



An Overview of ORFIT Support to UNRWA



Background

UNRWA received an in-kind donation from ORFIT (along with financial assistance), totaling \$32,000 that has enabled the agency to provide immediate assistance to patients who required orthotics and prosthetics support.

The in-kind donation of equipment, totaling some 1,600 items, from heat guns, to thermoplastic sheets, to orfcasts, to cut splints and water baths have been distributed through health centres in the West Bank and Gaza. Both these fields received a set of splinting materials and splint water baths for the fabrication of splints for both the training of physiotherapy staff, as well as for patient use. The Gaza Field Office also received four additional splint water bath, a heat gun, thermoplastic sheets, orficast rolls and a group of cut splints for multiple purpose use.

These materials, and associated accessories (such as Velcro, scissors, glue, forceps, and drills) were distributed in the West Bank and to four physiotherapy clinics in the Gaza Strip: Gaza Town, Jabalia, Buerij and Rafah.

Both the West Bank and Gaza found the materials very useful, easy to fabricate, simple in remodeling and leading to an expansion of the current range of possibilities for splint fabrication. They were particularly useful for patients with post traumatic deformities, such as fracture and nerve injuries.



In addition, the physiotherapist supervisor from the West Bank attended a training in Belgium on how to use and apply the material for prosthesis and orthotics and has since trained four others.

UNRWA is very grateful to ORFIT for this donation as it has enabled the organization to support persons who needed Prosthesis and orthotics.



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