

## Swdrc Spring 2018 Meeting Report.

Dear Appna Family,

Swdrc has continued its projects from previous years and also launched a few new ones.

1. Cleft Lip/Muskan project which is coordinated by Dr. Shahid Sheikh and surgeries are being performed in Faisalabad, Peshawar and Quetta. So far, 48 surgeries have been performed this year and each surgery costs 250 dollars.
2. Thar Water Project. Remains under leadership of Dr. Abdul Majeed and like previous years, funds are being raised in collaboration with the Liaquat Alumni to install water wells and pumps in the Thar area. Thousands of people have benefited from this and project was started four years ago.
3. Cornea transplant project. Started last year in April and initiated by KE Class of 85 and coordinated by Dr Fawad Zafar. Now being done in nine cities and 13 hospitals. In beginning of April, this project was extended to Quetta also and now service is being provided to all four provinces and 700 corneas have been sent. Each cornea costs 250 dollars.
4. LRBT Eye Camps. Our first camp this year was held in collaboration with Kemcaana in the Appna village of Munirabad in South Punjab. There were 326 patients seen and 86 patients required surgery which was done at the LRBT Hospital in Multan. Each camp costs around 3,000 dollars.
5. Appna Dialysis Machines Project. There were four dialysis machines provided to Khawaja Safdar Hospital in Sialkot by KE class of 85. Our goal is to reach out to smaller hospitals and also provide training for the physicians and dialysis technicians.
6. Appna TCF School of Munirabad. Now completed and fully functional and built with support of Mrs. Shimmi Kidwai from DC chapter of TCF. There are 300 students enrolled in this school.
7. SOS Village Sponsorship. Started this year and so far, 20 children have been sponsored in the SOS village in Lahore and cost is 100 dollars per child per month and includes their education, accommodation, food and all other expenses.
8. Ramzan Food Project. This is done every year and last year 500 families were supported through food packages and fresh food. This project is done through Khana Gher in Karachi and Akhuwat Pakistan in other provinces.
9. Recycling used clothes. A Pakistani American businessman in Atlanta, Georgia has volunteered to provide free containers where ladies clothes and shoes will be sent to Pakistan. These will then be packaged and provided to people living in inner Karachi to be used for dowry of girls getting married.
10. Appna free dispensary in Munirabad. Now in its 7th year and being funded by donations and zakat. Averages about 40 patients a day and mostly children and females. Monthly expense is 500 dollars to manage this place and managed by a dispenser.

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Chair, SWDRC 2018