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## **AUB to hold international conference on the health of Palestinians**

Beirut, Lebanon- 01/03/2012 - The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at the American University of Beirut is holding an international conference entitled “Health of Palestinians Inside and Outside the Occupied Palestinian Territory” on March 5-6, 2012.

The conference, jointly organized by FHS and the Institute of Community and Public Health at Birzeit University reflects AUB’s outreach activities in the region. Participants come from Gaza and the West Bank, from Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan and Syria, and from Canada, Europe, Japan and the US. The Welfare Association and Medical Aid for Palestinians are funding the conference.

The conference is being organized in collaboration with the Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance, a network of Palestinian, regional and international researchers, committed to the highest scientific standards in research on Palestinians. The conference will be attended by Dr. Richard Horton, editor of the *Lancet*, one of the leading international health journals.

Presentations will address the broader health issues affecting Palestinians including physical, mental and social health, living conditions, as well as access to health services and risk protection. They cover the plight of Palestinians living inside and outside the occupied Palestinian territory enabling a comparative perspective. The conference will end with a policy session: policy recommendations will be discussed by five prominent speakers concerned with health of Palestinians representing the Lebanon Ministry of Public Health, the Welfare Association, the Issam Fares Institute of Public Policy and International Affairs at AUB, UNRWA, and Medical Aid for Palestinians.

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Note to Editors

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