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Attention To the president of ROTARY - TRIPOLI

Subject: Equipping for MAMMOGRAPHY.

Reference: The General Management Organization of

Tripoli Governmental Hospital.

Greetings,

Tripoli Governmental Hospital is a public organization working under the guardianship of the Ministry of Public Health; it has been established according to the decree number 7262 on the 8/2/2002 (establishment of a public organization to manage Tripoli Governmental Hospital and appointment of its board of directors, its Manager and its authorized representative).

Tripoli Governmental Hospital is located in the Kobbé Region behind the army's barrack at a distance of about 250m from the Lebanese University, Faculty of Sciences, branch III. The hospital consists of five floors designed and equipped according to the latest scientific requirements based on the international systems for hospital establishment, in order to assure the security against accidents and fire and contagion between the departments, number of beds 220 beds.

Due to its geographical location, the hospital attracts patients from all the regions of Tripoli and the North and mostly the indigent popular regions, for instance Al Tebbané, Al Denniyé, Al Fawar, Meryata, and some regions of Zgharta, Al Denniyé and Akkar, in addition in some occurrences Al Koura and Batroun.

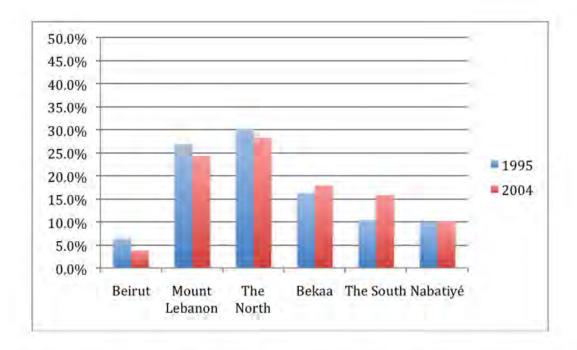
The currently operational departments in the Hospital:

- Department of Obstetrics and Gynecological Surgery (medical cooperation agreement with the American University of Beirut).
- Pediatrics' Department.
- Neonatal Intensive Care Department (the largest department in the North and Lebanon according to statistics in cooperation with the American University).
- Surgical Department (all kinds of Orthopedic surgery Cerebral and Neurological surgery Pediatric Surgery General Surgery Laparoscopic Surgery, Ophthalmologic Surgery)
- Internal Medicine Department with Gastrointestinal Endoscopy unit.
- Intensive Care Unit
- Radiology Department (Helical scanner, heart and blood vessels Ultrasonography, MAMMOGRAPHY)
- Laboratory Department
- Physiotherapy Department

The hospital has also five operating rooms and the number of operational beds is currently around 100 beds. Considering that the hospital's capacity is of 220 beds, patients' occupancy rate is between 90 and 100% monthly.

The North region is one of the most deprived and impoverished regions as shown by a study entitled "Lebanon's Map of Human poverty and Living Conditions". This is the third study among a series of studies addressing the mapping of the living conditions in Lebanon. The study has been issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and the United Nations' development program in the context of "a project to build competencies in order to limit poverty".

The study's results show that the level of deprivation in Lebanon is still relatively elevated, and, as for the North, the study revealed that its share of deprived families reached more than 25%.



In this context, the same study proves that the North's share of deprived families is more than 72% in the health sector.

It is also clearly noted that the North Province in Lebanon occupies the highest percentage of financial poverty by 35%, followed by the South Province at 24%, with the lowest poverty level in Beirut with 1%, next is Al Nabatiyé Province at 91%. As to the total percentage of poverty, according to the Financial Poverty Line, considering all of Lebanon, it is of 6.82%.

However, we must clarify that financial poverty is measured according to the level of nutritional and non-nutritional consumption obtained from the Lebanese families' expenditure records. The Guide for Families' Economical Situation contains six indicators, which include: the family (and the individual), work and ownership of home appliances, means of transportation. These imply the knowledge of the living conditions, knowing the level of people saturation in a given city, their different needs, in quantity and quality. Even though the modern individual's needs have become numerous and various, especially in developed countries, we are able to limit these needs onto essential fields: Food, Habitat, Education, and Health.

According to this study, it appears that the North Province is the poorest and the most deprived generally among Lebanese provinces.

40% of Akkar's population is living with a monthly income of less than 500,000 LBP (333 USD), and also 75% of population in Al Minyé and Al Denniyé, and 39.9% of Tripoli's population.

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Tripoli Governmental Hospital's management respectfully hopes that you will fulfill this deprived region's dream by using new digital mammography, to keep the name of the ROTARY shining in the service of the individual, wherever he might be. To discover breast cancer in early stage saving the life of womens in TRIPOLI and LEBANON. Furthermore, we put all the hospital's capabilities at your disposal to assist you in your humanitarian work, we are thus willing to receive all womens over 40 years of ages for mammography free of charge from first October to the and of January evry year at the expense of the Ministry of General Health, and we are also willing to receive patients in other departments when necessary.

Our Regards,

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Signed and sealed Chairman
Tripoli Governmental Hospital

Dr. Fawaz Hallab.

Herewith attached:

- List of the required machinery and prices
- Technical brochures for the required machines