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FAKHR-E-IMDAD FOUNDATION, KARACHI

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EYE CAMP AT DIGRI MIRPURKHAS



BACK GROUND:

To provide Health care facilities to the poor of rural areas is one of the important objectives of Fakhr-e-Imdad foundation.

Every day hundreds of people across Pakistan go blind, often from preventable causes. Those most affected masses live in rural areas where they are not in a position to travel to approach big cities for help. They can't afford even the expense to travel.

According to survey reports, across Pakistan more than 1.49 to 1.54 million people are totally blind yet much of this blindness is avoidable. Cataract blindness accounts for approximately 70% of cases.

While people in Western countries have had ready access to cataract surgery, in Pakistan this is not the case. Most eye care services are only available in Pakistan's major cities, yet about 71% of the population lives in rural areas without access to health services.



Registration of Patients



Camp Office



Volunteers

The Board of Directors of Fakhr-e-Imdad Foundation in its meeting held on 24th June, 2007, had decided to organize a 3 days free Eye Camp at Digri for poor people of the surrounding areas.

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The Fakhr-e-Imdad Foundation in collaboration with the Society for Prevention and Cure of Blindness, organized this 3 days camp, keeping in view the survey reports indicating need in this particular area being related with Thar Desert and which is the central point of those surrounding villages where people are away from medical and surgical facilities, particularly the women who traditionally could not travel to cities.



THE CAMP SCHEDULE WAS ANNOUNCED AS UNDER

Arrival of Operation Theater and Technician Staff from Karachi
OPD and Operations
OPD and Operations
Discharge patients and Closing

November 01, 2007
November 02, 2007
November 03, 2007
November 04, 2007

To inform the communities, wide publicity arrangements were made by the Foundation through hand bills, Banners, News papers, News on Radio and other media sources.

The following qualified and well-known Eye surgeons voluntarily supported the cause:

Dr. Nisar Ahmed Memon Eye Specialist from Hyderabad
Dr. Mohammed Hassan Memon from Badin
Dr. Aslam Parvaiz Khattri from Digri
Dr. Abdul Hamæed Soomro from Mirpurkhas

All the patients were attended with a very friendly services and for this purpose trained volunteers were available, who were available to guide and take care of them, during stay in camp all the patients and there attendants were hosted with three time food.

The good quality and imported intra ocular Lenses were made available according to the recommendations of Eye Surgeons.

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The statistics of the patients who were operated in the camp and provided treatment are as under:

DATE	OPD		OPERATIONS	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
02-11-2007	286	262	64	47
03-11-2007				
04-11-2007				
TOTAL OPD			TOTAL OPERATIONS	
548			111	



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Eye Camp Pictures



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Supporting Organizations:

Society for Prevention and Cure of Blindness Karachi
Al-Abbas Sugar Mills Mirwah Gorchani
MS, Taluka Hospital Digri
Taluka Nazim Digri
Sapphire consulting services Ltd. Karachi

Closing Session:

On 4th November, 2007 which was the last day, the camp was closed after a closing ceremony; the purpose to organize this event was to thank all the Supporting organizations, Doctors and to encourage the Volunteers.

Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah, District Coordination Officer Mirpurkhas was chief guest and the event was presided over by Mr. Mazharul Haq Siddiqui, Vice Chancellor of Sindh University & Director Fakhr-e-Imdad foundation.

All the Supporting organizations and Doctors were awarded with Souvenir Shields and Recognition certificates to the Volunteers.



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Closing Session



Distribution of Award



Speakers: Mr. Mazhar-ul-haq Siddiqui, Vice chancellor of Sindh University & Director Fakhr-e-Imdad Foundation
Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah, District Coordination Officer Mirpur khas
Mr. Rafique Ahmed Jaffri, Chief Executive Officer Fakhr-e-Imdad Foundation
Mr. Shaikh M Anees, Director Admin/Finance Fakhr-e-Imdad Foundation
Dr. Aslam Pervaiz Khattri Eye Specialist