Mosul, Iraq, 27 April 2017 – Hamam Al-Alil Field Hospital, the second in a chain of trauma field hospitals, has opened its doors to treat casualties from west Mosul as part of a joint initiative by the World Health Organization (WHO), Federal Ministry of Health, Ninewa Department of Health, and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Located in the Hamam Al-Alil area, about 25 kilometers from the front-lines of west Mosul, the field hospital has 3 operating theaters with 68 beds. It provides important medical services including triage, screening for new and referred patients from stabilization points, advanced life support, definitive wound management, basic fracture management, and a range of general and specialized lifesaving surgical capabilities and referral to post-operative and long-term rehabilitation care services. With the increased demand for emergency obstetric care services, UNFPA is supporting an operational theater and additional beds to provide critical life-saving medical interventions to women facing complicated deliveries and other reproductive health emergencies.

“The Hamam Al-Alil Field Hospital is another major frontline response measure that will help save more lives and respond to emergency trauma care needs within the golden hour,” said Altaf Musani, WHO Representative to Iraq. “Since the beginning of west Mosul operations in February 2017, more than 8103 patients have been referred to hospitals in and around Mosul. WHO’s commitment to ensure frontline health care in support of the Government of Iraq is saving thousands of lives.”

Managed by WHO’s implementing partner Aspen Medical, the field hospital will provide a high level of immediate medical care and strengthen the referral pathway, saving the lives of those injured or fleeing Mosul. It will also provide direct support to trauma stabilization points on the frontlines, referring severe cases to specialized post-operative care services, and increasing ambulatory care and rehabilitation services.

Strategically and critically placed, the hospital will also serve non-trauma related needs for more than 35 000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) residing in Hamam Al-Alil 1 and Hamam Al-Alil 2 IDP camps.

The first-line response hospitals and stabilization points established so far by WHO in coordination with the national health authorities were made possible through the generous financial support from the European Commission’s Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO), the Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA), and the UN Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF). However, WHO and health partners under the Humanitarian Response Plan 2017 are appealing for US$ 110 million needed to support health care interventions for 6.2 million people Iraq-wide. The current funding gap of 85% will leave millions of people with limited access to lifesaving health care services and untreated injured patients at risk of physical and emotional lifelong disabilities

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