



Dear friends of Hôtel-Dieu de France Hospital,

Beirut, October 2021

Since October 2019, HDF has been operating in a highly challenging setting: economic crisis, pandemic, national currency collapse, and the devastating August 4 explosion.

The impact of the crisis on hospital management and staff is taking a heavy toll. Human resources were greatly affected by the departure of more than **50 of the most experienced nurses** and a **dozen highly skilled doctors**, not to mention those who are preparing to leave the country. State-owned institutions are in debt to the hospital to the tune of more than LBP 60 billion over the past two years.

Presently, the hospital is unable to carry on its mission because it charges 1,515 LBP per 1 USD, while its expenses are billed at the daily black-market rate (20,000 LBP).

Shortages of laboratory reagents, drugs and medical equipment have forced the hospital to scale down certain activities. At the last Board of Directors meeting, a request was made to reduce the number of beds to cut costs.

It is clear that from an economic standpoint, business is not sustainable without subsidies, because at this point, we can no longer depend on a state in free fall.

Please find enclosed details on the situation of Hôtel-Dieu de France and lists of the hospital's basic needs.

By donating to HDF, you are supporting a historic hospital that has always been able to meet Lebanon's challenges. You are bearing witness to your loyalty to a key player on the Lebanese medical scene and the Middle East's only French-speaking university hospital.

The next chapter is crucial to our mission, and we need your support to carry it on.

Please accept my utmost gratitude and appreciation.

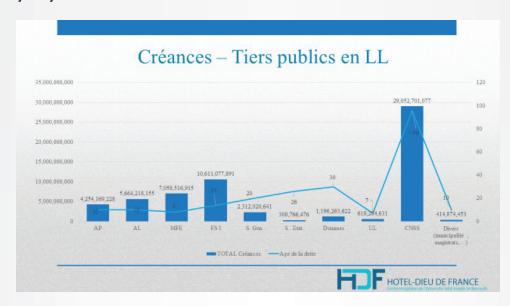
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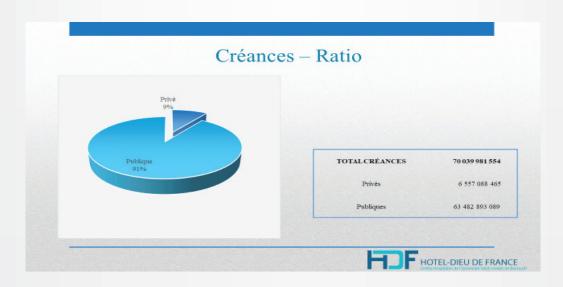
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# Challenges and Urgent Needs of Hôtel-Dieu De France

## 1. Statement of Outstanding Debts

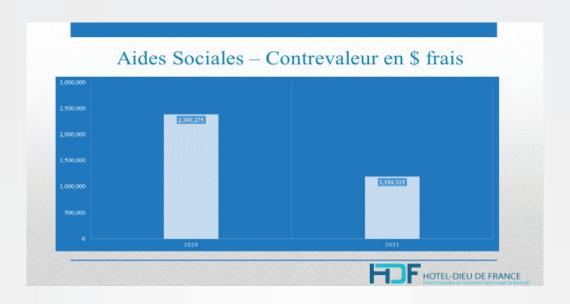
The total outstanding debts of HDF amount to **LBP 70,039,981,554.**90% of this amount represents debts with state-owned institutions (Ministry of Public Health, Lebanese Army, State Employees Cooperative, Social Security, and others) for a total of **LBP 63,482,893,089.** 





#### 2. HDF's Contribution to Patients' Bills

As a result of the economic crisis in Lebanon, a large number of patients were unable to pay their bills. HDF bears this growing financial burden and has provided social assistance to patients equivalent to 2,391,275 USD in 2020 and 1,194,315 USD in the first four months of 2021.



#### 3. Maintenance Contract Costs

The total amount of maintenance contracts for biomedical equipment concluded for the year 2021 stands at **USD 1,406,955** (at a rate of USD 1.21 per 1 EUR) to be paid in fresh US dollars and is detailed as follows:

<ul> <li>Medical imaging</li> </ul>	571.684 \$
Cardiology	117.500 \$
<ul> <li>Radiotherapy</li> </ul>	476.500 \$
Oncology	24.000 \$
<ul> <li>Digestive and pulmonary function testing</li> </ul>	67.653 \$
Operating room	45.484 \$
Central sterilization	38.500 \$
<ul><li>Dialysis</li></ul>	16.517 \$
<ul> <li>Laboratories</li> </ul>	37.942 \$
Pharmacy	2.300 \$
Medical resuscitation	8.875 \$

It should be noted that the majority of contracts cover labor and spare parts while some cover labor only.

Equipment maintenance covered by these contracts requires specialized training and special test equipment and cannot be carried out internally by the Biomedical Department.

It should also be noted that equipment maintenance is vital to hospital operations. A machine that breaks down can potentially cripple an entire healthcare circuit.

## 4. Urgent Equipment Needs

- 1-Biomedical equipment (Appendix 1)
- 2- Technical equipment (Appendix 2)
- 3- Medical equipment (Appendix 3)
- 4- Drugs (Appendix 4)
- 5- Reagents (Appendix 5)

# **Figures and Milestones**



# 1911

The Society of Jesus joins forces with the French government to build Hôtel-Dieu de France, a hospital for the Faculty of Medicine of Saint-Joseph University



**Construction begins** 



Inauguration and first patient admitted



The French government entrusts the management of the hospital to Saint-Joseph University



The HDF 2020 Strategic Plan is implemented to ensure a new system of modern and participatory governance to meet the challenges of the healthcare world



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