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- HDF Social Solidarity Fund
- State-of-the-art medical equipment
- Interdisciplinary healthcare education programs



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Health and healthcare are at the heart of our priorities and our "USJ, Aspire for More" fundraising campaign!

USJ 150TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



As the Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ) celebrates its 150th anniversary, we remain deeply committed to upholding our legacy of excellence and innovation, particularly in the critical field of healthcare. With this commitment in mind, we proudly introduce the “USJ, Aspire for More” fundraising campaign. Part of this initiative is dedicated to Hôtel-Dieu de France (HDF), our university medical center, and the USJ-HDF network, which comprises five strategically located satellite hospitals across Lebanon: Baabda, Keserwan, Zahle, Akkar, and Zgharta. At the heart of our mission lies the steadfast goal of providing comprehensive healthcare to all Lebanese citizens.

Prof. Salim Daccache, SJ
 Rector of Saint Joseph University of Beirut
 Chairman of the HDF Board of Directors

The healthcare sector must never weaken or fail in its noble mission of saving lives. That’s why a significant part of our campaign is dedicated to supporting our university medical center, *Hôtel-Dieu de France*. We call upon our Alumni, friends, and partners to join us in this endeavor, as it is our duty to make healthcare accessible to all.

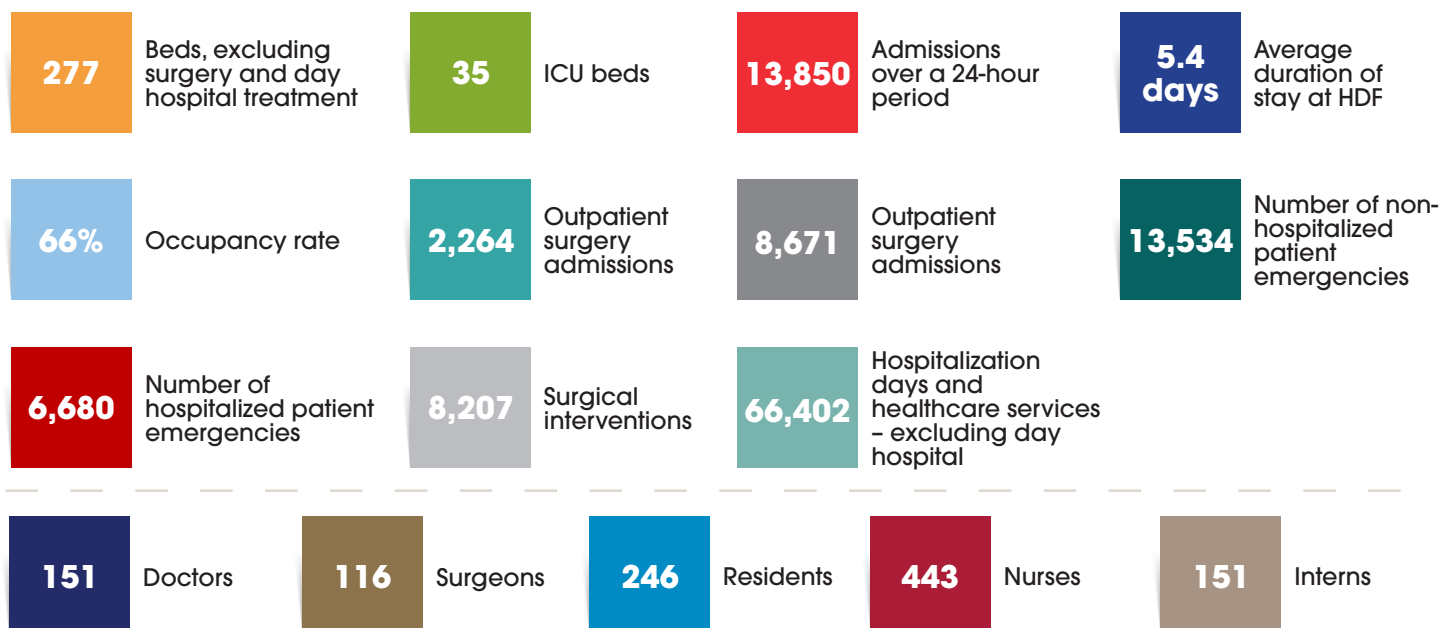
Providing essential medical care to disadvantaged patients, regardless of their financial situation, is a necessity that we cannot achieve without your support.

Join us in this noble cause and be a part of the change. Your support is vital in providing immediate access to healthcare, and your generosity will ensure that financially disadvantaged patients receive the essential medical treatments they need.

Your contribution, regardless of its size, will make a real difference in the lives of our patients. Each donation will help save a life by offering hope for recovery and ensuring a better quality of life.

Together, let’s make a difference and provide much-needed relief to those who need it most.

KEY FIGURES OF HÔTEL-DIEU DE FRANCE



HOW TO SUPPORT HDF, OUR UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, AND ITS PATIENTS?



HDF SOCIAL SOLIDARITY FUND

As a result of the economic crisis that has been affecting Lebanon for over four years, many patients find themselves unable to cover their hospital bills. To meet the growing need for assistance among these patients, the University Medical Center, *Hôtel-Dieu de France* (HDF), has established a "Social Solidarity Fund." This fund aims to provide financial support to those in need, particularly individuals who do not have access to social security or private insurance coverage. The establishment and operation of this fund are integral to HDF's social and public mission. We strive to ensure that no patient is denied essential medical care due to financial constraints. Your support will contribute to providing vital assistance and access to healthcare for those who need it. Our aim is to raise a total of \$9 million (\$9M).



KEY FIGURES

Overview of social support

In 2022, 10,576 patients were supported by the HDF Social Solidarity Fund for a total of \$ 2,780,411

In 2023, 8,505 patients were supported by the HDF Social Solidarity Fund for a total of \$ 2,876,384





STATE-OF-THE-ART MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

We are committed to providing our hospital with state-of-the-art medical equipment, ensuring our healthcare professionals have access to high-performance technological tools. Such equipment is essential to achieve top-quality outcomes and offer the most appropriate healthcare to our patients. Our aim is to raise a total of \$15 million (\$15M) to fulfill this objective.

Priority Medical Equipment Needs

We have determined four vital pieces of equipment urgently required by our hospital, HDF, to meet the growing needs of our patients. This equipment is essential to the diagnosis, treatment and well-being of patients who depend on our healthcare services. cf. Appendix 1



INTERDISCIPLINARY HEALTHCARE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Our doctors, nurses, and medical researchers engage in ongoing training through diverse programs to stay abreast of healthcare advancements and meet the demands of the hospital and medical sectors. Equipping them with knowledge and skills helps improve public health, as they play a pivotal role in promoting collective well-being and building a healthy community



Testimonial from an oncology patient

"For over 7 months, my father has been receiving cancer treatment at HDF. Frankly, our financial situation doesn't enable us to afford the necessary care. We weren't aware that there was a financial aid service that could help us and cover some of our expenses thanks to generous donations. It was there that we met Ms. Denise, who supported us in this struggle. We would like to thank the hospital administration for their significant support, offering discounts on substantial bills, and all those who financially contributed to easing our financial burden. We are very grateful to them!"

Testimonial from a patient with a chronic illness

"I am originally from Jezzine and have served as a firefighter for 33 years. I suffer from a severe illness, and unfortunately, my salary is insufficient to cover the cost of a single medication. The Lebanese government, the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), and the Cooperative of Civil Servants, to which I turned for help, were unable to cover the cost of my medications, which amounted to 50 million Lebanese pounds. It was only the administration of *Hôtel-Dieu de France* that took care of me, thanks to the donations it receives from generous donors. It is thanks to them that I am still alive. I am deeply grateful to all those who contributed to my recovery and wish them a long life."

On behalf of USJ future graduates whose educational opportunities rely on your support, we would like to express our deep gratitude. Your generosity will contribute to shaping a promising future for these students and the communities they will serve.

For your donations: <https://www.hdf.usj.edu.lb/fr/don>

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APPENDIX 1

PRIORITY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS

We are reaching out to seek your generosity and support in helping us acquire this vital medical equipment. Your contribution will greatly enhance our hospital's ability to deliver quality healthcare and save lives.

In the following sections, we will elaborate on the necessary equipment and their importance in our mission to provide healthcare to the HDF community. Your support can make a significant difference in the lives of many patients.

Flat wpanel detector for neonatology

Budget : \$26,000



This device allows for X-rays to be done without having to move the newborn, who might have multiple catheters or drains, which can be difficult to immobilize. The detector is simply placed inside the cassette at the bottom of the incubator.

Beneficiaries : Newborns in intensive care.

MRI-compatible anesthesia ventilator

Budget : \$65,000



This device represents a true ray of hope for patients who require general anesthesia during an MRI.

Beneficiaries :

- Patients in intensive care who are sedated, intubated, and ventilated.
- Claustrophobic patients who necessitate MRI under general anesthesia.
- Children who cannot be sedated due to lack of appropriate equipment, and for whom the damage caused by MRI without anesthesia may lead to a deterioration in pediatric care.

Ultrasound machine

Budget : \$125,000



Ultrasound and Doppler ultrasound machines are commonly requested, non-invasive first-line screening tests, often serving as an extension of clinical examinations. Our current ultrasound machine, which dates to 2012, is outdated. It's essential to replace it with a newer model to keep pace with the ongoing advancements in technology, which offer more precise and efficient results for our patients.

Beneficiaries : All categories of patients.

Two UHD-4K endo-laparoscopic surgery columns

Budget : \$20,000



The 4K surgical columns enable surgeons to perform minimally invasive techniques, reducing trauma for patients and providing better visibility inside the body, allowing for highly precise surgical procedures. Employing this technique significantly reduces post-operative pain, enabling rapid recovery and a quick return to normal activities for patients.

Beneficiaries : More than 2/3 of surgeries are performed using minimally invasive techniques, benefiting many patients. Those who will benefit most are individuals requiring abdominal surgeries (such as liver, kidney, bladder, prostate, colon, and uterus surgeries).