist organization ISIS, they arrest, kidnap and kill people. An unprecedented embargo has been imposed by the KDP against this camp and innocent people for more than 2 years. Even the most critical and serious patients do not give permission to go to Irbil. As they did not give permission to go to the hospital in Irbil, some of our patients lost their lives while waiting on the road. Likewise, pregnant women were not allowed by the KDP forces, so their children died. We still cannot send our patients to Mosul because of the presence of the ISIS terrorist organization on the road route. On the other hand, our camp is intermittently targeted by Turkish warplanes, resulting in our casualties and injuries. Every day Turkish war reconnaissance planes are circling the camp skies. This causes a very negative psychology among the camp resident. Every day Turkish war reconnaissance planes are circling the camp skies. This causes a very negative psychology among the camp residents.

Compared to the camp population, the number of chronic patients is very high. There are hundreds of diabetics, heart patients, hypertension patients, asthma and cancer patients. On the other hand, seasonal diseases such as influenza, diarrhea and vomiting are common in children. In children, anemia, vitamin deficiency, lack of sufficient nutrition and the problems of staying small of children are important problems.

We are also facing enormous challenges regarding Covid-19. More than 2320 people fell from this disease in the camp, 22 of them died. For example, in the 10th month of this year, 35 people became infected with Covid 19 flu, two person died.

We, as the Health Committee, are experiencing great difficulties in obtaining medicines, medical supplies and necessary aids. Turkish warplanes attacks, the severity of the embargo, and because there is no way, our hospital and its staff are doing their best to do everything. On the other hand, patients do not only come from the camp, but also from the surrounding towns and villages, and this puts more strain on our work and opportunities. Unfortunately, due to our limited resources, we are often not able to respond to our patients as much as necessary. We are making such an urgent call to all interested and conscientious parties in order to provide health services to our people as they need and deserve. This call is a humanitarian and sincere call, we hope you will hear our voice, listen and do your best.

**Note:** We have prepared a list of essential medical and other materials below. Undoubtedly, this list is only a part of our needs. Whatever you can provide to us within your possibilities, we will be pleased with you. From now on, we thank you with our deepest feelings for your humanitarian duty and sincere approach, for your help. Medical supplies we need urgently:

- 1- A COBAS E411 instrument for the laboratory; the price is 30.000 USD.
- 2- We have more than 1500 chronic patients. The financial situation of most of them is very bad and they do not have the opportunity to buy their medicines. Therefore, we need an emergency fund to procure those medicines monthly.
- 3- A CR device is urgently needed for the X-R section. Its price is 20000 American dollars.
- 4- A CTG device is needed for the birth department. Its price is 1500 USD.
- 5- Autoclave device for our dental clinic. Its price is 1500 USD.

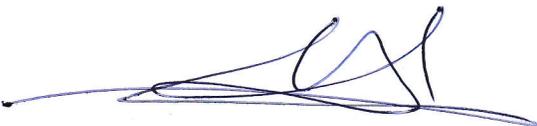
The most urgent of the devices mentioned above is the COBAS E411 device for laboratory. We would be very pleased if it could be provided as soon as possible.

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