

Post Disaster Rapid Hospital Assessment

Saint Georges University Hospital Report

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This document was prepared as an activity of the World Health Organization (WHO) to assess the damaged hospitals post the Explosion of Port Beirut on August 04, 2020 that have damaged major medical centers in the region of Beirut.

This report is intended to present the assessment held to the damaged hospital: "Saint Georges University Hospital" in the region of Achrafieh (Youssef Sursock Street).

A overall "engineering assessment" will be presented, followed by an assessment as per the "Post Disaster Rapid Hospital Assessment – Hospital Administrator" tool, adapted from the WHO PAHO Checklist which includes sections on Structural (S), Non-structural (N) and Functional Capacity (F) of the hospital.

In addition, photos from each hospital were taken and added as support documents.

Assessment team:

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Building Description:

The Hospital building consist of:

- Five underground basements: 4 basements for Hospital Medical Services and 1 basement for Hospital Technical services.
- Ground Floor: Entrances, Administration, Staff services, Medical Services.
- Nine Upper Floors: Medical Services, Patient Rooms, Clinics, etc.
- Roof with Heli-Pad.

A site tour was held - in presence of the Head of Engineering Department - in the hospital building to check the damages occurred from the explosion.

Reference to the site inspection and the visual intensity of damages in the different section of the buildings, we have noticed that the major damages increase while going up from the GF to the upper floors and decrease while going down in the basement's floors.

Firstly, the building Facades are totally damaged. All the windows and doors located on the facades are a total loss; the glass is broken, the rails shows defeats in alignments, the fixation screw are dismantled from place.





Below Some Pictures Showing the broken windows at the Building Facades and the damaged alucobond cladding that risk to fall due to non-stability of fixing rails.









The roof tiles at the old Building are damaged with a high risk of fall. In addition, the remaining broken glass on windows risk to be fallen due to non-stability of rails and wind risk.







The HeliPad is currently not functional awaiting the structure testing report to check it stability and strength.

The Alucobond cladding at the pad is damaged and risk to fall.



The civil damages to the hospital are limited to: ceiling, windows, doors, and wood/glass partitions, equipment and materials. The intensity of damages to the mentioned items increase in the upper floors and the GF.

Ceiling







Partitions





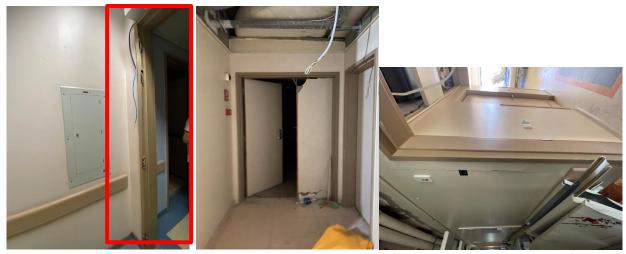




Doors:







Door showing the crack of the jamb due to the high intensity of the explosion on the upper floors; the metallic door cracked the concrete jamb .

Windows:









Cabinets, equipments, Materials:









Elevators are not functional, door elevator is squeezed, cabinets are damaged and no power supply is available; the elevator require a technical inspection from supplier.





No MEP systems to floors (lighting, power, water supply):





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	General Information								
Assessment date	Sunday, 09 August 2020								
Hospital name	Saint George University Hospital								
Hospital type	■ General □ Specialized								
Affiliation	☐ Public (Ministry of Health) ☐ Public (other than MoH) ☐ Private (Non-profit) ☐ NGO								
Bed capacity	360 (normal capacity) to 400 (with additional COVID-19 unit)								
Health/clinical services provided	All general health and clinical services are provided except "Burn" and "Radiotherapy"								
Hospital Condition	Partially damaged								
Hospital Status at the assessment time	☐ Fully Functioning ☐ Partially Functioning ☐ Not Functioning								
Functional services at the assessment time	☐ in-patient ☐ OPD ☐ Lab ☐ imaging ☐ others (None) One First Aid room at the ER is on service for local injuries during the cleaning activities								

S: Structural

Visual assessment of the structure.

Determine if the structure is safe							
#	Safety checks	Yes	No	Observations/Comments/Actions (*)			
S1 •	Is the condition of the structure adequate to allow operations to continue of an acceptable quality and in a safe manner?		0	 No visual cracks or fissuration in the building structure were shown. The Structure of the Heli-pad requires a technical inspection to check its status (currently the Heli-pad is not functional) As per the Hospital' Engineer, a water leak was detected in the water tank area which might be related to possible crack in the tank structure. Partially damaged, not able to offer any service because it's not safe. 			
S2 •	Do we need to relocate a particular service(s) to another section of the facility, or must the service(s) be discontinued in-house and be outsourced in other hospitals?	Ф		 Currently, all services are not functional at the Hospital. Services are currently discontinued in-house and only Dialysis and Oncology services have been outsourced in another hospital. Currently, Dialysis Oncology and Chemotherapy are outsourced to other hospitals 			
S3 •	Has there been any structural damage to walls and or foundations?		-	- No visual damages to walls and foundations were shown Necessary action has already been taken by the Hospital team and accordingly, the Hospital in collaboration with its structural consultant (SKP) are leading a technical inspection on the structure; the report requires one week to be issued. Based on the report result, necessary actions will be provided.			

(*) Note: Observations/ Comments/ Actions: Identify the actions that must be carried out to ensure safe operations at the hospital. Provide practical recommendations based on available resource

N: Non-Structural

Asse	Assess integrity of the non-structural aspects and patient care areas						
N1	Accessibility	Yes	No	Observations/Comments/Actions			
	 Is there safe and adequate vehicular access to the hospital? Is there safe pedestrian access to the hospital? 		0	- The roads are clear from debris. However, the Hospital gates entrances are not safe for cars and for pedestrian especially at night due to shortage in electricity and risk of fallen pieces from building Gates shall be secured and access to the Hospital hall be limited to authorized staff only Window's frames, Alucobond Cladding and nonstable gates that risk to be fallen shall be dismantled from the facades			
N2	Safety of external areas	Yes	No	Observations/Comments/Actions			
	 Are parking lots cleared and safe for usage? Check safety and security of hospital com- pound, external to buildings: Boundary fence and gate(s) intact? Fallen power/telecomm lines and poles? External drains free from blockage? Are water tanks secured and intact? 		# 0 # 0 #	 Parking lots; Ceiling is highly damaged and no lighting for safe accessibility. Only ER and Main Store Gate are damaged. Neighborhood Trees has fallen External Drains are physically not damaged; but requires testing to check that the connection network is functional. Water leak has been detected at the water tank area; reference to the structural report result, the necessary actions shall be taken. Meanwhile, the water shall be removed to temporary tanks in order to reduce pressure on the walls in case of structural defeat. 			
N3	Safety of internal areas	Yes	No	Observations/Comments/Actions			

	Check the building interior for any potential sources of injury:			- Most ceilings and overhead fixtures have fallen;
	• Are ceilings and overhead fixtures intact?		=	some of the ceiling parts were hanged back. The
	 Are windows and doors secured to walls and able to close? 			ceiling shall be replaced with new one; the fixed
	 Are shelves, equipment and materials secured from falling? 			parts are not suitable for future use.
	 Gases: Are bottles, tanks and gas links secure and without 	=		- Windows glass is broken, doors are damaged,
	leaks?			and locks are broken.
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	Electricals: Is the electrical supply safe and reliable?			- After the explosion, the gas valves were closed
				to prevent leakage and danger.
				The Gas network shall be tested.
				Currently no risk from gas system.
				- No electrical supply from original sources (UPS,
				Generators and EDL); electricity was shut down
				due to the explosion. Meanwhile, only
				temporary line was introduced for partial and
				basic functioning.
N4	Assessment of major systems (lifelines)	Yes	No	Observations/Comments/Actions
Select	YES, if system is functional and, NO, if the systems are non-functional			
	 Potable water (Is safe water available in adequate 			- All the mentioned system are not functional at
	quantities?) (5 litres/out-patient; 40-60 litres/in-			this stage.
	patient/day. Additional quantities may be needed for			The systems requires a full technical testing to
	laundry equipment, flushing toilets, etc.)			check the existing defeat in each system and the
	Electrical generator			requirement for future functioning.
	■ Fire system			
	Chillers / Boilers			
	 Fuel supplies (Check for leaks in fuel storage tanks or lines) 			
	 Medical gases 		=	
	Elevators		=	
	 Hospital information system (HIS) Check IT infrastructure 		=	
	 Wastewater system 		=	
	Medical waste system		=	
	 Air conditioning/Ventilation systems 		=	
	Additional System at SGUHMC:			
	■ Heli-pad		=	
	RO/Water Treatment		=	
	Pool Therapy		=	
	• EDL		=	
	 Communication 		=	

F: Functional Capacity

Determine the functional capacity and capability of the institution. Identify the gaps. Please fill out the checklist for the departments that are present at the hospital.

Identify safe areas that can be used to increase patient care capacity (surge capacity) (e.g. use of hospital corridors, lobby and other non-essential spaces and also parking areas and open spaces).

	Emergency Room	Yes	No	Observations/quantities/Comments/Actions
Be	d capacity: Has there been a reduction in bed capacity? (list number of beds currently available) Is there capability to increase beds/ patient care capacity? (list number of additional beds) Number of beds available			 The hospital is not functioning at all. Patients are transferred to other hospitals. However, they are preparing the Emergency room to be ready as priority in the shortest delays. Physical visit showed few damages, but the civil works and infrastructure works not done yet. Usually, their capacity is 26 cubicles, 2 minor surgery units, 1 cast room and 10 COVID rooms
Eq	uipment: Vital sign monitors	П		No. No. The biomedical engineers couldn't Functioning Needed have the inventory and the
-	Sphygmomanometer			assessment of their equipment,
	Defibrillator		П	because of lack of power supply
	ECG machine	П		and the huge damage on floors.
	Pulse Oximeter			The staff aren't been able to have
•	Suction device and connective tubing			access to their files, due to the
•	Medical gases and regulators			shortage of communication syste
•	Stretchers			and access to their electronic
•	Infusion pumps			documents.
•	Arterial blood gas machine			SGH has 40 million\$ of equipmen
•	Glucometer machine			where 38M are located in the
•	Otoscope			underground floors, and apparen
•	IV (intravenous) poles			they are kept not damaged. But,
•	Xray reader			since the explosion lead to a pow
•	other			disconnection, it may affected the
				equipment too. On the floors all
				equipment were kept safe in on
				room to protect them from theft
				and external damages, until

evaluation by the biomedical teams.

Medical gases are not functioning because of massive damage of the infrastructure; there are leaks in the main circuit and the Hospital Facilities team had to isolate each department / floor.

Supplies:

- IV fluids
- IV administration sets
- Intracaths
- Syringes / needles
- Nebulization sets
- Oxygen mask and nasal cannula
- Scalpel blades and handles
- Catheters
- Tubes
- Personal protective equipment
- Sutures
- Gloves: disposable and surgical
- Extrication collars
- Spinal boards and splints
- Bandages

All kind of supplies are available in enough quantities





F2	Intensive Care Unit (ICU)	Yes	No	Observations/ quantities/Comments/Actions
В	ed capacity:			 16 beds not functioning at all. 2 negative pressure
-	Has there been a reduction in bed capacity? (list			rooms.
	number of beds currently available)			■ 5 Covid-19 unit
	Is there capability to improvise or increase bed			■ 6 CCU
	capacity/ patient services? (list number of additional			■ 2 CSU
	beds)			All ICUs were closed. Windows and infrastructure were
-	Number of beds available = 0			damaged. No capability to open or increase patient
				beds in critical areas
F2	Intensive Care Unit (ICU)	Yes	No	Observations/ quantities/Comments/Actions
E	quipment:			No. No. The equipment of the ICU were
-	Ventilator			Functioning Needed all stored in a safe room for
-	Vital sign monitor			future assessment since there is
-	Infusion pump			no electricity to test them (refer
-	Medical gases			to pictures in ICU folder
-	Medication refrigerator			attached). We did not see any
-	Defibrillator			damaged equipment apart from
-	Ambu bags and mask			the patient beds (attached
-	Blood gas machine			pictures in ICU folder).
-	Suction device			
•	Stocked crash cart			
F2	Intensive Care Unit (NICU)	Yes	No	Observations/ quantities/Comments/Actions
	Related to NICUs:			No. No. • Ventilator (21) Functioning Needed

			Vital sign monitor (9)
•	Same above equipment suitable for neonates		Infusion pump (4/bed)
•	Incubators		Infusion pump (11) Syringe
NI	CU equipment:		pump (22)
•	Ventilator		Medical gases are not
•	Vital sign monitor		functioning because of
•	Infusion pump		massive damage of the
•	Syringe pump		infrastructure
•	Medical gases		Medication refrigerator (1)
•	Medication refrigerator		damaged
•	Defibrillator		■ Defibrillator (1)
•	Ambu bags and mask		Ambu bags and mask
•	Blood gas machine		Blood gas machine (0)
•	Suction device		Suction device 1 per bed
•	Stocked crash cart		Stocked crash cart (1 /unit)
			The functionality of equipment
0.			are not tested also, because they
			don't have electrical power. All
V			equipment are gathered in one
1			secured room till the biomedical
			engineers perform their
			assessment and inventory.

F3				No	C	Observations/ quantities/Comments/Actions				
	YES, if items are present and functional and, I									
functi	onal. please mention the number functional ed	quipment and num	ber of n	eeded (equipme	ent in th	e comments	section in front of each equipment.		
	Equipment:				No.		No.	The OR located underground		
	Anesthetic machine				Function	oning	Needed	(10 rooms capacity). Physically		
	 Operating theatre table 							it was preserved, and kept		
	Defibrillators							safe. However, all systems		
	Suction device							needs to be tested to evaluate		
	Airway equipment							its functionality.		
	Operating room lights									
	Surgical diathermy									
	Fluid warmer									
	Stocked crash cart									
	Medical gases									
	 Autoclave 									
	Air condition									
	Refrigerator									
	Supplies:									
	Surgical sets						edications were kept in a secure place.			
	 Airway supplies/ tubes 				Medica	al suppl	lies are available in main stock.			
	Medication									
	Gowns, masks and gloves									
	Sterile instruments									
F4	Wards	Number of	Is th	ere	ls t	here		Observations/		
		Beds	adeq	uate	adequate		quantities/Comments/Actions			
			sta	ff?	equip	ment?				
			Yes	No	Yes	No				
	Medical	28	✓		✓			e explosion, the nursing staff		
	Cardio	29	✓		✓		lost 3 RNs and 1 PN. 12 wounded still under recovery. Otherwise, the hospi has proper number of staffing.			
	Surgical	90	✓		✓					
	Same day surgery	27	✓		✓					
	OB/GYN	13	✓		✓					
	Women	25	✓		✓					
	Pediatrics	44	✓		✓					
	Oncology adult	30	✓		✓					

Pediatric onco	10	✓	✓	
Mental health	13	✓	✓	
General	16	✓	✓	
ICU's	19	✓	✓	
NICU/PICU/ICN	15	✓	 ✓	

F5	Sterilization Department	Yes	No	Observations/ quantities/Comments/Actions
Select	YES, if items are present and functional and, NO, if the item	s are in	sufficie	nt or non-functional.
	 Autoclave machines 	√		The CSSD consists of 3 steam sterilizer, 2 plasma, 2 washers and 2 ultrasonic units. Theses equipment do not suffer from any physical damage but because they are located underground, however, an operational check on the units couldn't be perform because of the absence of electricity.
F6	Dialysis	Yes	No	Observations/ quantities/Comments/Actions
	YES, if items are present and functional and, NO, if the item ble at hospital prior to event. \Box	s are in	sufficie	nt or non-functional. State in comments, if equipment was not
	 Dialysis machine Water Water treatment (reverse osmosis) plant All dialysis supplies 		✓	17 units in the Hemodialysis department do not suffer from any physical damage but an operational check on the units couldn't be perform because of the absence of electricity. Also, the water and RO are down at the facility and had to be isolated. The dialysis is located underground which saved the equipment and machines. But, due to damages of water and RO water, it's not able to receive patients, all patients were distributed to other hospitals.
F7	Blood bank	Yes	No	Observations/ quantities/Comments/Actions
	 Refrigerated / Frozen blood products storage Blood warmers Administration sets Lab testing equipment and supplies 	✓ ✓ ✓		Refrigerators in the blood bank are functional. All other equipment do not suffer from any physical damage but an operational check on the units couldn't be perform because of the absence of electricity.
Asse	ssment of ancillary services			
F8	Radiology	Yes	No	Observations/ quantities/Comments/Actions
	YES, if items are present and functional and, NO, if the item ble at hospital prior to event.	s are in	sufficie	nt or non-functional. State in comments, if equipment was not
	 Equipment: MRI CT Scan Ultrasound General radiographic/ fluoroscopic equipment Film processor/ computerized radiography system (CR reader) 			All the equipment in the Radiology department do not suffer from any physical damage but an operational check on the units couldn't be perform because of the absence of electricity.
	 Mammography system 	П	п	

	 Defibrillator 					
	Other(interventional)					
	Supplies:					
	Films and Cassettes					
	 Processing equipment & chemicals 					
	Contrast media					
	Emergency trolley					
F9	Laboratory	Yes	No			uantity/ Comments/Actions
	YES, if items are present and functional and, NO, if the item	s are in	sufficie	nt or non-funct	ional. State in	comments, if equipment was not
	ble at hospital prior to event.			ı	ı	
	Equipment				No.	All the equipment in the
	 Hematology analyzer 			Functioning	Needed	Laboratory department do not
	Chemistry analyzer					suffer from any physical damage
	Centrifuge					but an operational check on the
	Diagnostic kits / Reagents					units couldn't be perform because
	refrigerator					of the absence of electricity.
	Microscope					
	 Autoclave 					
	Others:					
F10	Pharmacy	Yes	No			uantity/Comments/Actions
Select	YES, if items are present and functional and, NO, if the item	s are in	sufficie			
	Equipment:			No.	No. Needed	
	 Medication refrigerators 			Functioning		
	Availability of medicines based on the approved			All medicatio	ns are store	d in a closed and secured place. Not
	essential drug list by the Ministry of Public Health,			able to evalua	ate physicall	y because the responsible person
	for example:			wasn't on site	e.	
	 General/Local Anaesthetics 	✓				
	 Broad spectrum antibiotics 	✓				
	 Antihistamines 	✓				
	 Steroids and metabolic medications 	✓				
	 Gastrointestinal medicines 	✓				
	 Medicines acting on respiratory system 	✓				
	 Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs 	✓				
	 Cardiac and Vascular Drugs 	✓				
	 Delivery related medicines 	✓				
	Narcotics / Opiates	✓				
	 Oncology medications 					

			s are in	sufficie	nt or non-functional. State in comments, if equipment was not
availd	able at hospital prior to event.				
	•	Refrigerator/ freezer room			The mortuary is able to receive 6 bodies, and they have the
	•	Body trolley(s)			needed supplies.
	•	All consumables			Because of physical damaged rear areas, it's not functional
					for the time being.
F12		Laundry	Yes	No	Observations/ quantity/Comments/Actions
		s, if items are present and functional and, NO, if the item at hospital prior to event	s are in	sufficie	nt or non-functional. State in comments, if equipment was not
	•	Washing machine / Dryer		=	- The equipment exist, they are not tested yet to check their
	•	Flat work ironer			functionality
F13		Kitchen	Yes	No	Observations/ quantity/Comments/Actions
	•	Is there the ability to prepare, serve and		=	- The Kitchen and cantina are totally damaged.
		distribute meals?		=	- The equipment exist but damaged, they are not tested yet to check
	•	Refrigerators?			their functionality.
F14		Hygiene & Infection control	Yes	No	Observations/ quantity/Comments/Actions
	•	Has the hospital developed and implemented			The hospital has a proper IC program. The hands sanitizer
		infection prevention and control measures?			were placed in all areas, with instructions posted on walls in
	•	Are there written IPC SOPs?			all areas regarding hand hygiene and The current staff
	•	Personal protective equipment (PPE)			working now, have their linen mask for protection from
	•	Disinfectant			COVID-19
F15		Medical records	Yes	No	Observations/ quantity/Comments/Actions
	•	Are patient records safe and accessible?			The medical record is partially electronic, the patients' hard
	•	Are patient records paper based or automated?			copies of medical record were collected from units and stored
	•	Is there capability to develop and store records			in archive. Database is available and backup secured
		for new patients?			according to nursing director says. However, they don't have
	•	Are patient records archives intact?			any access to their files now.
F16		Communication	Yes	No	Observations/ quantity/Comments/Actions
	•	Is there reliable communication available			Currently, no mean of communication except the talky walky
		between the Hospital Emergency Operation			between the crises responsible
		Centre (EOC) and all staff and community?			
Staf	f av	vailability by department			
F19		Staff Availability	Yes	No	Observations/ quantity/Comments/Actions
Select	YES	5, if there is adequate staff available, either present at th	e hospi	tal or o	n call and, NO, if there is insufficient staff.

St	aff by department:			Due to the explosion, the nursing staff lost 3 RNs and 1 PN.
-	Emergency Room	✓		12 wounded still under recovery. Otherwise, the hospital
•	ICU	✓		has proper number of staffing.
-	NICU	✓		
-	Operating theatre(s)	✓		The infection control officer is not available because she left
-	Sterilization department	✓		the country because of the last events. The ICO
-	Dialysis	✓		responsibilities are covered by the nursing supervisors.
-	Blood bank	✓		
-	Radiology	✓		
-	Laboratory	✓		
-	Pharmacy	✓		
-	Support and general services		✓	
-	Hygiene & Infection Control	✓		
-	Housekeeping & cleaning	✓		
-	Medical Records	✓		
•	General wards			

Summary

Structural

Is the hospital structure safe to continue to be functional? Tick the appropriate box.

Safe	Partially safe	Unsafe/ need to evacuate					
X							
Comments: Identify specific areas that are deemed unsafe and immediate action to be taken:							
The hospital is safe except that there are still broken glass and materials that might be dangerous for							
healthcare workers, patients and visitors.							

Non-Structural

Assessment of the integrity of the non-structural aspects of the hospital; whether they are safe and functional, partially functional or unsafe or non-functional. Tick the appropriate box.

Non-structural aspect	Safe and functional		Unsafe/non- functional	Comments/immediate action
Accessibility		х		
External areas and parking lots		х		
Internal areas		х		
Major systems (lifelines)			Х	

Functional

Assessment of the current functionality and capability of the hospital. If the department does not exist at the hospital, leave blank.

Overall bed capacity of the hospital:				
Number of functional beds prior to the event:	360 extended to 400 with the COVID pandemic			
Number of functional beds after the event:	0			
many beds:	First step (one month), make functional the ER (with 26 cubicles, 2 minor surgery units, 1 cast room and 10 COVID rooms) and the technical supportive departments (Labs and imaging)			
Staff availability at the hospital:				

Comments: Identify immediate staff requirements (not currently available) per department to ensure normal operations:

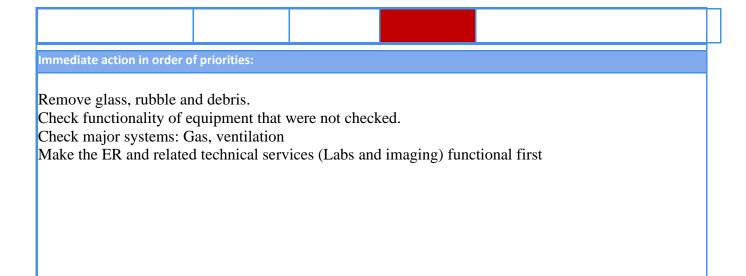
The nursing staff lost 3 RNs and 1 PN. 12 wounded still under recovery.

Many residents and students are injured

13 physicians are injured among them 3 to 4 severely affected.

But, the hospital has enough number of staffing to gradually recover activities.

Critical functional areas	Functional	Partially functional	Non- functional	Comments/immediate action
Emergency room, ER				
Intensive Care Unit, ICU				
Neonatal ICU (NICU)				
Operating theatre(s), OT				
Sterilization department				
Dialysis				
Blood bank				
Auxiliary functional areas	Functional	Partially functional	Non- functional	Comments/immediate action
Radiology				
Laboratory				
Pharmacy				
Mortuary				
Laundry				
Auxiliary functional areas	Functional	Partially functional	Non- functional	Comments/immediate action
Kitchen				
Housekeeping and cleaning				
Medical records				
Communication				
Others				



Please provide roughly estimated cost for different components proposed in the tool:

Civil engineering work: estimated USD 8,925,000.00

Biomedical services / medical machines: Not tested yet but apparently minor damages