



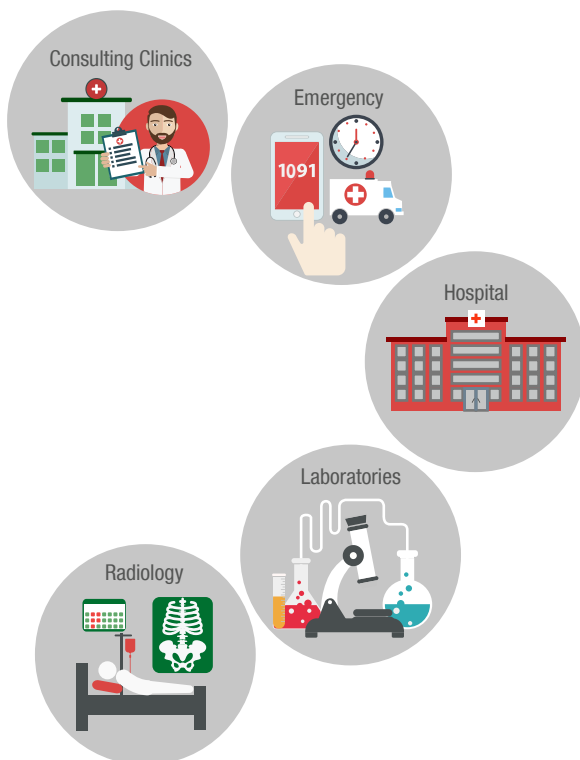
THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

Donor Impact Report

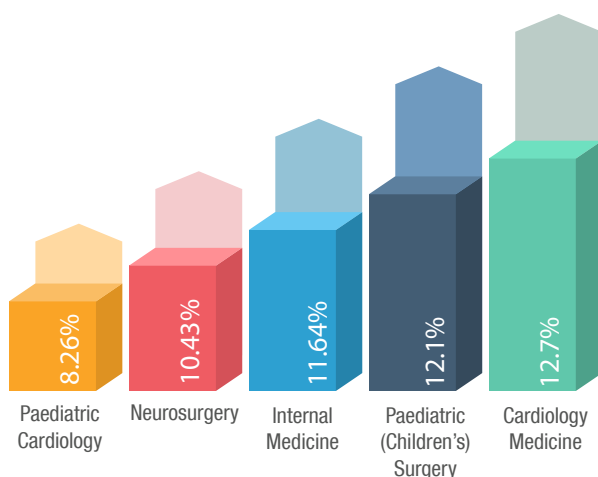
Patient Welfare 2016



“The demand for assistance across all disease areas has increased significantly.”



Outpatients: Main areas of welfare disbursement



Inpatients: Main areas of welfare disbursement

A key barrier to providing care to indigent populations is the cost of healthcare. The issue is magnified in the developing world where resources are already scarce.

For 30 years, the Aga Khan University has been fortunate to receive financial support from many donors who simply want to help chronically-ill patients afford the cost of their treatment. Our Patient Welfare Programme was established to provide access to quality care to indigent patients providing a reprieve from the worries of illness and a safety net from certain financial ruin. Over the years, the programme has provided US\$ 117 million in assistance to more than 2.34 million patients in Pakistan.

We thank all our donors, many who have faithfully donated for decades, for believing that our University Hospital can help make life better for patients.

AKU continues to be a leader within the non-profit patient assistance industry. In 2016, the Aga Khan University Hospital in Pakistan provided welfare assistance of PKR 2.004 billion (US\$ 19.23 million) to support over 670,000 patient visits¹. This was 10 times the number of patients assisted and over three times the amount of funds disbursed in 2010². Over the years, financial assistance has been extended to patients not only at the Stadium Road campus, but also to patients at our secondary hospitals and many of our nation-wide laboratories.

The University Hospital's own contribution to the Patient Welfare Programme has been increasing every year: in 2016, 82% of the welfare disbursed to needy patients came from the University Hospital's revenues, 8% came from income from the Patient Welfare Endowment, while 10% came from the generosity of our many donors within Pakistan and from abroad.

Following the negative trend in developed countries, heart disease and cancer are fast becoming the leading cause of death in the developing world. The treatment for both cancer and heart disease is beyond the financial means of much of the population in a developing country like Pakistan, where already a quarter of the population lives below the poverty line.

In Pakistan, where children also bear the burden of life-threatening illness, 60,000 children are born with congenital heart disease every year. Diagnostic tests are enabling early detection and prevention of illness. Furthermore, welfare is being extended to these increasingly complex cases being brought to our University Hospital that require costly, long-term treatment.

It is not just the professional expertise of our physicians, but also the commitment of donors such as yourselves which enables us to provide transformative care to patients who may otherwise suffer neglect, and eventually die. We look forward to continuing this partnership with you.

1. This includes welfare (zakat and non-zakat) disbursed for inpatients and outpatients at the Stadium Road Campus, secondary hospitals and outreach centres.

2. In 2010, US\$ 5.4 million was disbursed by AKUH Pakistan, to support 65,000 patient visits.

Together we can make his
dreams come true

"I want to be a pilot"

Despite having suffered from acute lymphoid leukemia since early 2014, Ahmed Raza has not given up on his dreams, or lost his cute, mischievous smile.

Ahmed's father works as a lifter driver for a construction company and is the only earning member of his family. Ahmed lives in Lyari with his parents and two elder sisters. When he first started getting weak and suffering from a cough, his parents took him to a doctor in Lyari, who diagnosed him as having tuberculosis. Since his condition did not improve despite treatment, the family eventually brought him to the Emergency at the Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH) where he was admitted and finally diagnosed with acute lymphoid leukemia.

Ahmed's parents did not know how they would pay for their son's treatment, but they were steadfast in the wish that he should only be treated at AKUH. The Patient Welfare Programme was approached and supported Ahmed's family in this desire for their son to receive the best medical care.

For two years Ahmed underwent chemotherapy inductions as a cure for his illness. Finally, his condition improved and towards the end of 2016, he was well enough to go to school again. He still visits the Hospital regularly for monitoring and check ups.

"People told us not to come to the Aga Khan University Hospital because we will not be able to afford it. I am so glad we followed our own plan and came here. The support we received here was beyond our expectations in every way," recalls Ahmed's mother.

Today Ahmed can look forward to a healthy and stable life... and becoming a pilot someday.



On behalf of our many beneficiaries, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your generous contributions. It is because of donors like you that AKU is able to help patients in their time of need. We value your partnership in supporting patients access world-class, quality care.



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