

## **FOH COVID-19 APPEAL FOR HADHRAMAUT**

The very first case of Covid-19 in Yemen was confirmed on 10<sup>th</sup> April in the coastal town of Shihr in the governorate of Hadhramaut. The authorities scrambled to contain the spread in this historic port where the 60 year old man worked and which was immediately sealed off. The first deaths from Covid-19 were reported in Aden on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Oxfam described it as a "devastating blow" and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) called it a "nightmare scenario".

Hadhramaut is bracing for yet another battle; even keeping protected with clean water and soap is a luxury for the majority of approximately 3 million people. The governor of Hadhramaut has urged all residents to comply with the measures and to stay indoors as much as possible. Testing facilities are almost non-existent. The World Health Organization (WHO) has stated it will help in providing medical supplies, testing kits, ventilators and training for Yemen's health professionals but due to the current situation, little of this equipment is finding its way to Hadhramaut.

Our man on the ground Salah al-Quaiti ([00967-711901177](tel:00967-711901177)) has been approached by the local authority in al-Qatn to assist Al-Hayah hospital in Baroj, Wadi Hadhramaut with their list of urgent requirements. This previously unused military hospital has now been opened and prepared by the Ministry of Public Health (al-Wadi & al-Sahra) to receive and isolate Covid-19 patients from outlying areas and towns. It is equipped with a radiography department, laboratory, pharmacy and ICU units, employing 124 staff which include a large number of health professionals.

We at FOH urge you to come forward with whatever you can donate so we can help sustain families who have been affected by this pandemic and who have lost loved ones.

Can any Friend help in finding an international donor or organisation that would be willing to purchase an item listed below for Al-Hayah hospital.

1. **Siemens/Philips CT Scan 32 Slices:** approx. **£175,000**.
2. **Doppler Ultrasound:** approx. **£28,000**.
3. **Cobas 411 Diagnostic Machine:** approx. **£38,000**.

A list of items which can be purchased locally by Salah al-Quaiti for the hospital:

1. **200 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Units @ £37 each.**
2. **10 Syringe Pumps @ £800 each.**
3. **10 Infusion Pumps @ £872 each.**

We would like to thank Salah's son, Dr. Muhammad Salah al-Quaiti, for his assistance with our appeal: [00967-711229629](tel:00967-711229629)

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**Please make all cheques payable to "Friends of Hadhramaut".**

**Please state your name clearly when remitting funds.**

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