The internal conflict and violence of the past seven years have brought sustained devastation to the people of Syria. With more than 400,000 civilian deaths, 5.6 million displaced peoples (UNHCR), and 13.1 million people in need of emergency assistance (UNHCR), access to sustainable health services is a top priority. Due in part to donor fatigue because of the prolonged violence, medical needs in this emergency situation are at best 40% funded (WHO). Aleppo stands as Syria’s second largest city and one of the worst hit by violence and airstrikes.

Providing for a community of over 300,000, the Iman Hospital is the last fully functional health facility in the city. With a focus on women’s and children’s health, Iman offers 24-hour emergency services, free care, and medication, and specialized surgical and female reproductive health procedures. This is one of the only remaining hospital networks in Aleppo and Idlib left to care for the citizens in the cities and surrounding rural areas. Due to frequent hospital bombings, there are incredibly limited resources for mothers and infants to receive healthcare, and general supplies are low.

COHI’s partnership with the Iman Hospital began in 2016. Since then COHI has provided over $30,000 in medical supplies and over $120,000 to ensure that they have adequate staff funding to keep the hospital running and keep healthcare accessible. This support is projected to maintain the hospital’s operation for one half year and contribute to the medical care of the city’s most vulnerable citizens, 5000 of whom they provide direct care and meals to each month.

COHI needs $100,000 in order to implement this program and ensure that the Iman Hospital can continue serving its at-risk community. $50,000 of this support would go towards funding the salaries of OB/GYNs and pediatricians, $25,000 enable the shipment of a container with urgently-needed medical supplies, and $25,000 would go towards providing food for the surrounding community.