

In Nablus: Itihad Hospital renovates premises and upgrades performance

"This is a tremendous achievement on two levels. One, it renovated the main building of the hospital. Two, it upgraded the level of our performance." said Mr. Mohey Eddin Salos, the Financial Manager of Al-Itihad Hospital at the completion of the hospital rehabilitation project funded by the AFD. He added "now the hospital will be able to provide good services for the community for years to come."



Hospital before the project

Al-Itihad hospital is one of several non-profit healthcare associations that are managed and operated by the Arab Women Union Society. The old building, originally constructed in 1970 with a capacity of 101 beds, was completely retained to better serve Nablus city and its neighboring communities. Since its establishment, the hospital has been dedicated to helping poor and disadvantaged people living in the northern area of the West Bank. The hospital is well-known nationally for the efficient healthcare services it provides for thousands of residents in northern West Bank.



The site before rehabilitation starts

In recent years, there have been several outcalls by the hospital searching for funds to renovate its premises and upgrade its facilities. Eventually, "we managed to secure the required fund through NDC," said Mr. Salos, who thanks the NGO Development Center and AFD for their worthwhile efforts and contributions in the rehabilitation process that he considered the most pivotal for the hospital to continue with its social and human duties." With a total budget of € 146, 734, the project renewed five main departments in addition to the main building of

the hospital. Dr. Akram Saadeh, Head of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), said "despite shortage in space and medical instruments, the NICU continues to provide acceptable medical services for patients in Nablus governorate in the last 10 years," adding that the grant helped the hospital to establish the standards for excellence in pediatric medicine and for providing comprehensive mother-child health care.

The project also improved the services provided by the Neonatal Department. It established a breast feeding room as well as see-through walls to allow families to observe their infants. Also through the project, special cabinets for feeding, bathing and milk preparations for children were built. At the completion of the project the hospital is ready now to resume its services, "thanks to the AFD for its generous grant," Dr. Saadeh concluded.



The site after renovation