I am now suffering from cancer but I think I will not even venture and start my treatment, because if I do not make it following the surgery and the treatment, I will leave behind a widow and three little kids with thousands of dollars of debts. I cannot afford to do it.

AHMED | FATHER OF THREE

Contribute to CARE: UNRWA welcomes any financial contribution that would ensure sustainability and better management of the program.

In-kind contribution: in-kind contributions are also welcome. These can be in the form of offering supported services in specialized hospitals, discounted prices, provision of medical supplies for catastrophic conditions.

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average cost per patient is estimated at $25,000 per year, of which UNRWA is only able to cover $5,000.

- Cardiovascular interventions: around 300 patients necessitate surgical intervention each year. Some interventions cost up to $16,000 for the insertion of pacemakers, stents or valves, of which UNRWA is only able to cover $4,000.

- Joint and bone surgeries: around 100 patients require surgeries each year. The average cost per patient is $8,000, of which UNRWA covers $1,200.

- Advanced intensive care services: around 2,000 patients per year require treatment in Intensive Care Units. The average cost per admission is not less than $10,000 of which UNRWA covers $3,000.

- Sophisticated treatment in tertiary care hospitals: around 1,400 patients are in need of such costly treatment and the contribution of UNRWA remains limited to a ceiling of $3,000 per admission; some require long-life treatment of chronic diseases such as Multiple Sclerosis with a yearly average cost of $15,000 for medications. So far, UNRWA has been unable to assist those patients.

In April 2011, UNRWA launched the “CARE Program” aiming at improving the accessibility of patients to the medical care needed and alleviating their financial burden. The Agency has allocated a start-up fund for this program and is looking for additional support from other stakeholders to respond better to the growing needs in this field.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BENEFIT FROM CARE PROGRAM?

Beneficiaries are Palestine refugees entitled to receive UNRWA services and who are:

- Admitted to contracted or non-contracted hospitals with UNRWA and whose condition is classified as catastrophic.
- Patients suffering from catastrophic diseases such as Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis and other conditions whose out-patient treatment is significantly costly.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY CARE

- Financial support to eligible patients whose in-patient hospitalization bill exceeds $8000 per admission. This support ranges from 10% to 25% of the bill.
- Financial support to Cancer patients towards medications and radiotherapy sessions.
- Financial support to patients suffering from severe chronic diseases such as Multiple Sclerosis and Liver Cirrhosis.
- Coordination with other stakeholders providing support for the medical treatment of Palestine refugees.
- Provision of sophisticated specialized care, at preferential rates in some high quality hospitals.
- Targeted individual fundraising for rare and very expensive medical treatments such as bone marrow transplantation.

MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM

The program is managed by staff members from UNRWA’s health department. A set of clear defined objective criteria for supporting patients has been developed, ensuring transparency, equity and fairness. Detailed reports including financial statements and statistical data will be issued periodically and shared with the donors as requested.