



# CIRCLE OF HEALTH INTERNATIONAL

## Urgent appeal for maternal and newborn support in Ghouta, Syria

Do others know we exist? A statement made by a Syrian nurse in Damascus caring for those living through the terror in Ghouta summarizes the despair health care providers in Syria are feeling all too clearly. In the last 24 hours in Syria, 540 women gave birth. Unfortunately babies don't wait for the bombs to stop falling before they are born. Many of these babies were within range of the bombs that fell in Ghouta in the 5 hospitals that were targeted and bombed. These new babies passed their first day earthside listening to bombs fall and their parents cry. These mothers passed their first day with their babies held close, supported by brave Syrian health care providers who go to work everyday knowing that targeting health care centers is a tactic too often employed in Syria.

COHI has been actively supporting mothers, babies, and the bold healthcare providers caring for them since the war began. We are asking for your help as we provide aid, funds, and support to the women, children, midwives, nurses, and doctors in Ghouta; enduring daily lives lived in a hell most of us have the privilege of not even having to imagine.

Activity	Budget	Timeline	Projected Impact	Monitoring and Evaluation plan
Provide direct clinical maternal, reproductive, and newborn health care	\$25,000	3 months	10,000 women and newborns provided with prenatal, delivery, postnatal, and newborn care	Track number of prenatal appointments, deliveries
Financial assistance for food and transportation costs to receive pre and post natal and newborn care	\$25,000	3 months	250 families provided with cash	Track number of cash grants given
Provide medical supplies	\$25,000	3 months	5 clinics	provide medical supplies

