

## Al-Shifa Trust News letter

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## **Board of Trustees approves “First Billion Budget” of AST for 2014-2015**

Board of Trustees has approved a record 994 million PKR budget for Al-Shifa Trust for the financial year 2014-2015. The major chunk is revenue budget which is 534 million, while the capital budget is Rs. 460 million PKR. The internal receipts are projected to constitute 34% of the total budget or 64% of the revenue budget. The deficit of over 600 million will have to be covered through donations and grants. Commenting on the budget, President of AST, Mr. Hamid Javed said that the record increase in the outlay of the budget is mainly due to some of the new projects which AST has planned for immediate future to cope with the regional demand and international quality standards.

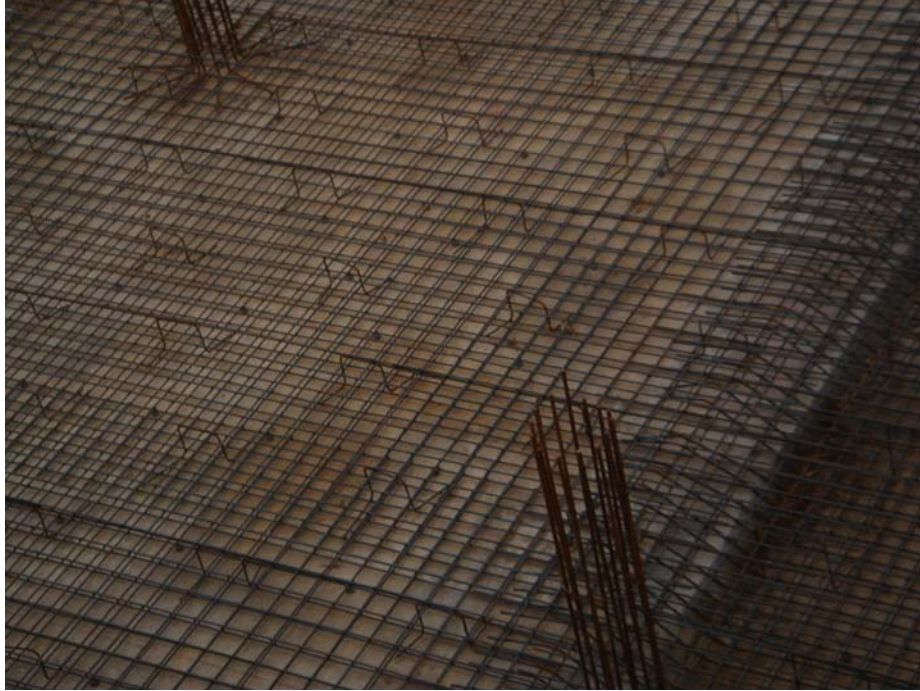
## **BoT approves multiple new projects**

Under the dynamic leadership of its current President, Mr. Hamid Javed, AST is constantly endeavoring to stay at par with regional and international standards of health care. BoT expressed its appreciation over some of the current running mega projects like Al-Shifa Towers, Al-Shifa Pharmaceuticals and Masters Training Programs. BoT also expressed its satisfaction over the progress of construction of accommodation facilities for doctors at ASTEH Kohat and Muzaffarabad. BoT also approved some new projects like **Pakistan's** First Ever Children Eye Hospital, an administrative complex for ASTEH Rawalpindi which will have a spacious car parking, modern cafeteria and AST admin offices. It also approved construction of a new Post-Graduate Girls Hostel. ~~for our recently launched Masters Programs.~~ The President assured scheduled completion of these important projects.

## **Al-Shifa Towers begins to emerge**

The Al-Shifa Towers, one of the mega projects to achieve sustainability for our state of the art eye health care program is finally passed all the hurdles and now it has begun to “grow”.

“Hopefully, we will see the completion of this dream project by the end of 2015” commented the Executive Director of ASTEH Rawalpindi.



### **Al-Shifa Pharmaceuticals manufacturing unit nearing completion**

A new state of art Al-Shifa Pharmaceuticals manufacturing unit is near completion It will provide wide range of quality ophthalmic products not only to all the four Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospitals but as well as at national & international level. Equipped with top of the line and state of the art technology, it incorporates all the latest laboratory techniques.





In another important development, Mr. Shakil Jillani has recently joined as Business Unit Head for this project. He is a seasoned business professional with a rich and varied management background. His illustrious career at pharmaceutical industry both in multinational as well as in national companies has encompassed marketing, sales, distribution, franchising, team building, and customer communications. He has successfully planned, launched and directed many products. Some of the products have become multi-billion in value in Pakistan. Al Shifa Trust welcomes him with best wishes.

### **FHF signs new 4 year MoU with AST**

Fred Hollows Foundation being a long-term partner of AST has now inked another MoU for next four years after satisfactory completion of first three years collaboration. The first phase saw disease specific training for vitreo retina imparted to ophthalmologists from underdeveloped districts of the country, capacity building of our ophthalmic midlevel training program and school screening of whole district of Muzaffarabad. Under the new agreement, these programs will be further strengthened and expanded.

### **Lions Dignitary visits ASTEH Rawalpindi**

Lions Clubs International and Al-Shifa Trust are trusted partners in the prevention of blindness campaign and projects like “Diabetes Related Blindness” and “Al-Shifa Lions National Academy of Paramedics” are testimony to this great partnership. A delegation of Lion dignitaries from India recently visited Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital Rawalpindi. The delegation was led by Lion Naresh

Aggarwal who is Past International Director and endorsed candidate for 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs Intl. A graceful ceremony was arranged on this occasion to welcome the distinguished guests. Accompanied by world famous Lion PID Mrs. Nilofar Bakhtiar, Mr. Naresh Aggarwal expressed his desire that ties between Al-Shifa Trust and Lions Club will further be strengthened in the time to come.



### **ASTEHSukkur achieves a landmark - First batch of Ophthalmic Nursing trainees pass out with colors**

Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital Sukkur entered a new era, achieved a golden landmark. The training program of Ophthalmic Midlevel Personnel launched a year back saw the first batch of ophthalmic nursing assistant pass out with colors. We congratulate ASTEH Sukkur for achieving this honor which is a unique facility for the area.





### **City Chief visits Kohat Hospital**

Syed Jamaluddin Shah, the commissioner of Kohat visited ASTEH Kohat recently. He was taken around the hospital facilities by its Executive Director Mr. Qudratullah who apprised him of the latest technology which AST is using for the first time in the area. Highly impressed, Mr. Shah urged the community leaders to come forward and support AST for its noble cause so that maximum number of eye patients from all sections of society is able to get such excellent eye care service right at their doorstep.



## **Al-Shifa Center for Community Ophthalmology holds eye camps for marginalized populations**

Al-Shifa Center for Community Ophthalmology established eye camps at Lal Qila, Tehsil Medan of District Lower Dir in collaboration with Roots School System. The camp was highly appreciated by the general population of Lower Dir. The provincial health authorities expressed gratitude for offering quality eye care services by Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital in very difficult circumstances.

About 2,000 patients were examined out of which 500 were provided with vision glasses and 20 patients were selected for cataract surgery.







### **Al-Shifa bags top prizes in National Oculoplastic Symposium**

Ophthalmological Society of Pakistan, KpK branch held one of the country's first ever Oculoplastic Symposium in Nathiagali. It was well attended by all the leading specialists in Oculoplastics and Orbit. Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital presented six original research papers and was awarded with first and second best scientific papers of the Symposium. Our readers may be pleased to know that AST has one of the leading Orbit and Oculoplastic Center in the region. Headed by Prof. Dr. Tayyab Afghani, it attracts patients from all over Pakistan and neighboring countries as well.

### **Faculty Honors**

The teaching faculty of Al-Shifa Trust constantly endeavors for its continuous professional development. Recently one of the VR fellows of AST, Dr. Farah Islam was invited by Royal College of Surgeon Glasgow for presenting her research work in the society's annual meeting. Dr. Gulbano Akram received gold medal for being the best doctor of the year. University top position holders in Optometry were also awarded by AST on the occasion.



Dr. Gulbano Akram receiving Best Doctor of the Year Award



Iqra Aftab, optometry student receiving certificate of excellence

### **AST Optometry students bag top university positions**

Every year, our optometry students bag some of the top university positions in professional examinations. But this year, it was more than that. AST PIO students bagged all the top three positions in the university. We are proud to congratulate our outstanding students in optometry.

They are:-

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|----------------|---|
| Saad Alam Khan | Top position in University of Health Sciences |
| Sana Azam      | Second position                               |
| Sidra Noor     | Third position                                |



Saad Alam Khan



Sana Azam



Sidra Noor

### **Glimpses of JD Day**

This year, Al-Shifa Trust celebrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of its founding father Mr. Jahandad Khan in a befitting manner by organizing a professional seminar which attracted a large gathering of Trustees, friends and professionals from all over the country. Here are some of the glimpses of the event.









### **Ramadan – a great opportunity for charity**

Ali Arif, eight, cried himself to sleep almost every night, trying to drown out the pain of his peers taunting looks over his thick glasses and below mark academic performance. Fifteen years old Samina's lack of self confidence due to her squinting eyes was devastating to her social development, making her feel like a social outcast. Ammar's complete inability to see right from his early childhood days deprived him of the fun and pleasure of sharing with his brother and sister, and, Yasmeen, twelve, wept inconsolably in grievance for her beloved mother, who had lost her vision because of advanced diabetes. All these and many many others have begun to smile and partake in life activities again just because of your support which is changing their tears on the pillows into strong shoulders to lean on.

We count on you to help again. The month of Ramadan is here again for our spiritual and social uplifting by turning to the less privileged folks who suffer silently in poverty. There is no better way to atone than to alleviate the sufferings of human kind. Zakat is a valuable instrument in cultivating the spirit of social responsibility on the part of the giver, and the feeling of security

and belonging on the part of the beneficiary. Your contribution of Zakat and charity has enabled us not only in provision of quality health care free-of-cost but also to design new projects and develop new facilities which will continue to serve all sections of society in the future.

Every time you contribute your Zakat and donations, you make a difference between life and death, between hope and despair, between joy and sorrow and someone out there will be celebrating the colors of life because of you. Kindly help us in reaching out to all those who need our help.

“If you loan to Allah a beautiful loan, He will double it to your (credit) and He will grant you forgiveness; for Allah is most ready to appreciate, most forbearing,” (Surah-e-Taghabun 64:17).

## APPEAL

### Al-Shifa NEEDS Your Support

Al-Shifa is a Not-for Profit and Non-Political organization. It is committed to providing eye care and treatment mainly to the underprivileged and poor. Almost 75% of all patients attending Al-Shifa Eye Hospital are treated free. The Trust is able to meet only 30-40% of its expenses from its own sources while the remaining expenses are met through Zakat, Donations and Support from Philanthropist.

*Your contribution means the gift of sight for someone in need!*

*Kindly note that your Zakat donations go separately to the accounts which are dedicated for treatment of Zakat patients only.*

Kindly send your donations or Zakat to following Account Numbers:-

### In Pakistan

a) **Contribution at office:-**

Send cheques in the name of “**Al-Shifa Trust**” at following address

**“Executive Director**  
Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital  
Jhelum Road, Rawalpindi”.

b) **Direct/ Online Deposit in Bank Accounts:-**

Deposit your cash/cheques in any of the following bank accounts of Al-Shifa Trust on online basis from any branch of respective bank in Pakistan:-

Sr. #	Bank Name	Branch/ Address	A/c Title	A/c No.
1	Askari Commercial Bank Ltd	Al-Shifa Branch, Jhelum Road, Rawalpindi	Al-Shifa Trust	0181-165000058-5
2	MCB Bank Ltd	Morgah Branch, Morgah Turn, Rawalpindi	Al-Shifa Trust	1389-0701000008-7



3	National Bank of Pakistan	Corporate Branch, Bank Road, Saddar, Rawalpindi	Al-Shifa Trust	1858-18-5
4	United Bank Ltd	Cantt. Branch, Bank Road, Saddar, Rawalpindi	Al-Shifa Trust	0041-011-0228-4
5	Allied Bank Ltd	DHA Phase -1, Rawalpindi.	Al-Shifa Trust	0010-006490890016
6	Habib Bank Ltd	Bahria Town Branch, Commercial Sub Center, DHA Business Bay, Block -8, Sector F, Islamabad	Al-Shifa Trust	2301-79005569-01
7	Bank Al-Falah Ltd	The Mall Road	Al-Shifa Trust	0007-02906752

**c) Mobile Donation:-**

Account holders of MCB Bank Ltd can donate through mobile banking as well using “Quick Pay” option.

**d) Collection from Home/ office:-**

Donors within Rawalpindi/Islamabad may call Al-Shifa Trust at 051-5487820-5 Ext: 245 or send email at [managerfin@alshifaeye.org](mailto:managerfin@alshifaeye.org) with your contact and complete address for collection of your generous donation/zakat from your home/office.

**Note:**

**In Pakistan, all donations to Al-Shifa Trust are exempt from Income Tax vide”Clause 61 (X) of Part-I of Second Schedule of Income Tax Ordinance 2001”.**

**In UK**

**a) Direct/ Online Deposit in Bank Accounts:-**

Deposit your cash / cheques in any of the following bank accounts of Al-Shifa Trust on online basis from any branch of respective bank in UK:-

Sr. #	Bank Name	Branch/ Address	A/c Title	A/c No.
1	Habib Bank AG Zurich	5/7 High Street Southall, Middlesex UB 1 3HA, UK	Al-Shifa Trust	7-2-7-20311-402-109356 (Pound Sterling A/c)
2	Habib Bank AG Zurich	5/7 High Street Southall, Middlesex UB 1 3HA, UK	Al-Shifa Trust	7-2-7-20311-333-109356 (US Dollar A/c)
3	HSBC Bank	Auchin Leck House, Birmingham	Al-Shifa Trust	40-1108-41311565

**Note:**

**In U.K., you can get Tax Exemption if your cheques are made payable to Al-Shifa Trust,  
Our Charity Number is 1077363**

**In USA**

**a) Direct/ Online Deposit in Bank Accounts:-**

Deposit your cash / cheques in following bank account of Al Shifa Foundation for North America on online basis from any branch of this bank in USA:-

Sr. #	Bank Name	Branch/ Address	A/c Title	A/c No.
1	National Bank of Pakistan	100 Wall Street, 21 <sup>st</sup> Floor New York, NY 10005	Al-Shifa Trust	52152578

**b) Contribution at office:-**

Send cheques in the name of “Al Shifa Foundation of North America (AFNA)” at following address:

Al-Shifa Foundation of North America: 475 Wall Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Tel: (609)279-1400, email: [info@afnausa.org](mailto:info@afnausa.org) website: [www.afnausa.org](http://www.afnausa.org).

**c) Contribution through PayPal:-**

For donors outside the country especially UK and USA provision for online donations through PayPal is also available now.

**Note:**

**In USA, you can get Tax Exemption if your cheques are made payable to AFNA (Al-Shifa Foundation of North America). AFNA has been granted not-for-profit status under section 501(c) (3) status of the Internal Revenue Service Code Tax ID No: 36-4328912 (For use of US Residents Only)**

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