

## **Social Welfare and Disaster relief Committee (Swdrc) 2017 Report**

Dated: September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017

SWDR committee is humanitarian arm of APPNA and our focus is helping needy with:

- Community work (Ramadan food pantries, Zakat funds, Munirabad village, Thar clean water wells project etc.
- Medical Education to improve health care: APPNA Institute of Public Health (Karachi), BCLS/ACLS courses for first responders etc.
- Collaborating with alumni and APPNA chapters on their projects (libraries, burn centers)

SWDRC have initiated and sustained multiple projects over time either independently or in collaboration with other reputable organizations. Services through our projects are free of cost to patients. Current projects include Muskan, Cornea transplant, LRBT (cataract surgeries). This year so far we have collected almost \$200,000.00 from our membership in support of our projects for which we are thankful for the trust and confidence of our membership on our committee.

APPNA SWDRC projects are free of cost to the patient and families, there is no overhead cost as 100% of donation goes to cause and volunteers work free and there is strict oversight and regular updates to donors. This year we are continuing our ongoing projects such as Thar clean water wells/pumps project, Munirabad Village/School project, Friends of LRBT - Eye camps/cataract surgeries, Ramadan Food Packages and Zakat Fund.

This year we have launched two new projects which we hope will be our long term humanitarian projects, namely Muskan (Cleft Lip-Palate project) and Cornea transplant project.

1. **Cornea transplant initiative** is in collaboration with KEMU class of 2015 and Lions club with special thanks to Dr. Fawad Zafar. So far, we have collected more than \$80,000.00 and more than 200 transplants are already done successfully. Project is ongoing at Peshawar, Faisalabad, Lahore and Karachi. Cost/transplant \$250. Please continue to donate and bring sight to someone's life. Transplants are Free of cost to patients and their families
2. **Muskan: Cleft Lip-Palate Initiative** is in collaboration with Cincinnati/Ohio chapters and Punjab/Khyber medical college alumnus. So far, we have collected more than \$42,000.00 and more than 45 surgeries are already done successfully. Project is ongoing at Peshawar, Faisalabad, Quetta and Karachi. Cost/surgery \$250. Please continue to donate and change someone's life. Surgeries are free of cost to patients and their families Early detection and timely surgery is the key to help affected children but resources for poor are nonexistent. One surgery can change life of a child.
3. **Thar clean water well/pumps project** in collaboration with Liaquat Medical College Alumni with special thanks to Dr. Abdul Majeed Arain. Last year 84 wells installed and cost/well is \$500. So far we have collected about \$45,000.00 this year for this project. Please continue to donate and save lives

We have oversight on each program and will regularly update our donors. Please donate and change life of one person/child at a time. A noble use of your Zakat/donation.

How to donate:

1. Please go to [www.appna.org](http://www.appna.org) or just follow the link below <https://www.instantreg.com/appnatemplate2/public-donations>

(Please choose project for donation)

2. Send checks addressed to APPNA SWDR and in memo mention cleft lip/palate project and mail checks to APPNA, 6414 South Cass Avenue, Westmont, IL 60559-3209.

Respectfully submitted  
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Chair: SWDRC 2017