Trauma field hospital in Hamam Al-Alil goes 24/7

Mosul, Iraq 27 April 2017: Hamam Al Alil Field Hospital, the second in a chain of trauma field hospitals, opened its doors to treat casualties from West Mosul as part of a joint initiative by the World Health Organization (WHO) with the Federal Ministry of Health, Ninewa Department of Health, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Located in Hamam Al Alil area, about 25 kilometers from the front-lines of west Mosul, the field hospital has 3 operating theaters with 68 beds. Services provided include triage; screening for new and referred patients from stabilization points; advanced life support; definitive wound management; basic fracture management; and a range of general and specialized lifesaving surgical capabilities and referral to post-operative and long-term rehabilitation care services. With the increased demands for emergency obstetric care services, UNFPA is directly supporting an operation theater and additional beds to provide critical life-saving medical interventions to women facing complicated deliveries and other reproductive emergencies.

“The Hamam Alil Field Hospital is another major frontline response measure that will help save more lives and respond to emergency trauma care needs within the golden hour,” said Altaf Musani, WHO Representative to Iraq. “Since the beginning of West Mosul operations in February 2017, more than 8103 patients have been referred to hospitals in and around Mosul. WHO’s commitment to ensure frontline health care in support of the GOI is saving thousands of lives.

Managed by WHO’s implementing partner Aspen Medical, the field hospital will provide a high level of immediate medical care and strengthen the referral pathway; saving lives of those injured or fleeing Mosul. It will also provide direct support to trauma stabilization points on the frontlines, referring severe cases to specialized post-operative care services, and increasing ambulatory care and rehabilitation services.

Strategically and critically placed, the hospital will also serve non-trauma related needs for more than 35000 internally displaced populations residing in Hamam Aleel I and Hamam Aleel II IDP camps.

First-line response hospitals and stabilization points established by WHO so far in coordination with the national health authorities were made possible through the generous financial support from the European Commission’s Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO), the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA), and the UN Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF). However, WHO and health partners under the Humanitarian Response Plan 2017 are appealing for US$ 110 million needed to support health care interventions for 6.2 million people Iraq-wide. The current funding gap of 85% will leave millions of people with limited access to lifesaving health care services and untreated injured patients at risk of physical and emotional lifelong disabilities

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