



St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

- St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group (SJEHG) was established in 1882. We are the only charitable provider of expert eye care in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem.
- In 2016 we treated over 125,000 outpatients (including 42,000 children) regardless of race, religion or ability to pay, including performing over 4800 major operations.
- There are 4.6 million Palestinians living in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza.
- Over the past ten years SJEHG has seen over 1 million patients across the region.
- The cost of our charitable work amounts to £8.3 million annually.

LOCAL HEALTH

- The rate of blindness in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt) is ten times higher than in the West. 80% of all blindness is preventable.
- By the year 2020 economic productivity loss for impaired vision in the Middle East is projected to grow from \$2b (in year 2000) to \$6.8b (WHO, 2003).
- The incidence of diabetes amongst the Palestinian community is very high, at approximately 12–15%. This is three times higher than in the West.
- Diabetic retinopathy affects up to 80% of all people who have had diabetes for ten years or more.

JERUSALEM HOSPITAL

- 75% of Palestinians in East Jerusalem live below the poverty line.
- In 2016, our Hospital treated over 42,100 patients including performing approximately 3800 major operations.
- The Hospital is the first in the oPt to receive the prestigious Joint Commission International accreditation, the gold standard for healthcare world wide.
- The most complex eye-related cases are referred to the Jerusalem Hospital from Ministry of Health, UNRWA and St John medical centres across Gaza and the West Bank.

MURISTAN CLINIC

- Our Muristan Clinic opened in 2016 and hopes to see over 5000 outpatients annually
- It is located in the heart of the Old City, and on the site of the original Crusader hospital from where our charity's history originates.

WEST BANK

- 1/5 patients (and their companions) are denied permits to enter Jerusalem for medical care from the West Bank, which is why our satellite services were set up in the mid 2000s.
- **HEBRON** is located in the south of the West Bank, with over 500,000 people living in the surrounding villages.
- Our Hebron Hospital treated over 13,600 patients in 2016, and including performing over 500 major operations. Our new premises, opened in November 2015, is more central and has a much greater capacity.
- **ANABTA** is in the north of the West Bank. Many of its residents are refugees from Gaza, and it is easily accessible from Nablus, Tulkarem and Jenin.
- In 2016, our Anabta Clinic treated over 21,000 people.

GAZA

- 2 million people are 'locked in' the Gaza Strip due to the blockade. It is one of the most heavily populated areas in the world.
- 72% of Gazans are refugees and 80% of the population rely on international aid (UNRWA).
- 1/3 of patients (and their companions) are denied permits to enter the West Bank and Jerusalem for medical care.
- Our original clinic opened in 1992 and our new bigger hospital opened in 2016, allowing us to reach more patients in the oPt's most vulnerable region.
- In 2016, over 27,000 Gazans received eye care in our Hospital, including performing over 500 major operations.

MOBILE OUTREACH

- Our Mobile Outreach Programme was set up in 1980 in response to the difficulties experienced by patients who were struggling to reach our medical facilities.
- The programme takes essential eye care to some of the most remote and impoverished communities in the West Bank.
- In 2016, the programme reached over 18,000 patients.
- In 2017 we will be rolling out a similar programme in the Gaza Strip.

DIABETIC RETINOPATHY SCREENING PROGRAMME

- Our Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Programme monitors diabetic retinopathy (retinal damage to the eye caused by diabetes which may cause blindness) among patients in the West Bank.
- The initial project (2012–2016) saw over 44,500 patients screened and over 13,600 patients were referred for diabetic retinopathy treatment.
- Findings from the project are to be incorporated into the Palestinian national health programmes.
- We took this programme to refugee camps in Jordan in 2016, the first time any of our services have been projected into a neighbouring country.

STAFF TRAINING

- Our Hospitals and Clinics employ 236 staff, including 33 doctors and 84 nurses.
- Our Medical Residency Programme trains local doctors as ophthalmic specialists over four years, investing in the shattered local infrastructure.
- Two residents graduated in 2016, three medical residents continued their studies and two new residents will begin their training in April 2017.
- Our Sir Stephen Miller School of Nursing trains nurses to become ophthalmic specialists; in 2016 six nurses completed our programme.
- Our Gaza Nursing Assistant Programme, which runs every two years, and aims to train registered nurses from Gaza in ophthalmic care. The course trained fifteen ophthalmic assistants in 2016.
- We work with Israel's Hadassah Medical Center to provide doctors with otherwise unattainable advanced training in ophthalmology under our Joint Teaching Programme.

PEACE IN SIGHT: JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMME

- In February 2016, a three year project was formalised to establish SJEHG's research unit in collaboration with the Israeli Hadassah Medical Center. As well as setting an example about working cooperatively through humanitarian work, this research unit will help us improve our treatment of genetic eye diseases in the oPt.