



FAJR Mission Report: Palestine and Lebanon

(APRIL 2024 – PRESENT)

FROM EMERGENCY SURGERIES TO LONG-TERM
CARE – HOW OUR DEDICATED TEAMS ARE
SUPPORTING GAZA, WEST BANK AND
LEBANON'S MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS?





FAJR SCIENTIFIC ("FAJR") IS A U.S.-BASED NON-PROFIT MEDICAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SAVING LIVES IRRESPECTIVE OF ETHNIC OR RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS, FREE FROM RELIGIOUS, DENOMINATIONAL, OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS. WE ENVISION A WORLD WHERE TOP-NOTCH SURGICAL EXPERTISE IS A RIGHT, NOT A PRIVILEGE, AND AIM TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN MEDICAL ADVANCEMENTS AND THOSE IN NEED. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE UNPARALLELED SURGICAL CARE TO VULNERABLE AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

HEALING IN WAR

FAJR'S MISSION TO GAZA

Since 2007, the Gaza Strip has faced severe challenges, including military conflicts and blockades that have drastically impacted its healthcare system and civilian welfare. The humanitarian crisis has deepened, with escalating military actions in 2024 intensifying the urgent need for medical and humanitarian intervention.

Founded in 2022 by Dr. Khaled Saleh and Dr. Mosab Nasser, FAJR has been at the forefront of this crisis, launching critical medical missions to meet the dire healthcare needs of Gaza's most vulnerable. Our focused efforts provide specialized trauma surgery, emergency care, and comprehensive rehabilitation for victims of war, particularly children and amputees suffering from severe injuries.

This brochure details FAJR's relentless endeavors since August 2023, showcasing our medical interventions, resource utilization, and the dedicated efforts of our volunteers. We also delve into the methodologies that highlight the impact of our work amidst ongoing challenges, ensuring our data reflects the realities on the ground as we continue our vital missions.





About FAJR: Vision, Mission, and Approach



VISION

FAJR aspires to make high-quality surgical care universally accessible, free of charge; bridging the technological gap in underserved areas. In conflict zones like Gaza, our missions provide essential care and sustainable health solutions to deprived communities to restore function and dignity.



MISSION

We are committed to delivering superior surgical and medical care to the most vulnerable, viewing access as a fundamental human right that overcomes barriers of war, poverty, and politics. Our approach combines compassion with scientific rigor and deep understanding of regional challenges.



Leadership



Khaled Saleh, MD
Co-founder, Chairman, and CMO



Mosab Nasser, PhD
Co-founder and CEO

Our Approach



FAJR provides a platform for exceptionally skilled surgeons and operational leaders from around the globe to impart their expertise and knowledge to those in critical need. We are deeply committed to assisting underserved individuals and fostering collaborations with like-minded organizations, all with the aim of making a positive impact in the healthcare industry.



CORE VALUES AND OPERATIONAL STRATEGY



NEUTRALITY

We are an apolitical, non-denominational organization focused solely on saving lives, regardless of ethnic or religious identities.



MULTIDISCIPLINARY EXPERTISE

Our diverse team includes surgeons, emergency physicians, and trauma specialists, ensuring culturally sensitive and comprehensive medical strategies.



SURGICAL EXCELLENCE

We deploy elite surgical teams to crisis zones, equipped with cutting-edge technology and expertise in orthopedic trauma, maxillofacial, vascular surgery, and burn care, adhering to the highest international standards.



OVERVIEW OF FAJR GAZA MISSIONS (APRIL 2024-PRESENT)

The FAJR missions to Gaza represent a large-scale, multi-disciplinary humanitarian effort aimed at stabilizing the healthcare system in the face of severe resource shortages and collapsing infrastructure. Each mission is tailored to address the evolving healthcare needs in Gaza, from trauma surgery to emergency care and long-term rehabilitation.



FIRST GAZA EMERGENCY MISSION

APRIL 3-15, 2024

 **13**
DAYS



83
SURGERIES AND
PROCEDURES



20
EMTs



1200
PATIENT CONTACTS



- European Gaza Hospital

CONTEXTS AND CHALLENGES

This mission was launched amidst escalating military operations in Gaza, particularly in the southern region near Rafah. The FAJR team faced numerous logistical and security challenges, including movement restrictions, intermittent power outages, and resource shortages. Despite these challenges, the FAJR team successfully delivered critical surgical care to individuals suffering from complex war-related injuries.



ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

50 cases involving external fixations, intramedullary nailing, tendon repairs, and plate removals for patients with severe shrapnel and blast injuries.

VASCULAR SURGERY

18 procedures including amputations, AVF creations, VAC dressing changes, and debulking of gangrenous tissue, often conducted with limited anesthesia.

KEY MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS

MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

8 cases including mandibular fixation, facial plate insertions, and foreign body removals from facial wounds caused by debris.

GENERAL SURGERY

7 cases including life-saving colostomies, ileostomies, and herniotomies for patients suffering from blast-related abdominal injuries.

IMPACT ON LOCAL HEALTHCARE

During this mission, FAJR's presence helped stabilize the healthcare facilities in southern Gaza, where hospital staff have been overwhelmed by the influx of trauma patients. FAJR provided not only medical expertise but also donated critical medical supplies such as surgical gauze, orthopedic implants, and pain management medications.



SECOND GAZA EMERGENCY MISSION

APRIL 29- MAY 17, 2024

 **19**
DAYS



224
SURGERIES AND
PROCEDURES



17
EMTs



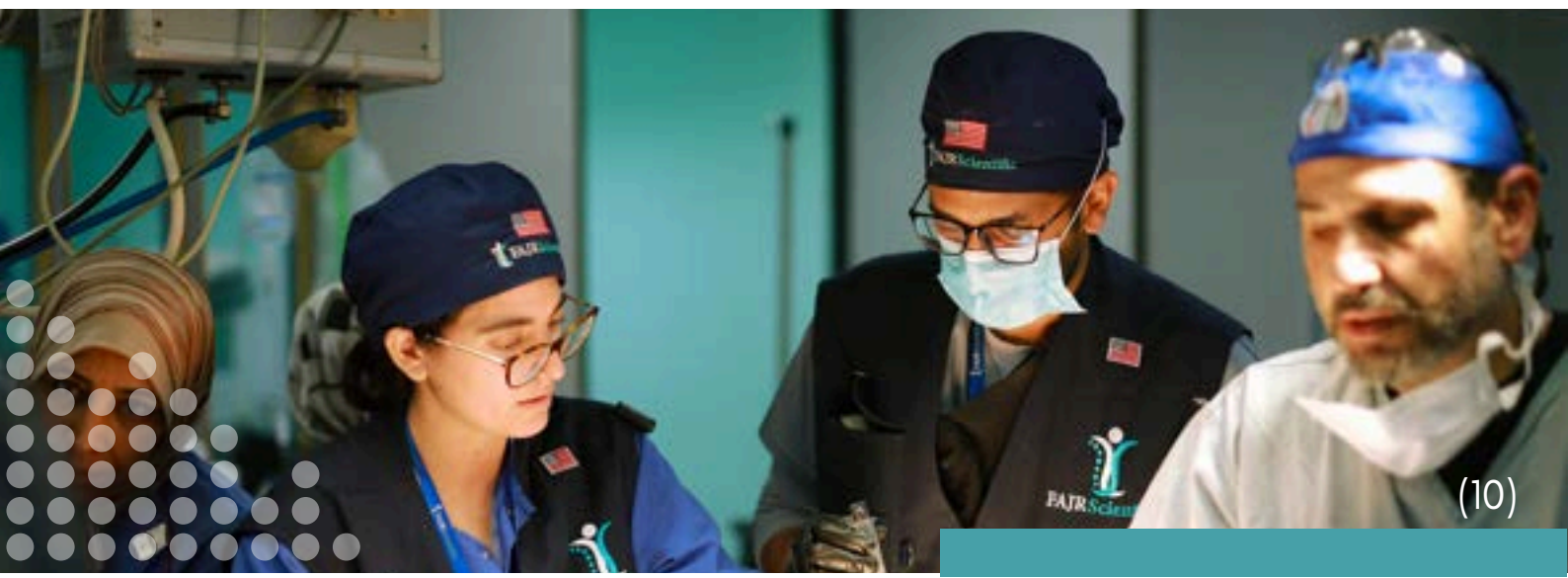
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PATIENT CONTACTS



- European Gaza Hospital

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

This mission saw a significant escalation in the number of trauma cases due to the ongoing ground offensive near Rafah. The number of injuries nearly tripled compared to the first mission, placing an immense burden on local healthcare facilities.



UPPER LIMB ORTHO AND PERIPHERAL NERVES

63 surgeries were performed, including Gaza's first nerve grafts and transfers, essential for patients with nerve damage.

LOWER LIMB ORTHO

40 surgeries focused on IM nailing, external fixation, and limb salvage techniques, crucial for preventing sepsis and gangrene in patients with severe lower limb trauma.

KEY MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS

VASCULAR SURGERY

24 procedures, including amputations, thrombectomies, and bypass surgeries for patients with vascular complications from blast injuries.

ICU MANAGEMENT

296 critical care cases managed, including sepsis, dialysis, plasmapheresis, and post-op care. FAJR's ICU specialists significantly reduced post-surgical mortality.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

443 emergency cases, including blast and shrapnel injuries, gastrointestinal infections, respiratory distress, and dehydration. FAJR's presence in the emergency department significantly increased the capacity to treat mass casualties and stabilize critically injured patients.

CHALLENGES AND INNOVATION

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LIMITED RESOURCES

Power outages and supply shortages required the FAJR team to innovate on the ground. For example, the team adapted locally available materials for external fixations and created makeshift ICU beds to accommodate the rising number of critical care patients.

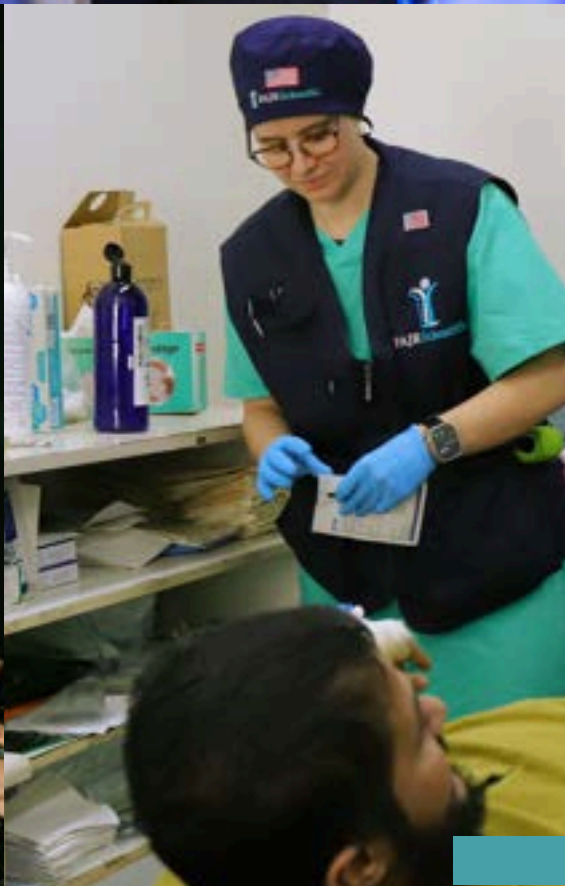
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BURN TRAUMA MANAGEMENT

Burn injuries were particularly severe during this mission, with many patients suffering from thermal and chemical burns due to airstrikes. FAJR's burn specialists introduced advanced debridement techniques and VAC therapy, significantly reducing infection rates and improving patient outcomes.

LONG-TERM IMPACT

FAJR's interventions during this mission not only saved lives but also left a lasting impact on Gaza's healthcare system. Local doctors received training in advanced nerve and vascular surgeries, and FAJR donated specialized medical equipment such as external fixators, orthopedic implants, and advanced wound care products. These contributions have enhanced Gaza's capacity to manage complex trauma cases long after the mission's completion.



THIRD GAZA EMERGENCY MISSION

JUNE 13, 2024 - JULY 11, 2024

 **64**
DAYS



91
SURGERIES AND
PROCEDURES



3
EMTs



686
PATIENT CONTACTS



- European Gaza Hospital
- Al-Aqsa Hospital

SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

The third mission emphasized on complex peripheral nerve surgeries, burn care, and orthopedic reconstructions. Despite a smaller team due to access restrictions, FAJR continued to provide specialized care, focusing on nerve grafts, amputations, and reconstructive surgeries for burn victims.

CHALLENGES AND INNOVATION

Despite blockades and military restrictions, FAJR continued to deliver essential medical services in Gaza, including nerve grafts, amputations, and advanced burn care. After evacuating from EGH on July 1st, operations resumed at Al-Aqsa Hospital by July 3rd, as our team remained dedicated to saving lives and performing critical surgeries under challenging conditions.



PERIPHERAL NERVE SURGERIES

Complex grafts and transfers for trauma such as amputations and shrapnel injuries, previously unavailable in Gaza.

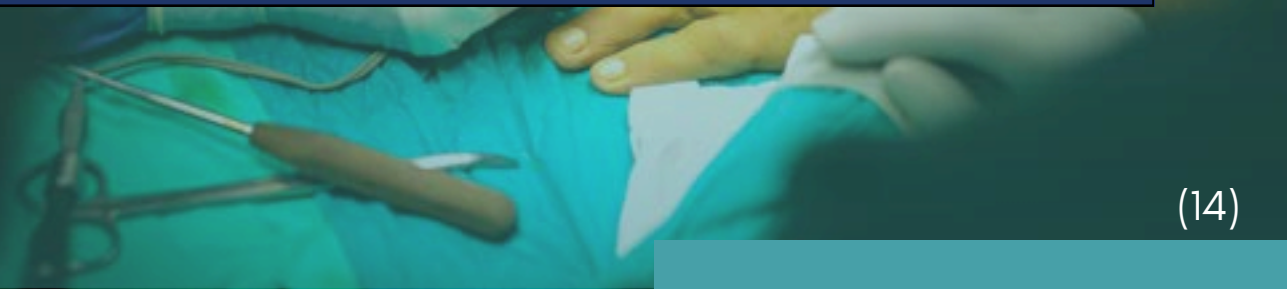
BURN TRAUMA CARE

Advanced treatments for third-degree burns, focusing on debridement and reconstructive surgeries to prevent severe complications.

KEY MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS

ORTHOPEDIC RECONSTRUCTIONS

Critical limb salvage surgeries like external fixations and ORIF to treat complex fractures and prevent amputations.



FOURTH GAZA EMERGENCY MISSION

JULY 11, 2024 - AUGUST 15, 2024



35
DAYS



136
SURGERIES AND
PROCEDURES



2
EMTs



574
PATIENT CONTACTS



- Al-Aqsa Hospital
- Public Aid Hospital
- Kamal Edwan Hospital

CHALLENGES AND INNOVATION

This mission in Northern Gaza faced significant challenges due to intense military activity and limited resources. Despite these conditions, the small team adapted swiftly, making rapid decisions to provide urgent care and successfully managing a high volume of patient contacts under pressure.

STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE

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FIFTH GAZA EMERGENCY MISSION

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 - JANUARY 29, 2025

 **123**
DAYS



529
SURGERIES AND
PROCEDURES



3
EMTs



845
PATIENT CONTACTS



- Al-Aqsa Hospital
- European Gaza Hospital
- Public Aid Hospital

CHALLENGES AND INNOVATION

During its fifth mission to Gaza, FAJR tackled significant challenges across various medical specialties, despite restricted access that limited team size. Key surgeons like Dr. Tawfik performed 224 surgeries, primarily at Al Aqsa and European Gaza hospitals, underscoring the mission's deep impact. Dr. Tahir played a critical role, performing 305 surgeries. Dr. Tahir continued to provide essential care, offering hope and relief to the people in Gaza.



FAJR WEST BANK ANNUAL MISSION

AUGUST 2-7, 2024



210
SURGERIES AND
PROCEDURES



60
EMTs



2500+
PATIENT CONTACTS



- Palestinian Medical Complex (PMC)
- Hugo Chavez Ophthalmic Hospital
- Salfet Hospital

CHALLENGES AND INNOVATION

During the FAJR West Bank mission, the team navigated security restrictions and resource constraints. Despite these challenges, they significantly advanced local medical care, introducing the FAJR Severity Index (FSI) for better procedural management and resource allocation. The mission also enhanced local healthcare through advanced surgical techniques and impactful training in complex surgeries.

STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE

The FAJR mission is strategically significant as it addresses healthcare disparities in war zones through targeted medical interventions and the deployment of specialized teams. By providing critical care and building local capacity, FAJR fosters sustainable health improvements, ensuring long-term benefits and resilience within local healthcare systems.

FAJR's missions in the West Bank are dedicated to improving healthcare access and quality through targeted medical interventions.

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

FAJR conducted 30 orthopedic surgeries, addressing severe deformities with complex hip and knee replacements, enhancing local surgical capacity under challenging conditions.

MAXILLOFACIAL AND PLASTIC SURGERY

20 advanced surgeries, including the region's first 14-hour free flap surgery, significantly raised local medical standards in maxillofacial and plastic care.

KEY MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS

NEUROSURGERY

12 critical brain and spinal surgeries were performed, introducing high-level neurosurgical care to address severe injuries in a resource-limited setting.

OB/GYN SURGERY

The team performed 10 specialized laparoscopic surgeries, providing essential women's health services despite limited resources.

OPHTHALMOLOGY

49 cataract surgeries improved vision for patients facing common but challenging eye conditions, greatly enhancing their quality of life



FAJR ON THE GROUND IN LEBANON

OCTOBER 6 - DECEMBER 15, 2024



15
EMTs



124
PATIENTS TREATED



- Sibline Governmental Hospital
- Al Hamshari Hospital (PRCS)

CHALLENGES AND INNOVATION

In Lebanon, FAJR's mission has navigated complex challenges, innovating under difficult conditions to deliver vital healthcare. Operating amid restricted resources and logistical constraints, the team has successfully implemented advanced surgical and emergency medical procedures. By partnering closely with local medical staff, FAJR has not only enhanced immediate care but also facilitated long-term improvements in medical practice and infrastructure.

STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE

The strategic significance of FAJR's mission in Lebanon lies in its targeted approach to healthcare delivery in war zones. By focusing on areas with acute medical needs and limited resources, FAJR effectively addressed gaps in healthcare availability and quality. The mission's effort to collaborate with local hospitals and enhance their capacities through training and resource sharing amplified the long-term benefits of its interventions.

TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN LEBANON

FAJR has prioritized skill development, with Dr. Muzzammil Nusrath leading workshops on advanced wound closure and reconstructive techniques to enhance local medical expertise. He also provided remote consultations to extend care for complex cases. Dr. Subeh conducted training on handling mass casualty incidents, equipping local teams for emergency response. These initiatives ensure sustainable improvements in healthcare delivery and emergency preparedness.



PATIENT SUPPORT AND MORALE INITIATIVES

FAJR brings comfort to young patients by providing toys, books, and treats, creating a compassionate, supportive environment for quick recovery.



DONATION UTILIZATION AND ALLOCATION OVERVIEW

DIRECT OPERATING COSTS:

\$3,788,000

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANTS

\$4,000,000 (Pending Evaluation)

MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DISPOSABLES

\$318,000

OVERHEAD EXPENSES

INDIRECT COSTS:

\$4,600,000

VOLUNTEER DONATED TIME

TOTAL EXPENDITURE:

\$12,706,000

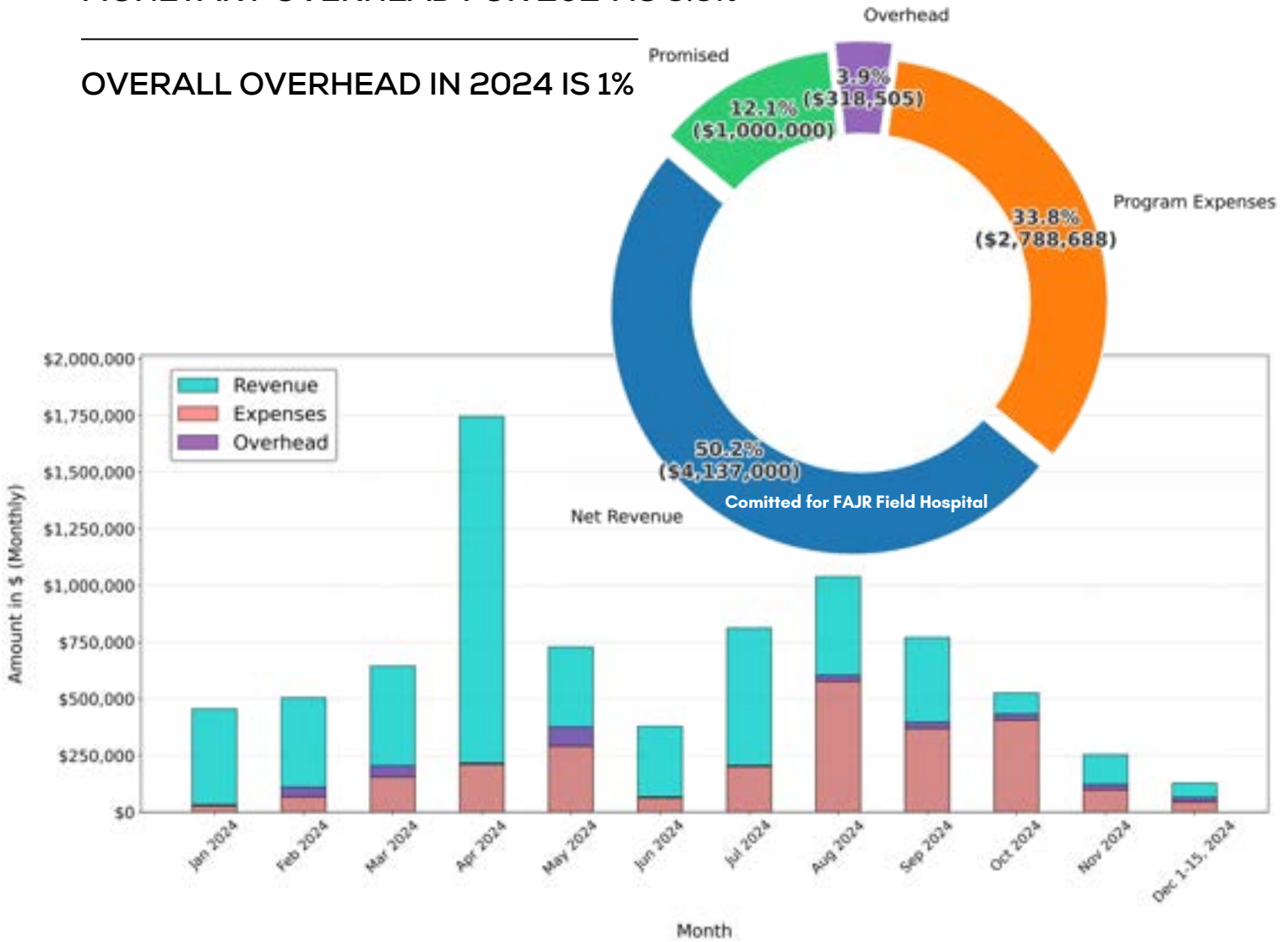
COMBINED DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS

DONATION UTILIZATION AND ALLOCATION OVERVIEW

THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES DID NOT INCREASE WITH GROWTH

MONETARY OVERHEAD FOR 2024 IS 3.9%

OVERALL OVERHEAD IN 2024 IS 1%



FAJR RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS



FAJR is not only committed to providing direct medical care but also to contribute to global medical knowledge and policy development through participating in research, peer-reviewed publications, and presentations at major conferences. Below is a summary of FAJR's scholarly contributions related to its Gaza and West Bank missions.



SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

- 1 Pearls and Pitfalls of an Orthopaedic Mission Trip - Pearl, A., Saleh, K., et al. *Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons*, 2024, 32(3): 108–113.

- 2 Rebuilding the health sector in Gaza: Alternative Humanitarian Voices - Blanchet, K., Najem, M., et al. *Conflict and Health*, 2024, 18(1): 42.

- 3 Transforming Global Orthopaedic Missions Through Adversity - Hasan, A. I., Wajahath, M., et al. *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. American Volume*, 2024, 106(14): 1338–1349.

- 4 Combating Infections Under Siege: Healthcare Challenges Amidst the Israeli Military Assault on Gaza - Irfan B., Lulu I., et al. *World Medical & Health Policy*, 2024.

- 5 Will There Be a Future for Newborns in Gaza? - Irfan B., Abu Shammala A., et al. *The Lancet*, 2024.

+35 DIFFERENT AUTHORS

HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO TOP-TIER MEDICAL AND HUMANITARIAN JOURNALS

"FAJR's work underscores a commitment to advancing global medical knowledge and shaping healthcare policies in conflict-affected regions."

FAJR HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES

FAJR FREE PHARMACY PROGRAM

- 600 Lantus and Novorapid insulin pens
- Our program has delivered more than 1,000 chronic disease medications across various specialties, targeting areas with the greatest shortages and needs.



FAJR GAZA STREET CLINIC PROGRAM

The Gaza Street Clinic, a unique initiative by FAJR, was initially introduced in August 2023 by Dr. Saleh and Dr. Nasser during FAJR's inaugural mission to Gaza. The objective was to address the critical healthcare crisis in Gaza. In our Gaza missions, we provided essential medical care to over 500 patients since January 2024 on the streets of Gaza and across the hospitals' corridors.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO HOSPITALS IN GAZA

FAJR has raised funds for humanitarian and medical supplies for Gaza and so far has delivered 13 trucks of humanitarian and medical supplies mounting to over 202 pallets.

Additionally, our doctors have transported over 250 suitcases filled with vital medical and surgical supplies to Gaza.

FAJR WATER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

The water program by FAJR involves the delivery of 18,000 liters of purified water weekly to Al-Mawasi area west of Khan Younis. Our commitment is ongoing despite the ceasefire, with plans to renew every two months, ensuring support for as long as there is need. To date, FAJR has delivered over 100,000 litres of water.



FAJR HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES

FAJR FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

At FAJR, we are committed to reducing hunger by providing nutritious meals:

- 1,500 chicken and rice meals
- 500 vegetable baskets
- 8000 sacks of flour



FAJR EVACUATION PROGRAM

FAJR successfully executed an evacuation operation under FAJR medical evacuation program, securing the safe evacuation of six children and one adult out of Gaza. Among the evacuees was Ali Al Attar, a journalist from Al Jazeera who suffered injuries while reporting out of Gaza. This operation exemplifies our commitment to providing essential medical care and secure transport in high-risk environments. We are actively preparing for additional evacuations, reaffirming our dedication to delivering lifesaving interventions wherever they are needed.



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