

## **REPORT OF FREE EYE SURGICAL CAMP AT RHC HOSPITAL KOHISTAN**

**(26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2016)**

**Background:** This free eye surgical camp was executed by Pakistan Institute of Community Ophthalmology (PICO) Peshawar and Leprosy TB Blindness Relief (LTBR) Association at the RHC Kohistan.

**Report of Free Eye Surgical Camp at RHC Kohistan:** This free surgical eye camp was held from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday April 2016. The PICO Team comprising of the following doctors and support staff conducted the camp:-

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| 1. Dr. Zia Ud din                         | Eye A HMC. |
| 2. Dr. Umer Ilyas                         | Eye A HMC. |
| 3. Dr. Abdul Aziz                         | Eye B HMC. |
| 4. Dr. Zeeshan                            | Eye A HMC. |
| 5. Dr. Adnan ghalib                       | Eye B HMC. |
| 6. Mr. Pervez Akhtar, Programme Officer   | PICO HMC.  |
| 7. Mr. Shahbaz Hussain, Optometrist       | PICO HMC.  |
| 8. Mr. Jalal Ud Din, Optometrist          | PICO HMC.  |
| 9. Mr. Naib Ali, OT Technician            | PICO HMC.  |
| 10. Mr. Waseem Ophthalmic Technician      | PICO HMC.  |
| 11. Mr. Fayaz Ophthalmic Technician       | PICO HMC.  |
| 12. Mr. Omer Qaiser Ophthalmic Technician | PICO HMC.  |
| 13. Mr. Bilal Ophthalmic Technician       | PICO HMC.  |
| 14. Mr. Gul Hussain, Driver.              | PICO HMC.  |

The team started journey from PICO HMC on Tuesday 26<sup>nd</sup> April with all necessary staff needed for Eye Surgical camp in two official vehicles. Due to stay for lunch and several check posts of Pakistan Army, PICO Team reached Kohistan late in the evening. The stay was pre organized in a hotel by LTBR. On that day, after having dinner all members of the camp gathered in the lounge of the hotel in order to discuss and finalize the pre-arrangements for the camp. It was decided that the team will wake up early in the morning in order to arrive at the hospital on time and start the camp activities.

### **Details of Camp Activities:**

The timing of OPD was from 8:00 am till 2:00 pm. As all duties were assigned so quickly registration desk was set and certain rooms were identified (Visual Acuity, Refraction, Screening and waiting room for patient screened for surgery). The patients were assessed for cataract surgeries and refractive errors in the OPD and the patients shortlisted for the surgeries were referred to Lab for HBS, HCV and RBS tests. The flow of patients at OPD was large but due to hot climate the surgeries were not to the optimum mark. The patients showed low compliance for surgery. Total number of patients seen in the OPD in three days was above 550 and patients short listed for cataract surgeries was 45, but out of 45 only 30 patients gave their consent for the surgeries. The details of the patients seen in the OPD, given medicines and operated for cataract surgeries are given below:-

Date	No of patients seen in OPD	Free medicine given	No of cataract surgeries performed
27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	550	550	30

### **Overall Findings:**

**i) Patients Examination:** In three days a total number of above 550 patients were examined in the OPD.

**ii) Surgeries:** A total of 30 patients were operated for cataract surgery in three days.

**iii) Medicines:** In three days 550 poor patients received free medicines.

**iv) Administrative Support:** .

**v) Leprosy TB Relief LTBR:** The LTBR also participated in the free surgical eye camp providing financial as well as logistic support for the camp activities. The LTBR representative and his team remained in the camp with the PICO team for 3 days and monitored the camp activities. PICO acknowledges the support of (LTBR) in the free surgical eye camp.

**vi)** It was noticed that proper awareness raising and counseling for the camp was not done by the local administration and LTBR being the responsibility of these two organizations, the reason why outputs of the camp remained low. The local administration also pointed out the reason that due to recent rains and blockage of the roads, most of the community could not reach to the camp.

# Photo Gallery



