



**THE PATIENTS'  
BEHBUD SOCIETY  
FOR AKUH**

Changing Lives, Bringing Smiles

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# IMPACT



**A Fateful Encounter  
That Saved My Life**



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The Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi



message from the chairman

Dear Friends,

It is my proud privilege to present to you the first issue of IMPACT, the newsletter of The Patients' Behbud Society (PBS) for Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH).

PBS is an independent society, comprising socially responsible citizens and well-wishers, entrusted with collecting your *zakat* and disbursing it strictly in accordance with *shariah*. You will be pleased to know that 100 per cent of your *zakat* is spent on the treatment of *mustehiqeen* at AKUH. As custodians of your *zakat*, we are committed to fulfilling this obligation by reviewing each patient case in detail and with empathy, before arriving at a prudent support decision.

Since its inception in 2001, the Society has assisted over 15,000 *mustehiq* patients, disbursing more than Rs 425 million. In the last year alone, 3,311 *mustehiqeen* received over Rs 73 million in *zakat* assistance. This is a reflection of your trust in the Society as it fulfills your wish to make quality health care accessible to the needy.

Thank you, our valued *zakat* contributors, donors and well-wishers for your generous and continued support in enabling the Society to assist the less fortunate among us.

This year, with your continued generosity we plan to raise Rs 120 million, enabling PBS to reach out to many more *mustehiq* patients, *inshallah*.

Gratefully yours,

MR Monem

(M. R. Monem)

“A fateful encounter that saved my life”...



... said Nazeer Ahmed, a 35 year old, with a Masters in English Literature teaching at a private school.

His journey began when his brother required a kidney transplant, and Nazeer proved the perfect match. “I went there to donate my kidney to my brother, but was diagnosed with thyroid cancer!” This was a bitter truth for Nazeer, who not only wanted to save his brother, but now had to fight for his life as well.

Their father came to the rescue by donating his kidney. With father and brother unable to work, Nazeer was now the sole bread earner for his family. Well-wishers suggested Nazeer to get an expert opinion from Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH) where sadly his worst fears were confirmed. Total cost of treatment, over Rs 500,000, an amount unaffordable by Nazeer. With hope his only ally, he approached the Hospital for financial assistance.

**The Patients’ Behbud Society for AKUH and the Hospital’s Patient Welfare Programme assisted with more than Rs 400,000, while Nazeer arranged Rs 100,000 through relatives and friends.**

His treatment was successful and he is now back to teaching and in good health. He comes to AKUH for regular check-ups.



M. R. Monem  
(Chairman)



Ahmed Chinoy



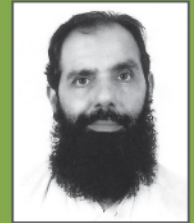
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Zahir Janmohamed  
(Honorary Secretary)

cover story

our members



The Patients' Behbud Society for AKUH was formed in 2001 as a direct response to requests from philanthropists, donors and well-wishers who wanted to contribute their *zakat* to Aga Khan University Hospital.

With increasing demand for financial assistance and growing pressure on the existing Patient Welfare Programme, the formation of The Patients' Behbud Society filled the gap of providing further assistance to patients. This was in line with AKUH's mission of providing accessibility to all.

Comprising individuals wishing to assist the poor and disadvantaged among us, The Patients' Behbud Society and its members are primarily responsible for collecting and disbursing *zakat*, in accordance with *shariah*, to *mustehiqeen* (those eligible to receive *zakat*) who come to AKUH for their medical treatment.

Patients seeking quality medical treatment, travel from all over Pakistan to avail the Hospital's services. A significant number are unable to afford the full cost of their treatment and are assisted by the Hospital's welfare initiatives.

The Patients' Behbud Society steps in to provide additional financial assistance in the form of *zakat* to patients qualifying as *mustehiq*, thereby helping an increasing number of needy patients at AKUH each year.

The Society is registered as a social welfare organisation with the Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Sindh and is entirely non-political, non-sectarian and not-for-profit.

It comprises an Executive Committee, which administers the working of PBS, and meets regularly to carefully screen and review the patient cases and approve utilisation of contributions received.

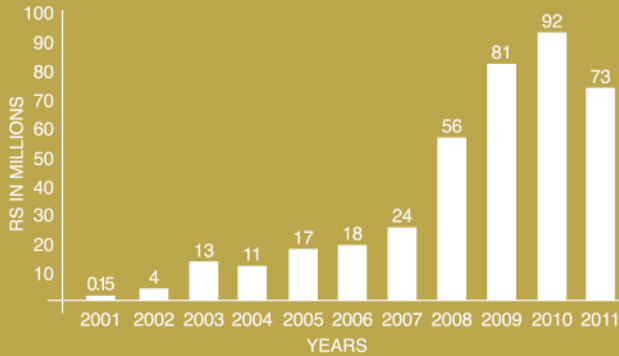
The Society's accounts are audited annually by A.F. Ferguson and Company, a leading audit firm.

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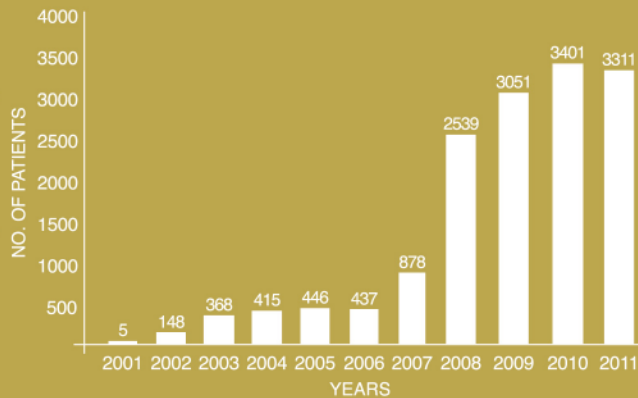
## Disbursement (2001-2011)



Over Rs 73 million were disbursed for treatment of *mustehiqeen* in the year 2011.

In 2011, PBS helped treat over 3,300 *mustehiqeen* at the Aga Khan University Hospital.

## Beneficiaries (2001-2011)



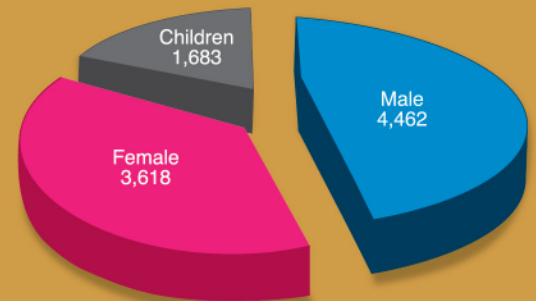
## our patients and programmes

Whilst over 15,000 patients have benefitted through the *zakat* programme since inception, it is noteworthy to point out that the society also supports hepatitis C patients, as well as cancer patients requiring chemotherapy medication.

The Society's *Zakat* for Hepatitis programme has provided hepatitis medication to more than 1,770 *mustehiq* patients with over Rs 7.1 million.

Additionally, Rs 12 million have been utilised to discharge the debt of 75 *mustehiq* patients requiring chemotherapy at AKUH.

A break-up of men, women and children who have benefited from *zakat* assistance from 2009-2011 is as below:



You can deposit your

# Zakat

at any HBL or  
Soneri Bank Ltd.  
branch in Pakistan

HBL Current Account No.  
08968900110703

Soneri Islamic Bank Account No.  
004801520002293



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I wish to contribute Rs \_\_\_\_\_ as *zakat* to  
The Patients' Behbud Society for AKUH.

Mode of Payment:

- Cash  
 Cheque  
 Pay Order

In favour of The Patients' Behbud Society for AKUH.

Cheque/Pay Order No: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Drawn on: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**zakat form**

Send your *zakat* contribution to:

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Contributions eligible for tax credit u/s 61

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