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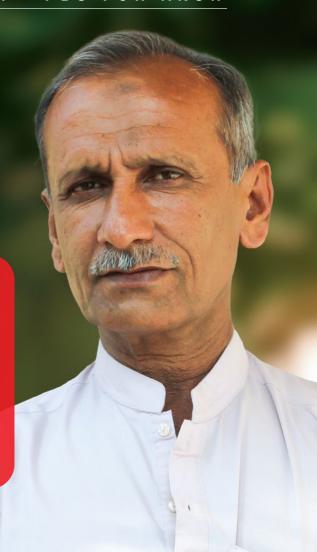
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Bahadur's Recovery from Hep C

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### A Message from the President



Dear PBS Supporters,

As we step into 2025, I extend my warmest greetings and heartfelt gratitude to all our generous supporters. Your unwavering kindness made 2024 a truly remarkable year for the Patients' Behbud Society (PBS).

In 2024, your Zakat and donations supported 194,000 patient visits and disbursed PKR 1.22 billion for children and adults suffering from life threatening conditions, some of which include congential heart disease (CHD), hepatitis C, neurology and cancer.

"The example of those who donate their wealth, seeking Allah's pleasure and believing in His reward, is that of a garden on a fertile hill: when heavy rain falls, it yields twice its normal produce. Even if no heavy rain falls, a drizzle is sufficient. And Allah is All-Seeing of what you do." (Quran 2:265)

With the holy month of Ramadan approaching, I am filled with optimism that with your support, PBS will continue its mission to provide hope, compassion and life-saving healthcare to the most deserving members of our society.

Together, we are determined to save even more lives in the new year. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

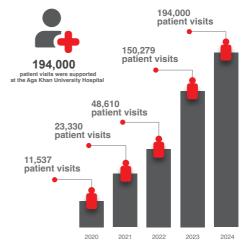
Wishing you a happy, healthy and peaceful 2025.

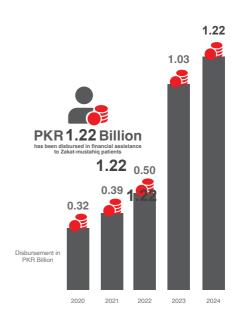
Warm regards,

#### **Abdul Qadir Memon**

President.

The Patients' Behbud Society for AKUH





## Fighting a Silent Enemy Bahadur's Recovery from Hep C



Bahadur Ali, a humble daily wage earner, spent much of his life battling poor health and financial hardship. Unknown to him, a silent enemy - Hepatitis C - was ravaging his body from within.

Frequent illnesses and life's complexities left him feeling hopeless, but his fear of needles made him reluctant to undergo medical tests. During a medical camp carried out by the Aga Khan University Hospital, supported by the Patients' Behbud Society (PBS), Bahadur's brother insisted with him to take a blood test. Despite his fear of needles, he agreed - and this decision changed his life.

The test revealed that he had Hepatitis C. Initially overwhelmed, he found solace and

hope through the generous support of PBS donors, which enabled him to be treated.

Due to early detection, his illness was treatable. After completing three months of treatment, his health significantly improved.

Today, Bahadur has fully recovered and is deeply grateful to the Aga Khan University Hospital and the donors of PBS for providing him with a dignified healing experience and saving him from the deadly grip of Hepatitis C.

He is one of the patients from a total of 8,153 Hepatitis C patients that have been supported by PBS.

#### **Health Awareness**

#### **Sessions**

The Patients' Behbud Society (PBS), in collaboration with the Family Medicine Department of AKUH, conducted health awareness sessions in October 2024 to raise awareness about breast cancer for female staff members at Unilever, Habib Metropolitan Bank, Central Depository Company and Dawood Foundation students and faculty at

Dawood Public School and Ilma University.
Additionally, the sessions provided an opportunity to celebrate and honour the resilient women who have triumphed over breast cancer and emerged stronger as survivors.

Here's a glimpse of the sessions held in October!







#### Celebrating the Impact of your Generosity







On 21 December, 2024, an event was held for the first time at the Sports Centre, Stadium Road Campus, Karachi to celebrate donors' contribution to the Patients' Behbud Society for AKUH. The event was hosted by AKUH and PBS leadership.

The Chief Guest, Mr Zafar Masud, President & CEO Bank of Punjab & Chairman Pakistan Banks' Association, shared a poignant reflection on the power of philanthropy.

Thanks to the compassion of donors, AKUH is able to provide critical healthcare to underserved communities, creating a ripple effect of kindness and healing throughout society.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all our donors for their indispensable role in advancing our mission of providing access to healthcare for all.

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