

COVID-19 Contingency Plan for Mount-Lebanon and South Beqaa

Executive Summary

The outbreak of the coronavirus has reached critical levels in Lebanon which is threatening people's lives and exhausting healthcare facilities.

According to the health authorities: the confirmed cases, the need for intensive care unit (ICU) beds, and the mortality rate have all increased dramatically since the beginning of 2021.

Moreover, the political and economic crisis in Lebanon, coupled with currency fluctuation, left the government unable to cope with the situation. Therefore, **help is needed to efficiently allocate funds to help our people in Mount-Lebanon and South Beqaa that are in dire need.**

We have come up with 3 main initiatives for a swift response:

- 1- Increase the number of ICU beds in the local hospitals.
- 2- Provide homecare at home or in quarantine centers - this includes nursing care, meals, and medications.
- 3- Provide social and financial assistance for out-of-pocket payments that are not covered by government for in-hospital stay and medications that are not covered.

Contributions to help in funding these projects will have a positive impact on people and society.

Finding a place in the ICU will be easier, home care will prevent the deterioration of the patient condition, and help in early discharge of patients from hospitals to homecare facilities and social assistance will create a safety net for the less fortunate that have already been hit hard by the economic and monetary crisis.

Required Funding per project

1- COVID ICU Beds

Number of beds needed	Cost per bed	Total funding Required
40	\$50,000 USD	\$2,000,000 USD

2- Home Care Services (Home / Quarantine Centers)

a- Capital Investment

Required Purchases	Required Funding
Digital Thermometers	12,000
Digital Oximeters	24,000
Oxygen Generators	154,000
TOTAL	\$190,00 USD

b- Running Costs

Nursing care, meals*, and medications	Per Patient (10 days)	Monthly Funding Required
Home Care	LBP 573,000	LBP 502,920,000
Quarantine Center**	LBP 670,510	LBP 281,614,200

*Meals are provided to patients in Quarantine Centers. Meal per patient approximate cost is LBP 25,000

**Quarantine centers are available in Wardaniyeh, Bhamdoun and Chouf

3- Social Financial Support/ Assistance

In-hospital Bed type	Cost of Hospital Bed	Hospital Bed + Medication***
Regular Bed	LBP 1,000,000	LBP 3,750,000
ICU	LBP 2,475,000	LBP 5,225,000

***Both ICU and Regular Bed patients require medications which cost LBP 2,750,00