

Newsletter

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Dear Reader,

The Health Foundation (THF) remains at the forefront in the battle against Hepatitis. We remain steadfast in our mission to achieve a Hepatitis Free Pakistan.

It brings us great pleasure to share this newsletter with THF's friends, partners and well-wishers. Without your generous contributions, we would not be able to accomplish our numerous goals.

Regards,
THF Marketing Team



World Hepatitis Day – 28th July, 2022

World Hepatitis Day is celebrated globally on the 28th of July. On this day the world comes under a single theme to raise awareness of the global burden of viral hepatitis and to influence real change. In 2022, the global campaign is **"I Can't Wait"**. With a person dying every 30 seconds due to Hepatitis related illness, **WE** can't wait to act on viral hepatitis:

- People living with viral hepatitis **unaware** can't wait for testing
- People **living with** hepatitis can't wait for life saving treatments
- **Expectant mothers** can't wait for hepatitis screening and treatment
- **Newborn babies** can't wait for birth dose vaccination
- People affected by hepatitis can't wait to end **stigma and discrimination**
- Community organizations can't wait for **greater investment**
- Decision makers can't wait and must act now to make **hepatitis elimination** a reality through **political will and funding**.

The following are some of the major events that took place for WHD 2022.

THF – Habib Metropolitan Bank

In celebration of World Hepatitis Day, senior staff members of Habib Metropolitan Bank visited our head office in Karachi. After a detailed awareness session with our C.O.O, Mr. Shahid Qadri, they had an opportunity to meet with a few of our patients, that are receiving free of cost treatment for Hepatitis B and C.

HMB Area Manager, **Ms. Javeria** presented THF with a generous donation on behalf of Habib Metropolitan Bank. We are grateful to HMB for their generous contribution and look forward to working with them under our corporate screening program soon.



THF – Orange Tree Foundation

In commemoration of World Hepatitis Day, THF partnered with The Orange Tree Foundation to conduct a Hepatitis B vaccination camp at their premises. **Nearly 200 individuals** (adults and children) received their first dose of the vaccine. THF and OTF have signed an MoU through which both organizations will ensure that the remaining doses are provided as per schedule.

We are grateful that OTF chose to partner with us and curb the spread of Hepatitis. We would like to encourage more organizations to the same.

THF Punjab – IPAC (Infection Prevention and Control) Foundation

This year, on World Hepatitis Day, THF Punjab Chapter and IPAC have come together to battle the menace of Hepatitis in Pakistan. This partnership will allow THF and IPAC to share their expertise and resources in order to curb the spread of Hepatitis and provide vaccination and treatment.

To celebrate World Hepatitis Day, THF and IPAC conducted a seminar for Fatima Jinnah Medical University (Lahore) and Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (Lahore). In addition to students and employees from both institutions, the **Vice Chancellor of FJMU, Mr. Khalid Masud Gondal** was also in attendance. The celebrations were concluded by a walk for Hepatitis awareness in which **Dr. Sameer Shafi (MD – IPAC)** and **Dr. Munir Ahmed (President, THF Punjab)** also participated.



THF @ NIH Walk For Awareness

On World Hepatitis Day, a Hepatitis awareness walk was held close to the National Institute of Health (NIH), Islamabad. This was followed by a seminar on the plight of hepatitis in Pakistan and where we stand in the race to eliminate hepatitis from Pakistan. **WHO Country Representative, Dr. Palitha Mahipala** and **Director General Health** were in attendance at the walk and the seminar.



THF @ Tando Allahyar

To commemorate World Hepatitis Day 2022, THF's team in Rashidabad in conjunction with the local DHO, Mr. Ibrahim Purrihiar, conducted an awareness session at the **Nursing Hostel** and concluded the celebration by conducting an **awareness walk** from the Nursing School to Civil Hospital Tando Allahyar.

Additionally, THF's team conducted multiple awareness sessions within the UC villages as well.



THF – CITYFM 89

The Health Foundation would like to give a special shout out to the team at City FM 89 (Dawn Media Group) for partnering with us during the month of July 2022 to celebrate World Hepatitis Day. Together we were able to create mass awareness about Hepatitis B and C.



THF @ SINA Health, Education & Welfare Trust

On 6th August, The Health Foundation and SINA Health Education & Welfare Trust signed an MoU for the Screening and Treatment of Hepatitis C. The aim is to increase screening numbers so that we can identify and provide treatment to more and more individuals, suffering from Hepatitis C.

Dr. Huma Qureshi (Director, THF) conducted a workshop for the staff of SINA, where she shared great insights on the treatment of Hepatitis C.

Since the 1st of September, hepatitis C screening is being done at 3 different locations in the Korangi area of Karachi.



THF @ Patel Hospital

THF and Patel Hospital have entered into an agreement to conduct free of cost Hepatitis C screening and treatment at their premises. This partnership will allow us to focus on individuals visiting the OPD at Patel Hospital. The screening camp is active Monday to Saturday from 9am to 4pm.



THF @ Al Mustufa Trust (AMT)

THF and Al Mustufa Trust have also entered into a 1-year agreement, to conduct free of cost, Hepatitis C screening and treatment camps at two of AMT's locations, in Orangi Town and Korangi.





THF Corporate Screening Drive - Update

Under the umbrella of a Hepatitis Free Organization, THF continues to work with local organizations/institutions to test their employees for Hepatitis C and provide treatment accordingly.

Our most recent screening camp was carried out at **Hamdard Laboratories (Waqf) Pakistan**. Nearly 170 people employees were screened at their Head Office located in Karachi.

THF Punjab Chapter has made great strides over the last three months in conducting Hepatitis B and C screening camps at the following institutions:

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(Education)

Till date, THF's Corporate Screening drive has successfully screened over 6000 individuals. We hope to partner with more institutions to screen their employees and hence, find the missing millions.



Happy 75th Independence Day

THF's team held a small celebration on the occasion of our nation's 75th Independence Day. Our great nation has come a long way over the last 75 years. By overcoming impossible odds, Pakistan today stands tall among the leading countries of the world.



The plight of Hepatitis in Pakistan is worsening and the battle against Hepatitis is far from over. To remain steadfast in our mission we require more support from donors which will further strengthen our resolve to eliminate the menace of Hepatitis from Pakistan.

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