



23rd June 2019 Press Release: Italy sends a humanitarian flight to support hospitals in Sudan

A humanitarian flight coming from the United Nations Humanitarian Emergency Response Center in Brindisi landed today in Khartoum Airport with a cargo of 10 tons of emergency surgical supplies, notably consisting of trauma kits; medical kits; medicines and hospital equipment.

This humanitarian assistance initiative comes from the Italian Government to a request made by the World Health Organization who is on the front line to provide urgent assistance to all the hospitals in Sudan, supporting national, following the violence occurred during last clashes in the country.

The humanitarian supply will contribute timely to the serious needs registered in the Sudanese hospitals, said Ambassador Fabrizio Lobasso. In most Sudanese hospitals, the conditions are critical, the health structures continue to suffer great pressure and all the medical staff face a severe shortage in medical supplies and an increase of wounded patients, underlines the Ambassador.

The WHO Representative in Sudan - Naeema Al Gasser - emphasizes the excellent and long-lasting relationship between the UN Agency and the Italian Cooperation. Thanks to this humanitarian flight we will be able to ensure our support in emergency unit at key hospitals in Khartoum and in States across Sudan closely working with Ministry of Health addressing immediate critical gaps, she added.

The medical health supplies will allow Sudanese hospitals to cope - at least in the short term - with surgical and traumatological needs, concluded Lobasso.