

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID IS A PRIORITY HEALTH ISSUE

AND LIFE SAVING FOR PALESTINIANS LIVING UNDER OCCUPATION

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The risk of excess morbidity and mortality in the occupied Palestine territory is primarily from traumatic injury or from discontinuation of treatment for chronic conditions due to poor access to health care services.

The priorities include :

- Availability of emergency medical equipments needed for immediate treatment of traumatic injury, burns, and emergency surgical conditions***
- There is disparate need for an adequately functioning pre-hospital emergency medical services (EMS) such as an ambulance service and Emergency Rooms that are adequately staffed and equipped can significantly improve survival rates among those with life-threatening injuries and surgical conditions.***

Unfortunately Palestinian ambulances and Emergency Departments are left without the essential emergency medical equipments expressing deep concern at the serious implications for management of serious emergencies.

There is a great need to support and assist the Palestinian Ministry of Health in carrying out its duties including running and financing public health services and in particular the critical care services.

According to the report of the Sixty –Second World Health Assembly and the note of the Director –General on the health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory expressing its concern at the deterioration of the economic and health conditions as well as the humanitarian crises resulting from severe shortage of emergency medical equipments and affirming the need for preserving the functions of the public health services and emergency medical care.

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