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A Message from the President



Dear Supporters,

Assalamu Alaikum.

Your generosity continues to light the way for patients and families at the Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH). Whether through Zakat, donations, or a desire to give back and support others in vulnerable circumstances, your contributions bring hope for the future. As a result of your assistance, patients of all ages with diverse medical needs are able to access life-changing treatment.

Heart disease, for instance, places a heavy burden on many families. Yet, your kindness ensures that patients like Irfan, who underwent valve replacement surgery, receive lifesaving care and regain their health.

During breast cancer awareness month, we are reminded of the urgent need for collective action to fight this disease that affects so many women. 1 in 9 women in Pakistan is at risk of breast cancer. In the past five years, due to patient welfare support for breast cancer, over 345 patients have received surgeries, with million disbursed in support.

Your generosity can enable women to access early diagnosis, treatment and preventive care, giving them the chance to safeguard their health and their families' futures. With your continued support, more women will be able to receive timely care and renewed hope.

On behalf of The Patients' Behbud Society for Aga Khan University Hospital (PBS for AKUH), I thank you for walking this journey with us. Your giving is not only a means of providing care but also a powerful reminder that compassion can truly transform lives.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Abdul Qadir Memon

President,

The Patients' Behbud Society for AKUH

Impact of Your Support in 2025 (Jan - Sep)



143,000

patient visits were supported at
the Aga Khan University Hospital



PKR 1,080 million

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

Breast Cancer Care at AKUH

Breast cancer remains one of the most pressing health challenges for women in Pakistan. While the disease can be life-threatening, early detection and timely treatment greatly increase the chances of recovery. Unfortunately, many women delay seeking help because of financial and social barriers, putting their health at greater risk.

At the Aga Khan University Hospital, women receive comprehensive breast cancer services under one roof — from diagnosis and surgery to chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and long-term follow-up. A dedicated team of oncologists, surgeons, radiologists, and nurses work together to provide world-class treatment with empathy and respect.

For many families, such advanced treatment would be out of reach without donor support. Through the Patient Welfare Programme (PWP) and Zakat and donations through PBS for AKUH, women who once thought they had no options are now able to undergo critical procedures and continue their lives with restored strength and renewed confidence.

At AKUH, breast cancer treatment goes beyond fighting a disease — it is about empowering women, rebuilding families, and creating the possibility of a healthier tomorrow.



Sana Survives Breast Cancer

Sana, a devoted mother of young children from Hyderabad, began experiencing recurring pain in her breast. At first, she sought treatment locally and even underwent surgery, but the pain soon returned, leaving her anxious and uncertain about the future.

Her family then turned to AKUH, where a biopsy confirmed her greatest fear: Sana was suffering from stage 3 breast cancer. Dr Sana Zeeshan explained that to save her life, her breast would need to be removed.

Over the course of a year, Sana bravely underwent surgery, followed by radiation and chemotherapy. It was an exhausting and

emotional journey — made even harder by the financial strain, as her husband, a small factory worker, could not afford the cost of advanced treatment.

Thanks to PWP at AKUH, supported by Zakat and donations through PBS for AKUH, Sana received the full course of life-saving care. Slowly, she regained her strength and her will to fight for her children's future.

Today, Sana is healthy and able to return to her role as a mother with renewed hope and her family continues to offer heartfelt prayers for the donors whose generosity gave them strength in their darkest time.



Thank You for Supporting Us

We thank all our donors and supporters for the generous support they have extended to us including Novartis, Roche, Jafferjees and Dunkin' Donuts. We also extend our gratitude to:

Personal Touch

Experts at AKUH were engaged to conduct an awareness session at Personal Touch, a ladies salon in Karachi. Personal Touch lent its support by hosting this session for its employees and clients. The session encouraged women to prioritise their health through regular check-ups and contributed to raising funds for breast cancer.



Sania Maskatiya

Renowned fashion designer Sania Maskatiya supports the cause by displaying our breast cancer awareness materials and donation boxes at her outlet. Through this collaboration, funds are being raised to support the screening and treatment of breast cancer patients in need.



A New Beat to Life: Irfan's Journey of Recovery

Irfan longed for a normal, active life, but his heart condition made even simple tasks a struggle. With a leaking valve, he experienced shortness of breath, a racing heartbeat and fluid in his lungs that left him unable to manage daily activities.

He visited the Aga Khan University Hospital, where he was treated by Dr Shahid Sami, who advised urgent valve replacement surgery. The cost was beyond his family's means, but support through PBS for AKUH from generous donors made his treatment possible.

The surgery changed everything. Within just ten days, Irfan regained his strength — climbing stairs, walking without exhaustion and breathing freely once more. He could once again enjoy everyday moments with his family, free from the limitations of his illness.

Today, Irfan lives with renewed energy and hope. For Irfan and his family, every heartbeat is a gift — a reminder of the generosity of donors who gave him not only a healthier heart, but also the chance for a brighter tomorrow.



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Name of Bank	Zakat IBAN #	Donations IBAN #
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Soneri Bank Limited	PK75SONE0500130000008512	-
Bank Alfalah Limited	PK10ALFH5518005000170948	PK31ALFH5518005001646037
MCB Bank Limited	PK78MCIB0231000189850001	PK51MCIB0231000189850002
Meezan Bank Limited	PK56MEZN0001220103135178	PK56MEZN0001220106612919
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In Gratitude

Thank you for your generous Zakat and donations through PBS for AKUH to support patients in need at the AKUH. Your contributions enable patients from remote areas across Pakistan to access equitable, high-quality healthcare and advanced treatment during their most critical moments.

We are deeply grateful to our partners, collaborators, and supporters who stand with us in AKUH's mission to provide access to quality care. Your unwavering commitment helps bridge the gap for patients facing serious health challenges, from young children requiring cardiac treatment to women battling breast cancer, one of the country's most pressing health concerns. Through your collective support, patients receive timely diagnoses, essential procedures, and renewed hope for recovery.

Every contribution brings us one step closer to saving a life. For many, your generosity truly means the difference between life and loss. Together, let us continue this vital mission, strengthening healthcare delivery, improving outcomes, and upholding the promise of a healthier, brighter, brighter tomorrow.



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