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PROJECT OF UPGRADING OF THE OPHTHALMOLOGY UNIT **ITALIAN HOSPITAL - KARAK**

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a) Storical back ground

Our mission is situated in Karak (Jordan) which is about 140 Km away from the capital Amman. Karak is the poorest Province of Jordan, with a population of 250.000 inhabitants.

The Italian Hospital Karak (IHK) has given its service since 1935 to the people of Karak region and other bordering zones, inhabited by various local and immigrated presences, particularly Bedouin, Kurdish, Gorani,(an African ethnic group) and refugees or migrants: Syrians, Iraqis, Egyptians, Sri Lankans, and Pakistani. It is a mission entrusted to the Comboni Missionary Sisters.

The IHK belongs to A.N.S.M.I. (National Association for Assistance to Italian Missionaries) a charitable foundation. Its aim is to support catholic missionary presences especially in the Islamic world through faith-base institutions. For this reason in the XX century ANSMI built schools and hospitals in the Middle East. One of these hospitals is the Italian Hospital Karak, founded in 1935 and entrusted to the supervision and management of the Comboni Missionary Sisters since its beginning.

The IHK is a non profit institution. The A.N.S.M.I. has helped and supported the IHK in many ways but due to the critical situation of the Middle East especially in Syria (where they have to sustain a school and a hospital) it cannot give extra support for extraordinary expense like upgrading and rehabilitation.

b) Our aim

One of specific aim of our Mission is to be a sign of evangelical testimony and dialogue between Muslims and Christians in the Islamic world through a specific ministry of caring and healing, giving special attention to the poorest and most abandoned.

We share this aim with our personnel working (85 people most of whom are Muslims). We share with them our evangelical passion, respect for life, privileged attention to those who are the poorest and excluded caring and supporting life in all aspects. We share with them our daily mission through a dialogue of life.

c) Services provided by the IHK

The IHK is the only Christian institution which operates in the social-medical field in the South.

Statistic Records IHK's work of 2016

NUMBER HOSPITAL BEDS	50
PATIENT ADMISSIONS	4187
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (OPD)	7764
Maternity: Normal Deliveries+ C/S+ D&C	978
General Surgical Operations	1786
Endoscopy	59
Radiology Tests	12518
Laboratory Tests	New
CT scan	579
SHOCKWAVE procedure	208
MAMMOGRAM	57
ECOCARDIOGRAM	200
EMG Test	207
CATARACT OPERATIONS (new)	97
SPECIALITY CLINIC VISITS	9255
1. Ophthalmology clinic	4631
2. Urology clinic	1694
3. Nutritionist Clinic	458
4. Neurologist Clinic (2 months)	85
5. Psychiatric Clinic	256
6. Cardiology clinic	508
7. Endocrinology clinic	664
8. Nephrology clinic	695

9. Neurosurgery clinic	264
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In the last 5 years the IHK has been facing a new situation due to the emergency of Syrians Refugees who have fled across borders.

It is known that Jordanian Government allows Syrian people to enter the country and to stay but in the last years he cannot cope with free medical service. Therefore, the IHK has opened its doors and welcomes those in need especially maternity cases, children and other medical and surgical cases who need emergency treatment. ***Last year the IHK treated more than 2300 Syrian refugees.***

d) Our need

We are challenge every day to continue the journey to keep this presence in order to serve the people in a better way within the standard required by the Ministry of Health. If we want to remain we have to improve our standard.

A speciality that we are developing **because not present in the south of Jordan is the *Ophthalmology Department*** which consist of a OPD clinic, a Surgical Unit. Recently a Laser Unit was doneted.

The OPD clinic was opened eight years ago serving the population of Karak and the surrounding Province. Thanks to donors we could open at the end of 2015 a Surgical Ophthalmology Unit in our Operation Room Department which has been very successful. In September 2017 we managed to open the Laser Unit completing the necessary procedure for the patients who otherwise had to go to Amman

e) Reason for this request:

Many times our Ophthalmologist doctors have asked to upgrade this unit so that they can perform here in the South Surgical Operations and other procedures which are largely requested and needed by the population.

Now the patients can have their surgical intervention and Laser procedures here in Karak avoiding to go to Amman.

Last year 2016 the OPD Ophthalmology clinic was visited by 4631 patients.

This year the number is even higher.

We had since the beginnig of the surgical project more than 500 surgical procedure with 2014 cataract operations.

But the Ophthalmology Unit is not completed; At the moment the patients who need diagnostic procedures are sent to Amman which is a burden for the families (financially and logistically). There are many diabetic patients, patients with problems of retina, glaucoma etc who need ct scan and ultrasound of the eyes before any treatment. Many patients cannot afford this journey specially the elderly and the refugees.

f) Proposed Budget

The plan is to equip the Ophthalmology Unit with Diagnostic Equipments.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Autoref Keratometer – NIDEX - Japan
Autorefractors are used to measure the degree of refractive error in the eye, and are suited well toward applications such as differentiating corneal from lenticular aberrations, and assessing pre-and-post refractive surgery patients.

cost of the equipment : Manufacturer : NIDEX – JAPAN

- **AUTOREF KERATOMETER JD. 4.000**

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g) Our accountability and financial possibilities,

The IHK is a nonprofit institution.

The ANSMI has helped and supported us in many ways but as we said at the beginning, due to the critical situation of the Middle East at the moment cannot help us in our project of upgrading.

The IHK can afford to cover the daily running expenses but cannot face extraordinary operating costs.

Regarding this project the IHK can cover the expense for the preparation of the room and provide personnel for the running of the unit.

What it is needed is th Diagnostic Equipment.

h) Situations affecting our mission today

As it is known Jordan is passing through a time of fragility and vulnerability because surrounded by conflicts.

This has indeed a repercussion on the daily life of people. Even IHK has perceived this moment of uncertainty and lives a particular stressing time especially concerning finances due to Jordan economical situation.

Another situation which is affecting us is the Syrian crisis. As we have anticipated before, the IHK has been called since 2013 to face the emergency situation of Syrian Refugees who have fled across borders. The number is steadily increasing even in Karak.

Till today the number of Refugees in Jordan is not changed. The UNHCR stated that in Jordan, over 650,000 men, women and children are currently trapped in exile (these number is referred to registered in UNHCR but it is known that other 600.000 thousand are present).

Many of them are still living in camps but quite a good number of people have found a shelter in the villages and cities around the country reaching even the south of Jordan.

This situation is touching and challenging us continually in a special way. We try to answer the medical needs of the Syrian refugees with the help of donors that now are decreasing sensibly.

Therefore we are trying to answer the emergency with our small budget collected through private donors for help.

That is why we cannot put anything aside for extra or extraordinary expenses.

This diagnostic equipment will help us even to enhance our sustainability because it guarantees an income for the hospital

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2. Organization

ITALIAN HOSPITAL – KARAK (ANSMI)

Comboni Missionary Sisters

3. Legal status : ITALIAN HOSPITAL - A.N.S.M.I.

Establishment / registration details:

The A.N.S.M.I. has been registered In Jordan in the Ministry of Justice – Official Gazette with the declaration by the Ministry of Justice of the above Association issued on 30th November 1930

The IHK's license was registered on 30th November 1930. It was Renewed on 25/9/1963 and on 27/2/2005

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We thank you in advance for anything you can do to help us in order to continue our mission in this part of the world.

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ATT. Pro- forma invoices and brochures