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A Message from the President



Dear Supporters,

Assalamu Alaikum.

It is a great pleasure and honour to thank you for your generosity, which continues to save lives. With your support, patients in need are able to access quality care at the Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH) that would otherwise remain out of reach.

In 2025 (year-to-date), the Patients' Behbud Society (PBS) for AKUH, with your unmatched support, has disbursed funds in almost every area, most importantly PKR 83 million for paediatrics, PKR 40 million for ear, nose and throat and PKR 32 million for cochlear implants. In addition, support for the laboratory programme constitutes nearly PKR 190 million to ensure timely diagnostic care.

From life-saving surgeries and cancer treatment to specialised care in cardiology and neurosurgery, your contributions have brought hope and healing across all ages and medical needs irrespective of caste, creed or colour.

As we move forward, we hope you will stay with us on this journey. Your kindness brings healing and reminds every patient that they are not alone.

On behalf of the PBS Executive Committee, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your trust, compassion and unwavering support. May your generosity continue to bring healing to others and may you and your loved ones be blessed with good health, happiness and countless rewards.

Together, we can build a healthier society where no one is left behind.

Profound regards,

Abdul Qadir Memon

President,

The Patients' Behbud Society for AKUH

Impact of Your Support in 2025 (Jan - Jun)



94,000

patient visits were supported at
the Aga Khan University Hospital



Over PKR 699 million

has been disbursed in financial
assistance to support Zakat mustahiq
and deserving patients

Hamdan's Battle with Congenital Heart Disease

Hamdan was only a few months old when he was diagnosed with double pneumonia. His condition worsened quickly and he was rushed to a nearby hospital. That is when his grandfather, a humble madrassa teacher, received the devastating news about his grandson.

"Your grandson has a hole in his heart and two of his valves are blocked. You need to take him to AKUH – only they can help him now."

At AKUH, paediatric cardiologist Dr. Saleem Akhtar confirmed that Hamdan was suffering from Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), a critical condition present since birth. Barely responsive, he was admitted immediately.

At just nine months old, Hamdan underwent his first open-heart surgery – a life-saving procedure made possible by the generosity of our donors. Without this intervention, his family would have lost him.

For them, every smile, every step, and every breath he takes is a reminder of hope restored. His grandfather often says, "Hamdan is alive today because of the care he received at AKUH and the kindness of those who made it possible."

While Hamdan still requires two more surgeries, his steady recovery gives his family strength to look ahead with hope rather than fear.



A Father's Silent Worry: Tayyaba's Journey to Hearing

Abdullah, a hardworking father of four, always believed his children's laughter would echo in his home. However, his youngest daughter, Tayyaba, did not respond to voices, he grew increasingly worried for her wellbeing. He could sense that something was wrong.

Doctors confirmed his fears. Tayyaba was deaf in one ear and had very limited hearing in the other. The news left Abdullah heartbroken. How would his daughter experience the joy of sound? How would she go to school, make friends or live a normal life?

With growing concern but unwavering hope, Abdullah brought Tayyaba to AKUH where Dr Sohail Awan and his team responded with empathy and expertise, reassuring Abdullah that there was a way forward. After a thorough

evaluation, Tayyaba underwent a cochlear implant surgery.

The procedure was successful. Slowly, Tayyaba began to respond to sounds — her name, her siblings' voices and everyday noises most of us take for granted. For Abdullah, hearing his daughter's laughter was a moment of immense relief and joy.

Today, Tayyaba's future looks bright. She is learning new words every day and her confidence is building. Abdullah's eyes no longer carry the weight of worry but shine with gratitude for the chance his daughter has been given.

Your support gave Tayyaba the priceless gift of hearing and with your continued generosity, many more children like her can grow up connected to their families, communities and the world around them.



Cochlear Implants at AKUH

Cochlear implantation is one of the most advanced treatments for individuals with profound hearing loss. It involves surgically placing a small electronic device in the inner ear, enabling the brain to interpret sound signals. The journey, alas, does not end with surgery, it continues with programming, speech therapy and long-term rehabilitation.

At AKUH, this life-changing journey is facilitated by a multidisciplinary team of ENT surgeons, audiologists, speech therapists and rehabilitation experts. Every stage from ENT diagnosis to post-operative care reflects AKUH's internationally accredited standards and unwavering focus on the patient.

Hearing loss is often detected at birth or in the first few years of life. Without timely intervention, children can fall behind in language, development and education. It is not just about restoring hearing, but about enabling the child to attend school confidently, connect with family and imagine a future full of opportunity. At AKUH, each cochlear implant represents not just clinical excellence, but a deep commitment to inclusion, education and lifelong transformation.

Impact of Your Support for Cochlear Implants in 2025 (Jan - Jun)



14

patients were supported at
the Aga Khan University Hospital



PKR 32 million

has been disbursed in financial
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In Gratitude

It is with deep gratitude that I extend my heartfelt thanks to our compassionate donors for your generosity. Because of your support, some of the most vulnerable members of our society are able to receive vital medical care at their most critical moments of need.

Through your continued contributions to PBS, patients who once believed advanced treatment was beyond their reach are now able to access world-class care at our hospital. From emergency surgeries to complex procedures and long-term treatment journeys, your zakat and sadaqat are not merely funding medical interventions, they are restoring health, dignity and hope.

Each gift you make transforms lives: a child who recovers from a life-threatening illness, a parent who returns home after successful surgery, a family who regains hope after despair. These are not numbers or cases; they are stories of resilience made possible by your kindness.

We are truly honoured by the trust you place in us. Together, we are not only saving lives but also building a healthier, more compassionate and more equitable future for all.



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