

IRFAN Medical Center

In 1980, seven years after its venture in the charitable educational service field, Irfan took up a new challenge with the creation of a dispensary and a field emergency medical operation meaning to cope with hundreds of war cases resulting from civil war, raging then in the capital and in Mount Lebanon.

Then, came the Israeli invasion of 1982 followed by the widening of the war zone thus creating an absolute need for a full service hospital, why roads to the capital were cut off thus preventing the mobilization of patients and war injured and also making it impossible to get medical supplies to the region.



Irfan's dispensary grew fast and became a general hospital in 1983. As war went on, that hospital project gained a tremendous amount of support from the side of the public who needed it badly, and from the side of the international emergency relief communities, why, Irfan hospital played then, in the Shouf region, the role of an emergency relief platform in the service of war victims of all political and confessional backgrounds without any discrimination whatsoever. IN 1983, Irfan was the only humanitarian hospital operating in the high and low Shouf regions of Mount Lebanon with a residents' count of more than two hundred thousand Lebanese citizens added to thousands of displaced families who fled to the inner Shouf away from war zones in the capital.

Since early 1990, Irfan hospital formally known as "Irfan medical center" was subject to several development and rehabilitation projects implemented by the mother Irfan Establishment in the process of; repairing war damages first, and development later, thus hoping to bring the hospital up to the expectations of the community and to fulfill the needs of the public. Two new floors were added to the hospital with the support of save the children for the first and the European Community, for the second, while the French and the American and the Japanese cooperation programs played a major role in equipping the new floors and some times in the rehabilitation process that was implemented all along the period falling between 1990 and 2005.

Alongside the major projects mentioned above other smaller projects were also implemented with several local and international donors especially YMCA, CARITAS, the international red cross and crescent, world vision, the catholic relief, and many others...

Irfan hospital offers the following services:

- * *External out patients service (six clinics).*
- * *ORL, Ophthalmology, endocrinology and dermatology.*
- * *Gynecology and obstetrics (specialized service)*
- * *Cardiology, Gastro-enterology, and internal medicine.*
- * *Pediatrics and neo-natology. (specialized service)*
- * *Physical and functional rehabilitation. (Specialized service)*
- * *Emergency medical and surgical services.*
- * *General and orthopedic surgeries.*
- * *Medical imagery service, Radio, Echo and CT scan.*
- * *Medical Laboratories*
- * *A chronic medication dispensing service.*

Medical beds, disciplines and disposition:

(As per presently available spaces and equipment)

- *35 beds reserved for hospitalization and surgeries.*
- *8 beds for infants and neo-natology.*
- *3 beds reserved for emergency and observation.*
- *4 day beds reserved for physical rehabilitation.*

Irfan hospital monthly service capacity:

(As per presently available spaces and equipment)

- *1200 day/bed hospitalization a month.*
- *300 Emergency interventions.*
- *> 150 surgical interventions and major surgeries.*
- *> 50 deliveries.*
- *1500 out patients' consultations.*
- *1000 Medical imagery acts.(R.X, ultrasound, C.T)*
- *3500 Laboratory tests.*
- *> 180 physical rehabilitation sessions.*
- *Numerous other medical activities (Endoscopies, E.C.G, etc.)*
- *Several hundred chronic medicine dispensing.*

Irfan hospital offers its medical services on a non profit basis while poor and underprivileged patients receive free medical attention added to follow-ups including medications and transportation when necessity is confirmed.

The signed protocols and agreements with the ministry of health, the social security fund and the different governmental and non governmental health insurance agencies have proven to be insufficient to cope with real numbers and types of cases needing medical attention thus making it most necessary for Irfan's own social fund to cover the needs of the citizens for what exceeds the above mentioned protocols.

This situation has negative repercussions affecting the operational budget of the hospital as it limits, if not, prevents Irfan's capability to implement the most needed development and rehabilitation projects, including medical equipment replacement and reconstruction.

Consequent to that situation, and to cope with the needs of the public, Irfan recurs to fund raising and to partnerships with many of its friends and supporters locally and internationally with the aim of developing its services and renewing its equipment when the need arises. This cooperation already helped the hospital in developing its medical cadres thru an important twinning partnership signed with the hospital of ST. Maurice in Paris /France.

Facing the always growing need from the side of the public, and responding to the governmental calls and encouragement by the ministry of health, Irfan and other N.G.O.'s are still trying to offer the necessary medical services to those who need it and can't afford its cost, therefore, and to do so, N.G.O. hospitals like ours, are obliged to spend most of their budgets on covering the cost of the services they offer to the public free of charge thus making it very difficult to develop, expand infrastructures, or to renew the old, aging or broken down equipments presently used.

In front of the above mentioned situation, Irfan still hopes to keep on cooperating with its partners, in order to be able to develop the hospital services' quality and quantity in close cooperation with the Lebanese government and ministries, and according to the overall national future planning, and projected aims and goals set to reach by the ministry of health.

We also hope to find new partners in this field, with whom we can cooperate and work together for the sake of those Lebanese who need us on their side, in their effort towards reaching a better future for the new Lebanon and its new generations.