

Al Imaan hospital, Syria

Human Appeal has been supporting Al Imaan hospital in the region of Big Orem in Western rural Aleppo since early 2015, providing relief to vulnerable people in need of medical assistance, more specifically, women and children. The hospital also provided critical pre and post natal assistance to expectant and new mothers along with their infants. However, the security situation deteriorated in the region with constant airstrikes. According to the incident report prepared by the HPF the hospital was almost hit by an airstrike on the 20th of August, 2016.

In response, HA was forced to stop implementing some of the scheduled activities, due to the continued air strikes. The hospital was closed for a few days after which HA's SHM in Turkey proposed a few amendments to the activities to ensure the beneficiaries are provided with the necessary health care.

These included:

1. **Re-location of the hospital:** It took one month to relocate to a building in Qah, Idlib 38.8 km from the existing area of project implementation in Big Orem. The new building consists of 17 rooms, which now provides similar services to the same number of beneficiaries whilst ensuring staff safety. This new location consists of an operating room, pharmacy, paediatric (furnished with 10 incubators) and gynaecology clinic, laboratory, separate resident rooms for both women and men, labour room, waiting room, administration room and emergency room. This is now operational as a 24/7 hospital.
2. **Primary Health Care (PHC) Centre:** The Al Imaan PHC was established in the sub district near Al Atarib and Shiekh Ali in Big Orim, Western rural Aleppo. This centre provides specialised paediatric, gynaecological, nutritionist and dental services. The health centre staff consists of a paediatrician, gynaecologist, general physician, nutritionist, midwife, 2 nurses, a pharmacist, Community Health Workers (CHWs) and data entry personnel. The target beneficiaries will include IDPs and host communities. The service covers the same beneficiaries and areas of Al-Imaan hospital. The centre currently works from 9 am to 2 pm and either treats patients in the centre or refers them to nearby functional hospitals.
3. **Mobile Clinic-** The mobile clinic is now providing services in various regions of Western Rural Aleppo and currently reaches three communities. This clinic includes 1 general physician, 1 midwife, 2 nurses, 1 CHW and 1 pharmacist. The clinic provides its service either on site or aids in referral and transportation to a functional hospital in the region.

According to the regional health cluster coordinator, HA is the new only organization providing paediatric services through Al Imaan hospital, the PHC and mobile clinic in their respective areas. Other existing medical facilities and mobile clinics only provide Reproductive health (RH) and PHC.

In summary, the Al Imaan hospital is functional in Qah, Idlib, the PHC and mobile clinic are operational in Western rural Aleppo.