**Avicenna Women and Children’s Hospital in Syria**

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**BACKGROUND**

SIMRO began rehabilitating a referral facility ‘Avicenna National Hospital’ in Idleb city in 2016 with funds provided from UNOCHA Humanitarian Fund, Expertise France and Relief International ‘American NGO’.

**Sustainable International Medical Relief Organization (SIMRO)** is an NGO based in Gaziantep, Turkey (near the border with Syria).

Established in 2014 by a group of Syrian doctors, SIMRO’s mission is to:
- Provide medical aid to the people of Syria,
- Train all staff who work in health & treatment,
- Facilitate humanitarian response to the conflict,
- Ensure equitable access of the Syrian people to quality health care,
- Achieve sustainable development in Syrian health sector.

**SIMRO MISSION**

**SIMRO PROJECTS**

- Avicenna Women and Children’s referral hospital in rebel-controlled territories (where health care system has been destroyed by the Assad regime), with multiple operating rooms and Telehealth communications.
- **PROTECT initiative:**
  - evaluate the security of existing field health facilities in Syria,
  - provide safe facilities for health workers and patients.
- Needs and Population Monitoring - 2015, in coordination with International Organization of Migration (IOM). Project goals:
  - Obtain population statistics,
  - Monitor the movement of the displaced population inside Syria
  - Assess the needs of the population in the conflict zone in Syria
- Setting up Health Information System (HIS) in the cities of Idleb, Hama, and Aleppo to connect all health facilities with NGOs and the UNOCHA (U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) Health Cluster in Turkey
- Setting up primary health care centers that deliver health services to Syrians in besieged areas in Syria

**AVICENNA HOSPITAL**

In 2016, SIMRO began rehabilitating a referral facility, it is expected to be functioning Nov 2017

Avicenna Hospital is expected to be patient-ready in the coming months.

An international mass media campaign is underway to inform the public of this desperately needed hospital, and secure funding from the private, public, and NGO sector.

**WHATS NEXT?**

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https://www.facebook.com/groups/SyrianMoms4MomsHospital

Dr. Khaled Almilajiis an MPH student at Brown University, who is leading SIMRO projects. Khaled’s story has been widely publicized, and may be found here:

Even though Dr. Almilajiis not able to finish his studies at Brown because his student visa has been revoked he works with a number of Brown University faculty and students on this badly needed project for Syria.

Avicenna Hospital currently supported by UNOCHA Humanitarian Fund, Expertise France and Relief International ‘American NGO’.