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ZAKAT SUPPORT AT AKUH LABS HELPED SAVE SHAHZAIN'S LIFE

Shahzain, hailing from Thatta, was born one month premature and for the first three months of his life, remained extremely frail.

Shahzain suffered from malnutrition and struggled with maintaining a healthy bodyweight. He was regularly in and out of the hospital but fortunately survived this fragile period and began growing and gaining weight at a healthy pace.

Eighteen months later, Shahzain was visiting his grandmother Nasima, who noticed that he was extremely lethargic and unable to sit up properly. She readily consulted a local doctor who prescribed Shahzain blood tests for malaria, iron-levels, as well as a complete blood count.

Nasima knew that the most reliable tests were done at AKUH's labs after her employer had taken her there to get her checkup, but she was worried about the cost of getting the tests done.



“If we hadn’t tested Shahzain at AKUH, who knows what his condition would have become? The quality and speed of the tests saved my grandson’s life.”

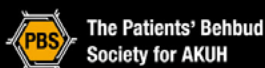
ously low haemoglobin count. The AKUH lab assistant also advised Nasima that Shahzain be treated immediately as his situation could quickly deteriorate.

The family rushed the little boy to the hospital where he was admitted and treated for five days. His situation improved significantly and he is now gaining weight again, and able to move around.

Upon reaching the lab, Nasima explained to the staff her family’s strained financial circumstances and was relieved to hear that they would be eligible for Zakat, which would significantly reduce the cost of the tests. Less than eight hours later, Nasima received a call from AKUH Laboratories informing her that Shahzain had malaria as well as a danger-

Timely and accurate diagnostics helped Shahzain get access to quality healthcare when it mattered the most.

The Zakat programme at AKUH laboratories helps many individuals, such as Shahzain, access reliable diagnoses and treatment.



Your Zakat changes lives

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PATIENTS' BEHBUD SOCIETY'S NEW LEADERSHIP

At its Annual General Meeting in May, the Executive Committee (EXCOM) of The Patients' Behbud Society for The Aga Khan University Hospital (PBS for AKUH) elected Abdul Qadir Memon as the new PBS President for a three-year term. He replaces Nadeem Mustafa Khan, who served two terms from 2017 to 2023. Mr. Memon is the founder and chief advisor of A.Qadir & Co., a renowned firm of tax and corporate attorneys.



Abdul Qadir Memon
President, PBS



Dr. S.M. Pervez
Vice President, PBS

One of PBS' most generous long-time supporters, Dr. S.M. Pervez, was re-elected as the Vice President of PBS. Other changes in the EXCOM include the induction of Zahra Somani, Chief Advancement Officer at AKU, and Saima Haider, an experienced proponent of community outreach and fundraising. They replace Fawzia Vellani and Shagufta Hassan who both served from 2020 to 2023.



Zahra Somani
Member, EXCOM



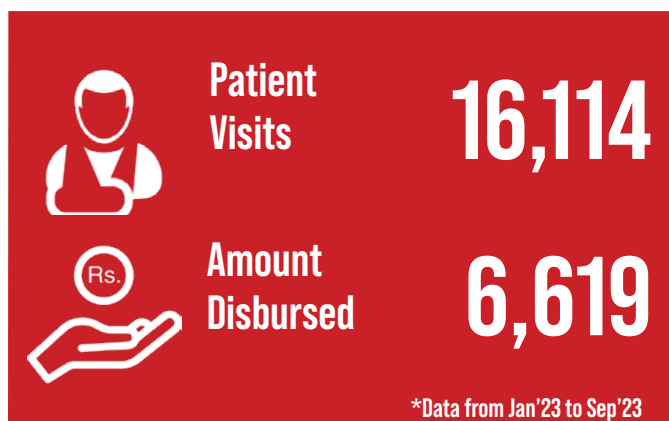
Saima Haider
Member, EXCOM

Other members of the EXCOM include Nadeem Mustafa Khan, Anwar Rammal, Zafar Sobani, Ebrahim Sidat, Zulfiqar Paracha, Dr. Yahya Chawla, Raheel Ahmed, Mohammad Shoaib, Dr. Ali Faisal, Dr. Sharmeen Akram and Sheikh Perwez Ahmed.

HEPATITIS-C - PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Hepatitis-C elimination programme was initiated in July 2021 by The Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH), in collaboration with PBS for AKUH, Getz Pharma and Roche Diagnostics.

Under this programme, patients are screened for Hepatitis-C and offered treatment. Since its inception, over 150 camps have been established in 35 cities to screen and treat patients.



IN PURSUIT OF OUR VISION OF PROVIDING ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED, WE HAVE PROVIDED SUPPORT TO OVER 100,000 PATIENTS SINCE JANUARY 2023.



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100,000+*

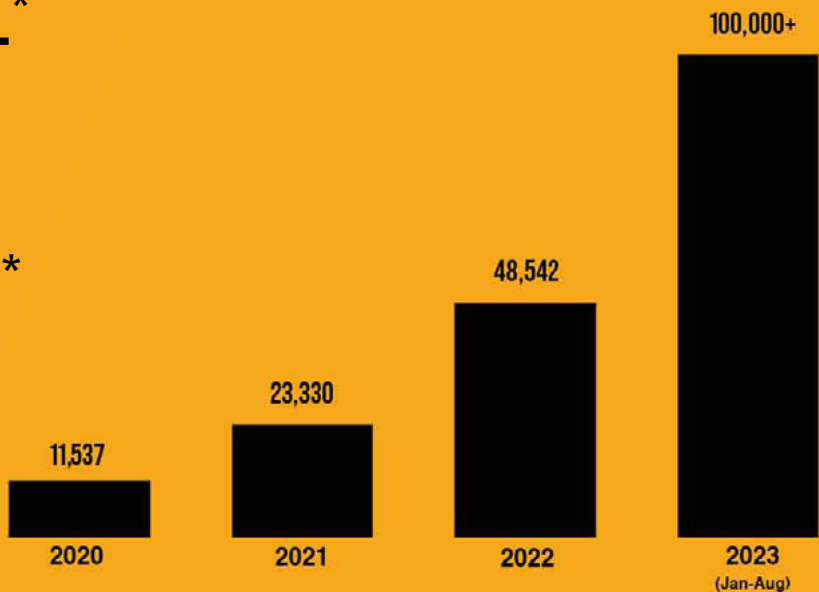
Patient Visits



Rs. 700M*

Amount Disbursed

PBS Patient Visits (2020-2023)



*Data from Jan'23 to Aug'23

PBS ZAKAT LABORATORY PROGRAMME - AT A GLANCE

AKU's core principles of IQRA (Impact, Quality, Relevance, Access) serve as a guiding philosophy for AKUH and PBS for AKUH. PBS for AKUH has strived to ensure underprivileged individuals get access to quality healthcare, possible only with the kind support of its donors.

AKUH manages an extensive patient access programme with 248 laboratories offering welfare. In addition, PBS also helps in providing Zakat at 118 of these laboratories. This ensures indigent patients get access to quality diagnostics at a very affordable cost.

The Zakat programme at AKUH laboratories was initiated in October 2020, and now caters to over 80,000 patient visits each year.

Due to rising inflation, various patients have been utilizing Zakat from these laboratories.

In line with its vision, and the core principles of IQRA, PBS for AKUH is considering scaling up this programme to offer Zakat at all 248 laboratories across the country.

118



Labs offering Zakat

86,511*



Patient visits

Rs. 246m*



Amount Disbursed

*Data from Jan'23 to Sep'23



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USA FUNDRAISING EVENTS - APPNA CONVENTION

The PBS fraternity in the USA came together during the summer to mobilize resources and share the success stories of PBS beneficiaries.

The backdrop of these fundraising events was the 46th Annual Convention of APPNA (Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America) held between July 4-9 in Dallas, Texas. The AKU Alumni Association of North America (AKUANA) is the banner under which the AKU Medical College alumni come together as a community to address known challenges.

Saima Haider, representing the Patients' Behbud Society for AKUH, also highlighted how valuable alumni support through Zakat and welfare is helping the underprivileged receive quality care at AKUH, and asked the AKU alumni to continue their support by channeling their contributions through PBS.

The APPNA Convention held in Dallas in July 2023 was the setting for AKU's alumni to reunite, engage and celebrate. Many classes arranged mini-reunions alongside the AKU-AKUANA dinner and breakfast.

The Class of 1998 celebrated its 25th Reunion, and the Classes of 1988 and 1993 their 35th and 30th Reunions, respectively. The Classes of 1996 and 2006 also had quite a strong showing. AKU's 40th anniversary year made the celebrations in Dallas all the



more memorable.

At the AKU breakfast on Saturday, 8th July, Dean Adil Haider, Class of 1998, showcased the many achievements of the AKU Medical College and how alumni support through individual and class gifts is making a meaningful difference in research and education.

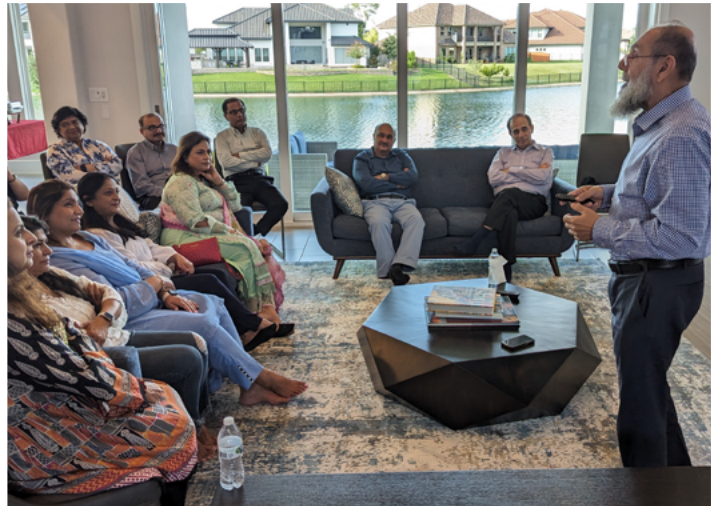
Both he and the AKUANA leadership spoke about the value of supporting the alma mater.



EVENT HOSTED BY SHAHNAZ AND AMYN JIWANI

A PBS fundraising event was hosted on 9th July by our valued donors Shahnaz and Aryn Jiwani at their residence in Houston, Texas, USA.

Nadeem Mustafa Khan, member PBS EXCOM, presented the PBS vision to the attendees. He shared important milestones PBS achieved, relating to patients who have benefitted, and the amount of funds raised. During the event, participants were encouraged to donate online. PBS is grateful to Shahnaz and Aryn Jiwani for graciously hosting this event.



EVENT HOSTED BY DRs. ANAM AND WALEED KAYANI

Our long-time donors Drs. Anam and Waleed Kayani hosted a PBS fundraising dinner on 13th July, at their residence in Houston, Texas, USA.

The guests included physicians, nursing staff and members of the Pakistani community in Houston. Nadeem Mustafa Khan apprised the guests about PBS and its achievements.

We thank Drs. Anam and Waleed Kayani for their continued support to PBS.



AKUH WHATSAPP FEATURE LAUNCH

AKUH recently launched its WhatsApp feature where users can avail the following services:

- Book appointments
- View lab and radiology reports
- Learn about diseases and packages
- Chat with a customer care representative
- Stay updated on our packages and promotions
- Locate AKUH's medical centers, laboratories, pharmacies and hospitals near you
- Gain easier access to the latest disease information

This is a significant milestone and one that we hope will make access to quality healthcare easier for all patients.



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