15 March 2017 – Five months after Al-Qayyara Hospital in Mosul was forced to close down due to extensive damages, the facility has been re-opened to provide trauma care and obstetric services to populations affected by the ongoing conflict. The hospital, which re-opened on 7 March, will respond to increasing health needs of people fleeing their homes in West Mosul, as military operations to retake the city continue.

“WHO and partners have stepped up health care delivery to cope with the new exodus of displaced population fleeing West Mosul,” said Mr Altaf Musani, WHO Representative in Iraq. “The urgency of the situation means that only the ground floor of the hospital is functioning at this stage, but this will ensure referral health services are now available near the front lines, and that more lives can be saved through timely medical care,” he added.
Al-Qayyara Hospital is a secondary referral facility serving the entire catchment area in Al Qayyara, south of Mosul. Trauma cases from west Mosul who are stabilized at WHO-supported trauma stabilization points will now be transferred to the hospital for advanced surgical treatment. With support from WHO, the hospital is equipped with 2 operation theatres, a blood bank, laboratory, and X-ray, ultrasound, and sterilization units. There are currently 45 medical staff working in the hospital, including 6 surgeons and 4 anesthetists. In the first week since its opening from 7 to 13 March, the hospital conducted 540 surgical consultations and 1014 obstetric consultations, including 532 normal deliveries and 32 cesarean deliveries. Renovation work in the hospital was carried out by WHO implementing partner WAHA. Together with national health authorities, WHO is supporting the provision of trauma care services through the delivery of medicines, medical supplies and equipment, and incentives for health workers. Obstetric services are provided with support from UNFPA. The hospital is one of many health facilities in Iraq supported by WHO through generous donations from the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO), Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), the Government of Kuwait, and the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).

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