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### A) Korangi Town (Karachi-Sindh)

#### A1) Awareness Seminar:



170 students and staff of IOBM attended the awareness seminar where Dr Saad Khalid Niaz dispensed knowledge via interactive and Q&A session regarding Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C. Dr Laila Rizvi introduced THF to the crowd and also informed them about the interventions being done by THF to curb the disease. THF's documentary along with a small TVC's to promote self-shaving (in collaboration with Gillette Pakistan) was also screened at the seminar.

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### A2) Awareness Walk:



A small walk of about 100 individuals was held in Korangi Town along with the staff of the Town Health Office and the Town Health Officer Dr Hussain to promote and mark the importance of the day and also to promote our mission to eradicate Hepatitis from our country thus making **“Pakistan Hepatitis Free”**.



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### A3) Awareness Announcement:

Location:

From Korangi Crossing to Korangi no 5



A small truck was hired with loud speakers to announce awareness messages on the main road in Korangi town. The announcements were made on the main Korangi Road after getting the permission from the local Government officials. Simple messages were being periodically announced making people aware as how to protect themselves from getting infected from Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C and to get themselves vaccinated for Hepatitis B.

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### **B1) Free Hepatitis B & C Screening Activity in collaboration with Patel Hospital (Karachi-Sindh)**

**Location:** Patel Hospital

**Total number of Person Screened:** 184

#### **Results:**

**Hepatitis B +ve individuals:** 4 (2.1 %)

**Hepatitis C+ve individuals:** 6 (3.2 %)



About 184 individuals from all walks of life including the hospital staff of Patel Hospital were screened for both Hepatitis B & C. Out of 184 4 came out to be Hepatitis B positive while 6 were Hepatitis C Positive. Each positive individual was counselled about way forward and was referred for confirmatory a test and a liver specialist accordingly.



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### C) Malir Town (Karachi-Sindh)

#### C1) Awareness Sessions:

Two health awareness sessions were also conducted within the community. One was for males while the other one was held specifically for females. There were a total of 50 participants (25 males and 25 females)



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### C2) Awareness Walk

Three walks were held in Malir Town to mark the importance the World Hepatitis Day. Walk were held in collaboration with:

- 1) Govt School Amar Yasir (50 participants including teachers and students)
- 2) BRAC School (50 participants including teachers, students, community individuals from Arab Goth including the community doctor)
- 3) Uc 4, 5 & 6 (60 participants including Lady Health Workers along with residents of the community)





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### D) Kandhari (Sanghar-Sindh)

#### D1) Awareness Seminar

Local notables and influencers, local government individuals and stake holders attended the seminar held in the auditorium of Govt Higher Secondary boys School.

The attendees included:

**Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chief Monitoring Officer Sanghar** Mr Sardar Riaz Hussain Khan Laghari, **Chairman U.C Kandhari & Grand Son of Khan Bahadur Ghulam Ahmed Wassan** Mr. Fahad Wassan and Mr. Shahjahan Wassan, **Chairman U.C Darro Baazar** Mr. Sardar Noroz Birohi, **V-Chairman of U.C Darro Bazar**, and tribal leader of Birohi tribe Mr. Saleem Junejo, **Chief Manager of Junejo State & also representative from Mr. Khair Muhammad Junejo & Mr. Imran Junejo** Mr. Zeeshan Ahmed Wassan and (Grandson of Sardar Niaz Muhammad Wassan) Allama Muftif Saifullah, **Chief of AALIM at Taluka Sanghar** Dr. Amjad Yousufzai, **M.S at RHC Kandhari**. Dr. Gul Hassan Mangsi, **District Focal Person, Hepatitis Prevention & Control Program – Sanghar**. Mr. Jan Muhammad Gaho, **General Secretary, Kandhari Press Club** with all NEWS reporters of electronic & print media. Landlords, ASI & SHO Kandhari Police Station. Teachers, Ulama, other religious representatives, students, businessman, Residents living below the poverty line in UC Kandhari and surroundings, shop keepers, barbers, doctors, quacks, drivers, farmers all were a part of this mega seminar.



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- Mr. Farhan Rasheed (District/Area Field Coordinator Sanghar) welcomed the guests and shared the current targets, activities including vaccination and awareness raising for Hepatitis B & C, upcoming goals, like free treatment of screened positive cases, with free reports under one roof. and also THF's future plans to extend to the U.C Darro bazaar.
- Sindhi Ajrak (Local Tradition) was given as gifts to all the respective guests.
- Mr. Shah Jahan Wassan, Fahad Wassan, Zeeshan Wassan, Noroz Birohi, Jan Muhammad Gaho and others participants were concerned with the increasing numbers of positive cases for Hepatitis B & C in their areas and whole heartedly appreciated the efforts of THF
- Allama Saifullah also endorsed and spoke about prevention, vaccination & treatment for Hepatitis B & C. He also announced to support THF in the whole Taluka. He said that, if THF feels any hurdle during vaccination & treatment, Ulma committee of Sanghar will not only support us, but they will solve the issue by conducting such type of seminars among the Ulma and Paish Imams.
- Dr. Gul Hassan Mangsi focal person from Chief Minister Hepatitis Control Program shared his detailed experience about Hepatitis B & C in the area. Dr. Mangsi requested the high profile community leaders to support THF by conducting such type of awareness seminars at different location in the Union Council. Same points were raised by Dr. Amjad Yousufzai, M.S of RHC Kandhari & Sardar Riaz Hussain Khan Laghari.
- Sardar Riaz Hussain Laghari also supported the cause of The Health Foundation, and requested the community to prevent themselves by adopting very easy precautions and preventive methods to avoid getting infected in the first place. He also announced that, the District Government will support THF at all platforms.





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### D2) Awareness Walk

After the success full completion of seminar, a walk was organized on Sanghar to Mirpurkhas Road. Police mobile and town committee were also present to control the law and order situation. Continuous awareness messages were announced via loud speaker. The destination was 1.2 Km, across the Kandiyari City. A total of 600 participants were a part of the walk to support our cause.





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### E) Islamkot (Thar-Sindh)

#### E1) Awareness Session

An awareness session was also conducted at village Seengaro in GPS Seengaro on the World Hepatitis Day. It's participants included staff of Singh Engro Coal Mining Company, mining engineers, Teachers, community notable persons, students and people from the village. The main session points covered in the session were what are the main causes of spread this disease and how to prevent oneself from getting infected with Hepatitis.



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### E1) Awareness Walk

A walk was held at village Tharyo Halepota of Block-II in Islamkot Thar. Participants included staff of Singh Engro Coal Mining Company Team, 200 plus community notable, Teachers, Students, Volunteers and resident of the village. The walk ended with a small session for the participants where the importance of the day was marked and an oath was taken from the participants to work and strive towards a Hepatitis Free Pakistan.





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### F) Lahore (Punjab)

#### F1) Awareness Session

An awareness session was also held to mark the importance of the day. People from the surrounding community local notables, as well as we community elders, religious scholars and influencers were also dispensed awareness one on one regarding modes to protect oneself from Hepatitis B & C.



The important people of the community who were a part of this campaign were:

- MNA Waheed Alam khan
- Awami Chairman MA Raheem (Nana Bhai)
- Awami Councilor haji Javed Iqbal
- Labor Councilor Syed Nazim Hussain Shah
- General Councilor Ijaz Ahmed

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- General Councilor Khawaja M Ali
- General Councilor M Ali Jat
- General Councilor Najaf Ali
- General Councilor M Khalid

### **F2) Vaccination Activity**

Vaccination activity was held at UC 63 Urdu bazar, The fixed vaccination point was setup at the office of Labor Councilor Mr Syed Nazim Hussain Shah. 137 people from the community including men women and children of all ages were given their 1<sup>st</sup> doses. Their complete addresses and contact numbers were also noted down to track them for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> doses respectively.





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### G) THF Head Office:

#### Mass Media

**G1)** Interview of Dr Laila Rizvi and Dr Huma Qureshi on PTV during WHD 2016



**G2)** Launch of awareness campaign on facebook and 7 tv channels in collaboration with Gillette Pakistan to promote Self Shaving on WHD 2016

THF is partnering with Gillette Pakistan in raising awareness among the masses. Hence we should all promote #SelfShaving



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### G2 Dissemination of Awareness messages at the Head office building (Jason Trade Center)

