



Pioneers of Free Kidney Dialysis

Chairman's Report 2007

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Our Dialysis Centres in Pakistan: Sheikhpura ♦ Gujranwala ♦ Sargodha ♦ Khushab ♦ Nankanasaab ♦ Deepalpur ♦ Hafizabad Rawalpindi (Punjab) ♦ New Karachi ♦ Korangi ♦ Mirpurkhas (Sindh) ♦ Mir Pur ♦ Kotli (AJK) ♦ Mardan ♦ Bannu (NWFP)

Welcome to the Noor Foundation UK's 2007 Annual General Meeting.

There are many familiar faces here today and I am pleased to see quite a few new people. A very warm welcome to all of you. To remind you of our work, The Noor Foundation provides much needed free kidney dialysis services in Pakistan, without which many kidneys sufferers would die.

We are very fortunate that we have the NHS in the UK providing free care to all. There is no such thing in Pakistan which meant that patients and relatives had to sell their lands and properties to pay for treatment. The Noor Foundation are not only keeping these patients alive and providing them with a good quality of life, but also we are saving entire families from economical disaster. This work is carried out through our fifteen state of the art Kidney dialysis centres located along the length and breadth of Pakistan providing well over 6,000 free dialysis per month.

It has been a very eventful 12 months for the Noor Foundation with the opening of two brand new dialysis centres in Deepalpur and NankanaSaab in November 2006.

Kidney disease is the biggest killer in Pakistan. Even in the UK, Asian people are 10 times more likely to die from Kidney disease than their European counterparts. Due to the increase of this terrible disease in Pakistan, The Noor Foundation has extended the capacity of its existing centres by sending more dialysis machines to our centres in Sargodha, Sheikhpura, Mir Pur Khas and Mir Pur Azad Kashmir. What this means is that we are providing dialysis services to desperate and more needy patients. Now these centres are running three dialysis shifts per day six days a week, from 8 O'clock in the morning to 10 O'clock at night. Well done everybody both here and in Pakistan..

Earlier this year Dr Babar and myself visited the province of Balochistan which will Inshallah result in the establishment of two new dialysis centres, one in the Pakhtoon area of Lorali and in the Baloch area of Khuzdar.

The next 12 months will see also the opening of Hyderabad (Sindh) and Pakpatan (Punjab) bringing the total number of dialysis centres to 19. Very well done everybody, a fantastic achievement in 10 years.

Last year I shared a dream with you which was to open an ethical kidney transplant hospital. I have started down that path and am pleased to tell you that we have the support of the Government of the Punjab and have identified a 100 acre plot for this very special project.

You have all worked extremely hard to achieve all that we have in such a short space of time. There is still a very long way to go if we are really going help the poor and needy kidney sufferers in Pakistan. As I have said kidney disease is ever on the increase, so much so that most of us personally know of someone that is suffering. We all have a responsibility to these people that are less fortunate than ourselves. Each of us has a part to play whether it is by giving financially, by raising funds or by getting involved in the campaigns and helping with even the more day to day and mundane tasks such as letter writing, leafleting etc. I am especially calling the younger members of the community who have more energy than me and may have new ideas and visions.

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Please, please help in any way that you can, give your time and encourage your friends and family to join the Noor Foundation. All that we have is what we have been fortunate to have been given by Allah – please do your bit and give back to those less fortunate. Please also remember that 100% of your donation goes towards the cost of lifesaving dialysis equipment and treatment. As always, all costs are personally borne by the members and volunteers of The Noor Foundation.

We have a target to open a further 4 centres. We need funds to do so. We have a goal to open an ethical transplant and state of the art kidney hospital – please help me make my dream a reality.



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