

DSPR-MECC Update on Gaza

8th of Sept. 2024

We reach out to you today with heavy hearts and a deep sense of urgency. Our plea is for your prayers and support as we call for a ceasefire and an end to the ongoing genocide Israel is committing, which continues to claim innocent lives and devastate communities.

Despite the unprecedented pain, the DSPR-MECC Gaza remains steadfast in providing essential medical services, psychosocial support, and other humanitarian aid. Yet, our brave teams are paying an unimaginable price. They have lost their homes, been displaced repeatedly, and suffered the loss of loved ones and their own lives.

Just moments ago, we were struck by the heartbreaking news of the loss of our dear colleague, Wala' Fathi Al-Masri and her daughter Mira. They were tragically killed in a brutal shelling attack on a residential area of Khan Younes, and her three sons were injured. Wala', a dedicated nurse who had been with DSPR-MECC Gaza for over 15 years, who showed a strong commitment and compassion. Born in 1984, she served with distinction in our clinics in Al-Shejaiya and Al-Daraj before the war on Gaza, she and her family forcibly displaced to Rafah during the first month of the war, where she served as a nurse in our Rafah clinic for several months, then forced to move again with her family as a result of the invasion to Rafah on 6th of May. Wala' continued her work as a nurse in the mobile clinics in Khan Yunes and Dair El-Balah until she killed in this barbaric attack.



Wala' in the mobile clinic on 9th of June 2024

Wala' was a role model of resilience and kindness, always maintaining her smile and sense of humor despite the dire circumstances. Her dedication as a mother to her three sons and daughter, as well as her professionalism as a nurse, was extraordinary. As we mourn her loss, we pray for her and her daughter's souls to rest in peace and hope that her three sons receive the medical treatment they desperately need amidst the collapse of the healthcare system.

In these dark times, we call upon all of you to raise your voice to stop this criminal war on Gaza and Palestine and to keep our teams in Gaza in your thoughts and prayers and let us hold on to the words of Psalm 70:1-2 "Make haste, o God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord. Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul, let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt."