

2 December 2019 – WHO is responding to increasing needs for emergency medical supplies in Libya as a result of the ongoing conflict. Health care facilities across the country are reporting critical shortages of trauma and surgical medicines and supplies to treat injured patients.

WHO, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health, has delivered trauma kits to Tajoura, Zliten, Aldawwn, Alasabah, Tarhouna, Alafia, Alhawari and Jalo public hospitals in the country. The kits will support the continuity of emergency medical services in these hospitals.

"Together with health partners, we are sparing no efforts to strengthen and expand emergency health care services in public hospitals across the country", said Ms Elizabeth Hoff, WHO Representative in Libya. "No one should die because emergency health care services do not have the vital medicines and supplies that can save lives."

Getting medical supplies to health facilities across Libya is not an easy task, given the logistical difficulties involved in delivering essential medicines in areas of active conflict. Almost 4 million people are in need of health assistance. This number includes 1.8 million people who have acute health needs.*

* Health cluster figures for Libya as of November 2019.

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