



World Lebanese Cultural Union of Sydney Incorporated

Beirut, November 12th, 2020

Dear Dr. Shane Geha

On the 4th of August 2020, Beirut suffered an explosion of immense magnitude which was felt as far as 150 miles away. To date, its aftermath has left more than 160 people dead, 5,000 injured and 300,000 homeless. In addition to the tragic loss of life, the vibrant cultural centre of Beirut is in the form of shattered glass and destroyed integral infrastructure which has caused a complete destruction of Saint George Hospital University Medical Centre.

Our hospital, situated extremely close to the epicentre of the explosion, heartbreakingly lost four of our cherished nursing staff, twelve patients and one visitor. Also, more than a 100 of our healthcare professionals, doctors, residents, nurses and administrative staff sustained injuries, some of which are critical. Our hospital encompasses five basement levels, nine above ground levels with 55 departments and 400 beds. The impact of the blast has destroyed more than 80% of our medical equipment, networks, and systems. The laboratory has suffered 50% damage and all clinics are beyond destroyed. Leaving us with nothing but a skeleton of concrete and steel. Only with the support of philanthropists such as yourselves is when we can start to rise again and recuperate the damages affecting our hospital.

Your generous in kind donation (Medicine from “Hikma”: LBP 29,223,372; Abela: LBP 6,943,802 and Mersaco: LBP 35,915,500) will greatly help us during this critical time.

We send you our heartfelt appreciation for your donation and wish you all the health and safety.

Together We Can!

Sincerely,

Edgard E. Jougou
Chief Executive Officer