



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

TURNING CHALLENGES  
INTO STRENGTH FOR  
THE BLEEDING  
COMMUNITY.

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# OUR INTRINSIC VALUES

## **COMPASSION:**

Providing unwavering care and support to individuals with bleeding disorders.

## **INTEGRITY**

Upholding transparency and ethical practices in all our initiatives.

## **EMPOWERMENT:**

Enabling individuals and families to lead healthier and more fulfilling lives.

## **ADVOCACY**

Championing the rights and needs of the bleeding disorder community.

# CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE HEMOPHILIA & BLEEDING DISORDERS COMMUNITY

The Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) is a registered non-profit patient-based organization, serving as the only dedicated platform for bleeding disorder patients and parents in Sindh, Pakistan. Affiliated with the World Federation of Hemophilia and partnered with the Health Department of the Government of Sindh, HWSK is also registered with the Sindh Technical Education Board to train healthcare providers through a diploma in transfusion medicine.

Committed to supporting individuals with bleeding disorders, HWSK provides essential treatment, education, empowerment, and rehabilitation. Through specialized groups for women, youth, and medical professionals, the organization ensures comprehensive care under one roof at its Hemophilia Treatment Centers.

Before HWSK, patients relied on inadequate treatment from blood banks and thalassemia centers, which lacked proper care, leading to transfusion-related infections, joint damage, and increased mortality. The absence of monitoring, counseling, and accurate diagnosis contributed to severe health burdens, disability, and premature deaths due to uncontrolled internal and external bleeding.

## Vision

To create a future where every individual with a bleeding disorder in Sindh receives timely diagnosis, proper treatment, and comprehensive care, ensuring a better quality of life through medical advancements, empowerment, and awareness.

## Mission

- Establish Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTCs) at the district level to improve accessibility to specialized care.
- Provide essential treatment and diagnostic facilities for individuals with bleeding disorders.
- Revitalize and operationalize dysfunctional hematology departments in public and private healthcare centers.
- Empower the hemophilia community through education, rehabilitation, and support programs.
- Raise awareness about hemophilia and other bleeding disorders through advocacy and outreach.
- Conduct multiple training programs for healthcare providers to enhance expertise in hemophilia management.

## LETTERS FROM THE CEO OF THE HWSK



Dear Members, Stakeholders, Vision and Mission Partners,

I extend my heartfelt greetings to all our valued supporters, collaborators, and partners. It is with deep gratitude and purpose that I present the Annual Progress Report of the Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK). The past year has been one of impactful progress, driven by our shared commitment to accessible, equitable, and sustainable care for people with hemophilia and other rare bleeding disorders.

### Key Achievements – 2024

This year, HWSK furthered its mission through both service delivery and policy advancement:

**Expanded Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC):** At Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, our public-private model scaled up to treat a growing number of patients with urgent and chronic needs.

**Rural Replication:** A dedicated hemophilia ward was established at Civil Hospital Sanghar, Sindh—complete with trained staff and clotting factor availability, setting a precedent for other districts.

**Government Budget Success:** We secured the inclusion of prophylaxis treatment for 22 children with bleeding disorders in the Sindh Government Health Budget—a first-of-its-kind success that sets the foundation for long-term, government-supported care. These achievements have firmly established HWSK as Pakistan's pioneering patient-led organization advancing both clinical care and systemic advocacy in public health.

Looking Ahead – 2025 As we move into 2025, HWSK is proud to announce two groundbreaking initiatives designed to address major care gaps in bleeding disorder services:

**1. Pakistan's First Dedicated Ward for Women with Hemophilia and Rare Bleeding Disorders** (Including Carriers and Women with Bleeding Symptoms) This women-specific ward will provide comprehensive diagnosis, counseling, pre/post-pregnancy care, family planning, and psychosocial support under the supervision of hematologists and gynecologists. It will serve as a training and replication model for maternity units in public hospitals across Sindh.

**2. Pediatric Hemophilia Ward – Advancing Specialized Pediatric Care** In 2025, HWSK will establish the first Pediatric Hemophilia and Bleeding Disorder Ward at a public hospital in Karachi.

This specialized facility will offer: Child-focused intensive care and infusion protocols, Advanced treatment therapies and prophylaxis regimens, 24/7 monitoring and emergency response for bleeds, Psychosocial support for children and families, Developmentally appropriate pain and joint care services.

This initiative fills a longstanding gap in age-appropriate, specialized treatment for children with bleeding disorders and will be replicated across district-level hospitals, prioritizing underserved regions in Sindh.

These targeted investments in women's and pediatric care are a strategic leap toward building a comprehensive, inclusive bleeding disorder care system across Pakistan. Dear friends and partners, this vision would not be possible without your unwavering support.

Together, we are turning advocacy into action—and hope into reality—for every child, woman, and family affected by bleeding disorders. Let us continue this journey, stronger than ever, as we build a future where no one is left untreated, unheard, or unseen.

With deep appreciation,  
Raheel Ahmed Khan  
Founder & CEO  
Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF HWSK

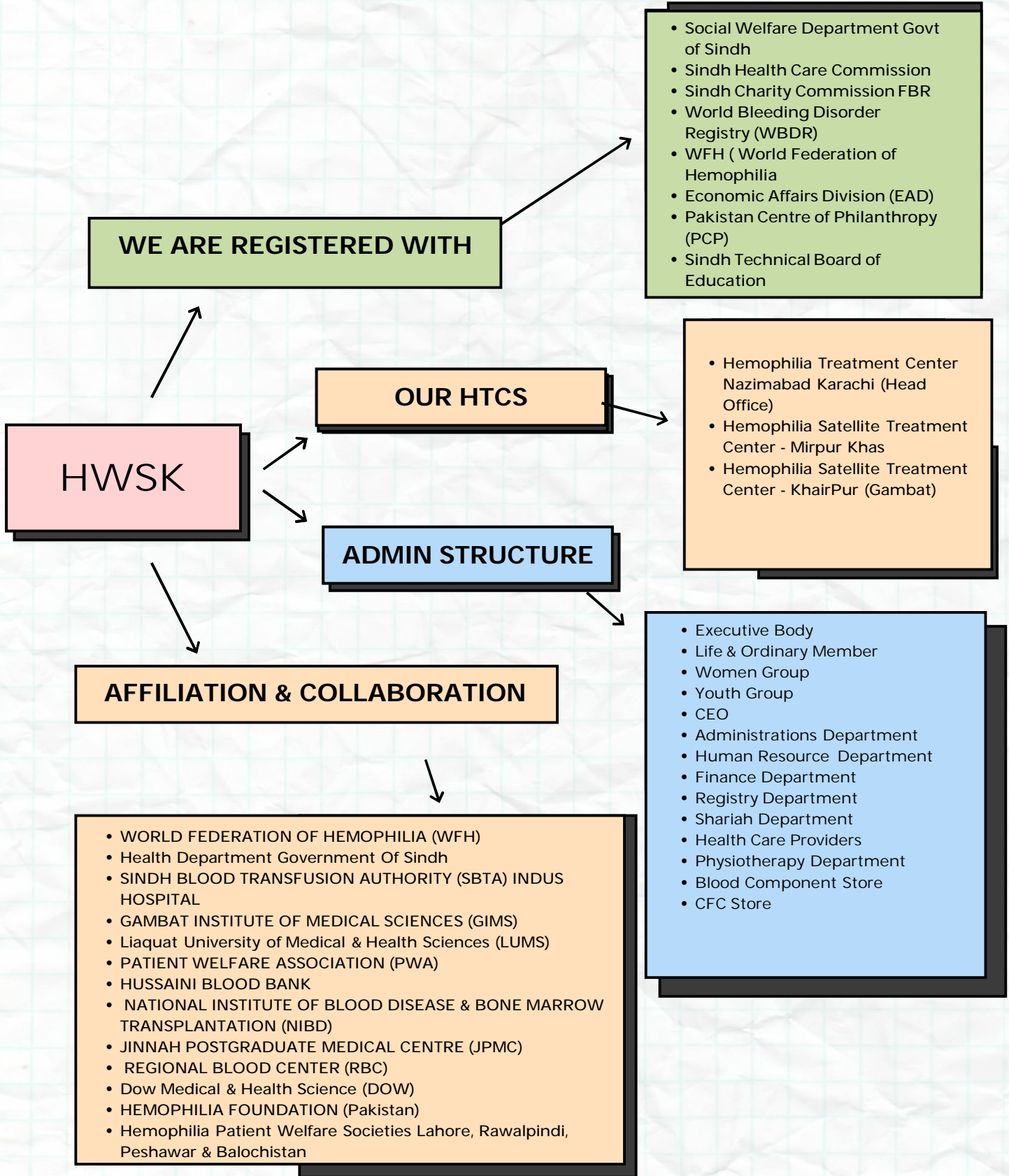


In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful,

With gratitude to Allah, I am honored to share the strides of our organization in 2024. We remain steadfast in our commitment to providing exceptional facilities and a dignified environment for those afflicted by hemophilia.

Our mission, guided by Islamic principles, places great emphasis on the dignity and well-being of every individual

We humbly acknowledge that our achievements are only made possible through the generosity of our supporters, who are a blessing from Allah.



# PATIENTS REGISTRY AND STATISTICS REGISTRY BACKGROUND INTRODUCTION

The Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting individuals affected by hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. Established with the mission to improve the quality of life for patients, HWSK provides medical assistance, awareness programs, and advocacy efforts to ensure better healthcare access and social inclusion.



## NEED FOR A REGISTRY

A patient registry is a crucial component in the management and treatment of hemophilia. The Hemophilia Registry at HWSK serves as a centralized database that records patient information, including diagnosis, treatment history, and medical needs. This registry is essential for:

- Tracking patient demographics and medical conditions
- Facilitating effective treatment and resource allocation
- Enhancing research and development of new therapies
- Strengthening advocacy for improved healthcare policies

## IMPACT AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

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## Recognition of Excellence:

# WBDR (World Bleeding Disorder Registry) Certificate for Outstanding Data Quality

This certificate is awarded to

**HAEMOPHILIA WELFARE SOCIETY**

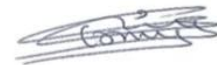
*Karachi, Pakistan*

In recognition of your excellence in maintaining and delivering high quality data in the World Bleeding Disorders Registry (WBDR) Database.

Awarded for the year 2024 by the Co-Chairs of the WFH WBDR Steering Committee.



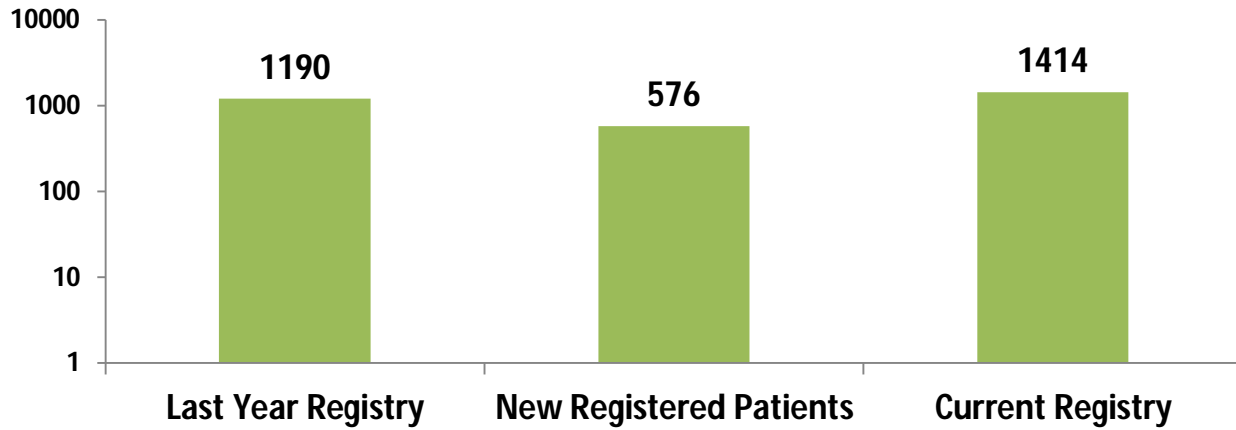
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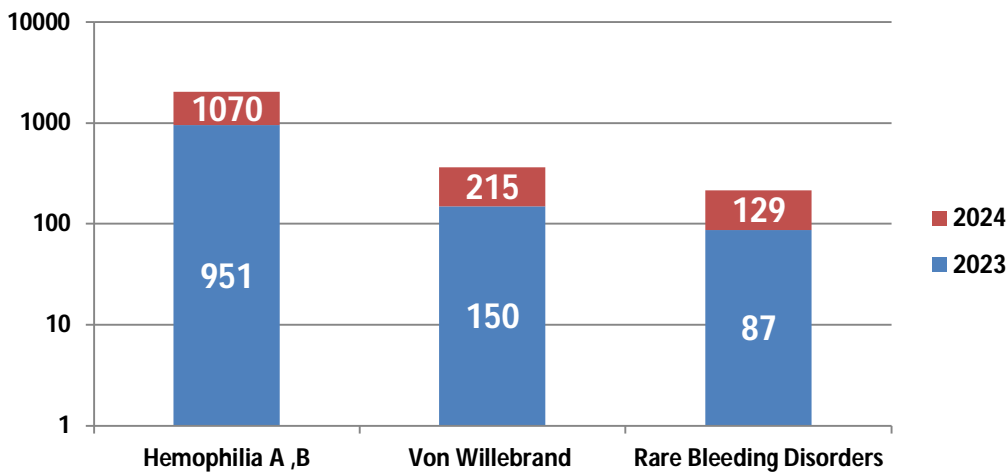
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## HEMOPHILIA WITH BLEEDING DISORDER REGISTRY



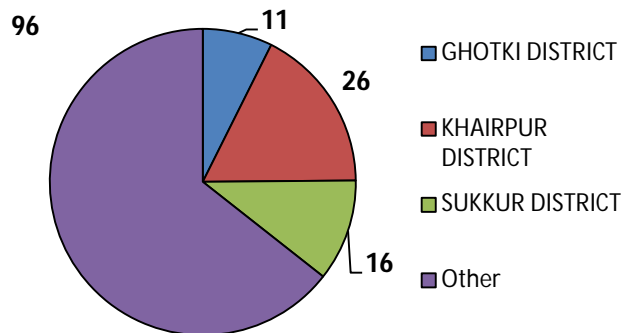
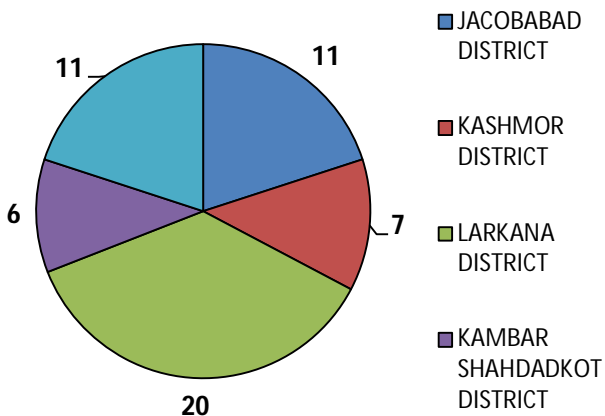
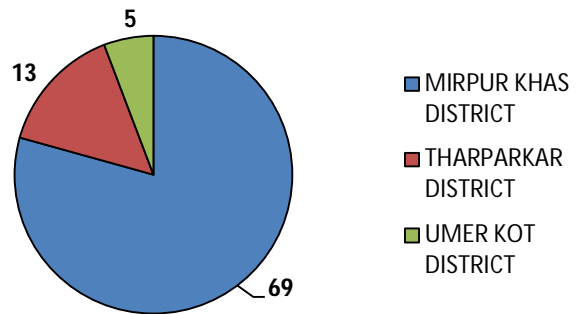
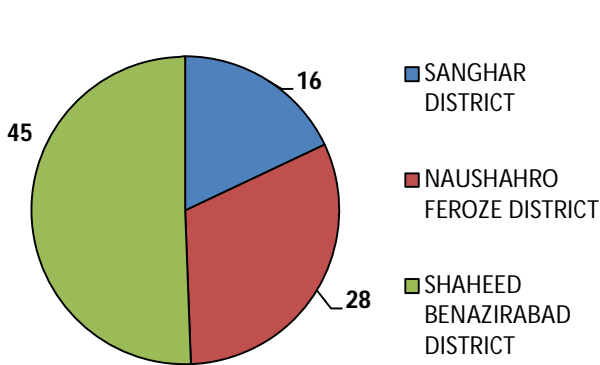
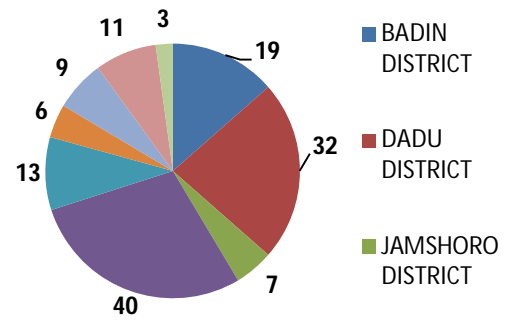
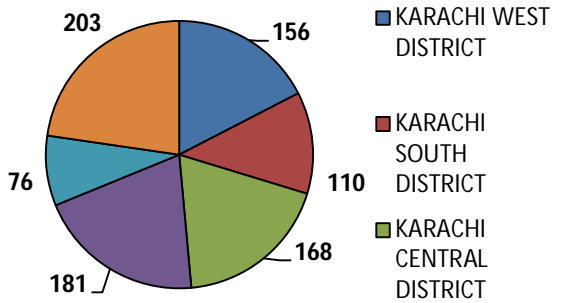
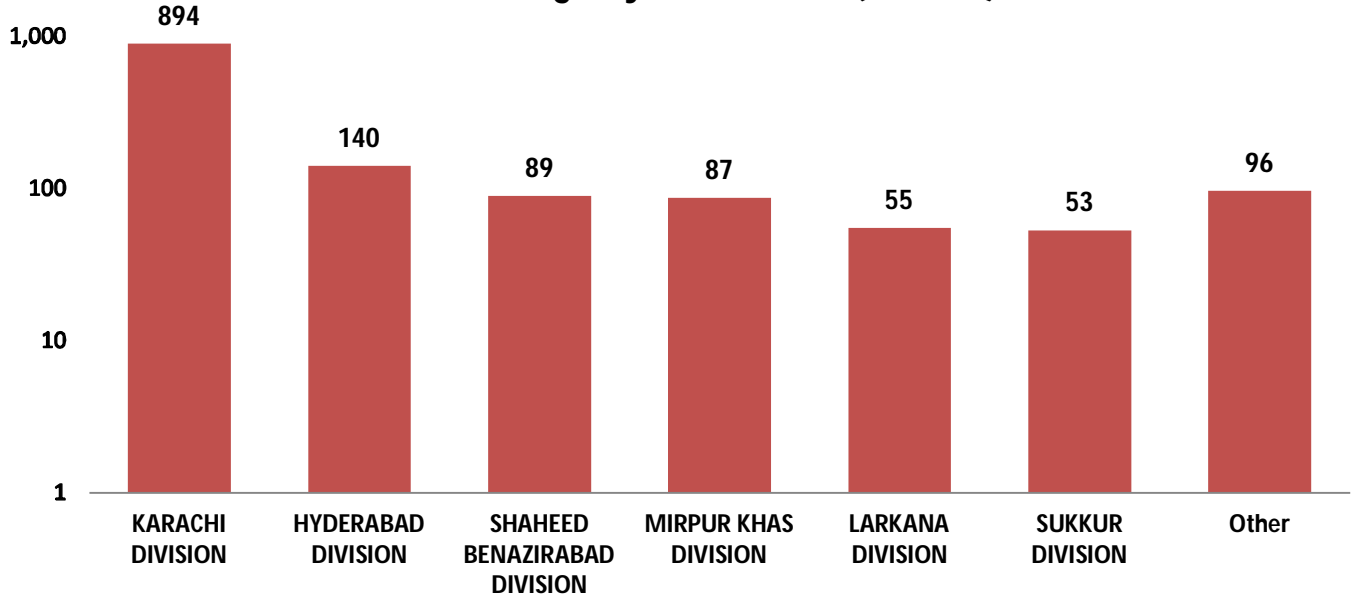
## IDENTIFY AND DIAGNOSE PEOPLE LIVING WITH BLEEDING DISORDERS



**12.44%**  
**Increase**

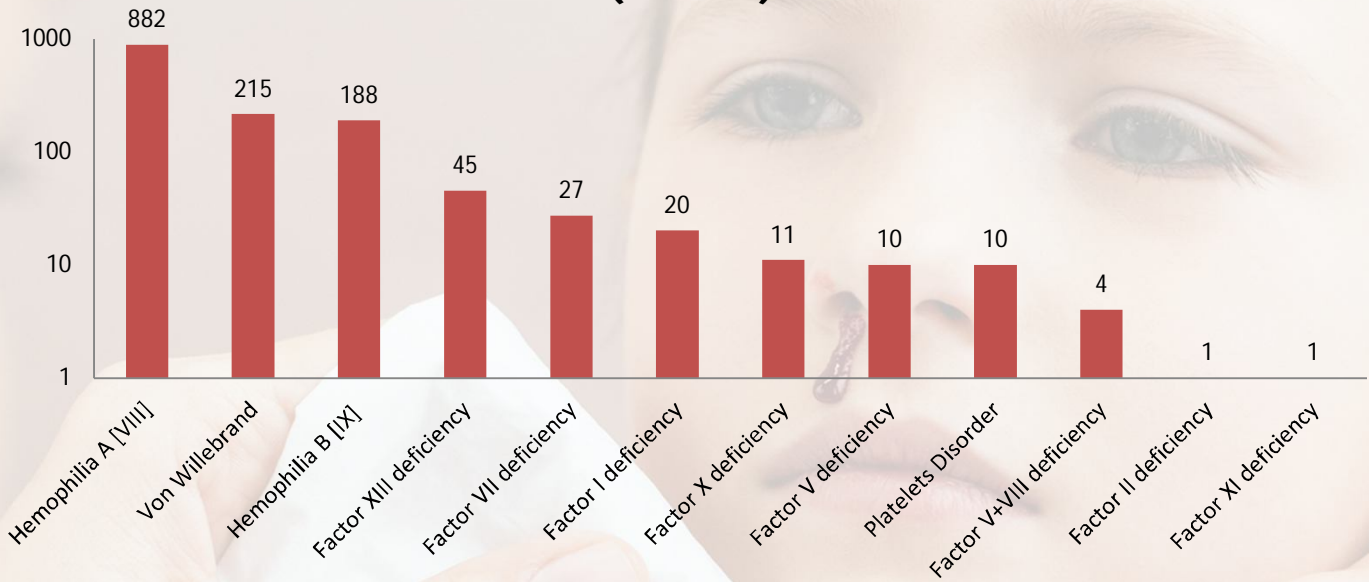
In Sindh, an estimated **80,000** people have inherited bleeding disorders including hemophilia, but only **1414** patients are registered at HWSK. Majority (**98%**) remain undiagnosed. The goal is to increase diagnosis to ensure better care and treatment.

# Division Registry Breakdown (n=1414)

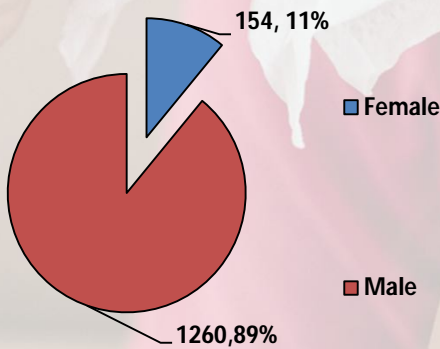


## REGISTRY BREAKDOWN (July 2024-June 2025)

(n=1414)



### GENDER WISE



### AGE GROUP

Number of Hemophilia A & B By age Group

Age Group (Years)	Hemophilia A	Hemophilia B
0-4	55	11
05-13	256	45
14-18	124	30
19-44	371	87
45 or older	60	13

# WOMEN AND GIRLS

WITH BLEEDING DISORDERS

## NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED FEMALE PATIENTS

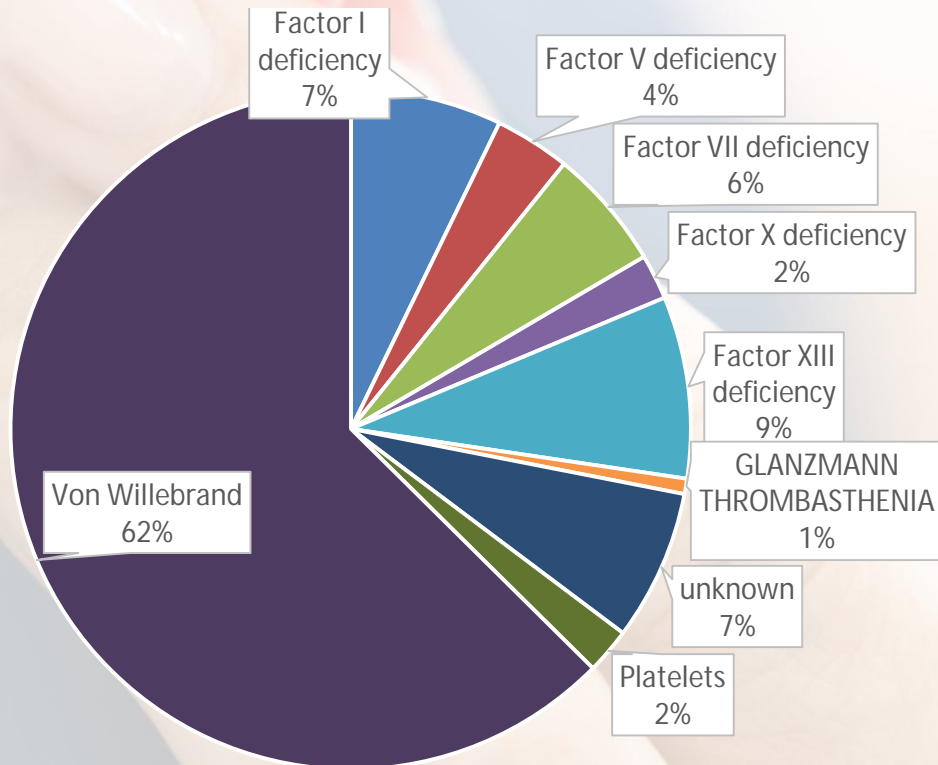
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99 von Willebrand disease

55 Other bleeding disorders

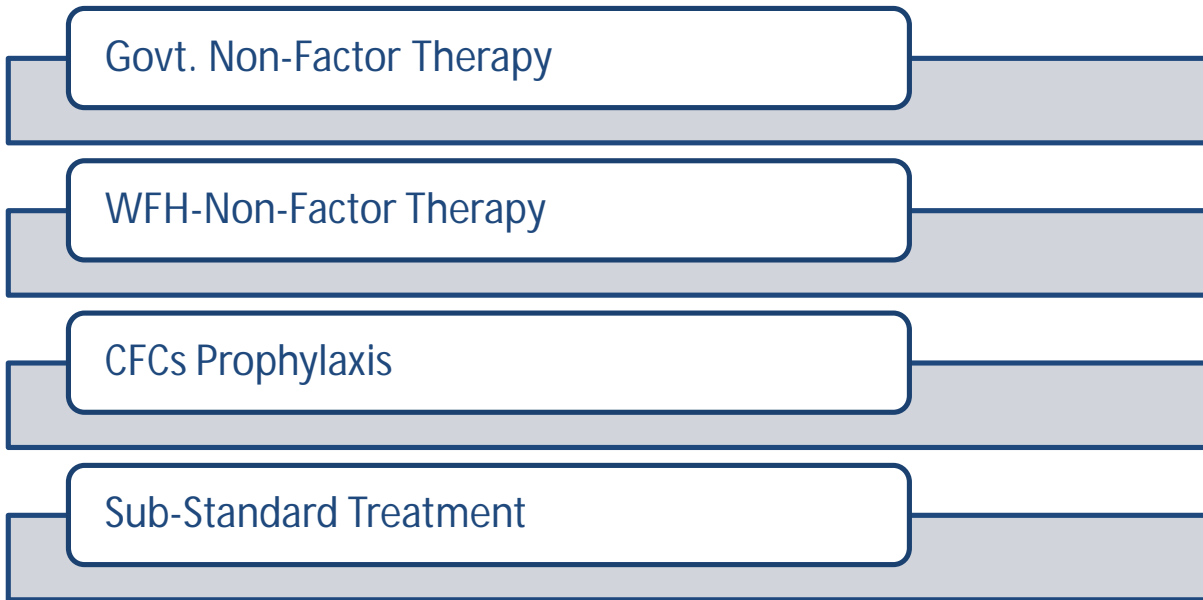


## BREAKING OTHER BLEEDING DISORDERS IN FEMALES

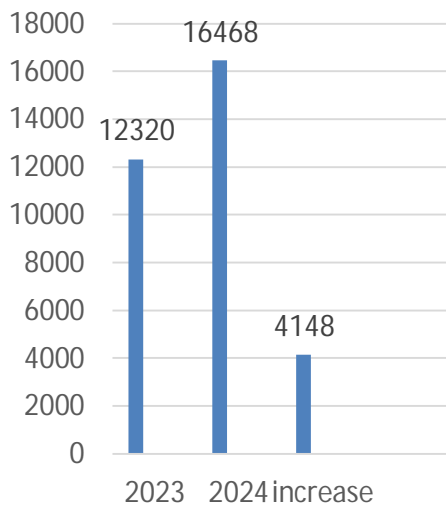


# Treatment Provisions

## TREATED BLEEDING EPISODES



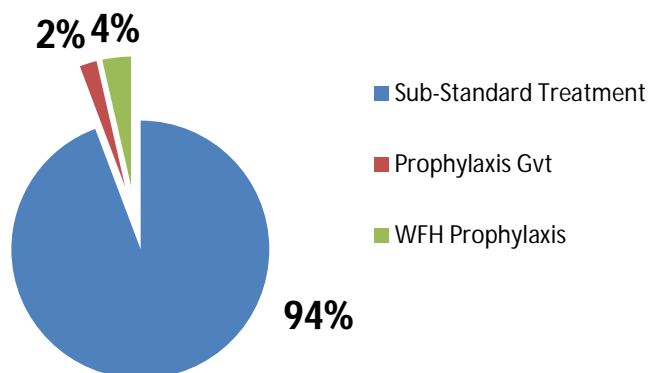
### TREATED BLEEDING EPISODES 2024



Out of the total treated episodes for bleeding disorder patients, a notable proportion consists of new cases compared to the previous year. Last year, 12,320 episodes were treated, while an additional 4148 new cases have been registered this year. This means approximately 33.67% of the treated episodes are newly identified cases. This increase underscores the ongoing need for heightened awareness, improved diagnosis, and expanded treatment facilities for bleeding disorders. The considerable number of newly identified patients highlights that many individuals are receiving care for the first time, emphasizing the importance of continuous outreach and support efforts.

**33.67%**

### Comparison of Patient Count on Sub-Standard vs. Prophylaxis Treatments in Hemophilia



### Progress in Hemophilia-A Therapy: from Plasma to Emicizumab

#### Non-Factor Therapy (Emicizumab) Benefits for Hemophilia-A Patients:

- Prevents bleeding: Works even if patient develops inhibitors.
- Easy administration: Subcutaneous injection (under the skin), not IV.
- Less frequent dosing: Use Monthly.
- Reduces annual bleeding rate (ABR): Better than plasma or on-demand factor therapy as it reduce the complication and massive bleeds.
- Improves quality of life: Less hospital visits, fewer joint issues and bless the patients to live normal healthy life.

#### Drawbacks of Plasma-Based Treatment

- Delayed treatment: Bleeds often treated after they start.
- Higher risk of infections: Due to blood product transfusion.
- More hospital visits: Time-consuming and harder in emergencies.
- Shorter half-life: Doesn't last long in body, needs frequent dosing.
- Lower effectiveness: As shown in chart—highest bleeding episodes.

TREATMENT PROVISIONS SOURCES:

WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA (WFH) HUMANITARIAN AID



The World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving and sustaining care for people with inherited bleeding disorders around the world.

At the WFH, national member organizations (NMOs) and health care professionals (HCPs) work together to provide care for people with inherited bleeding disorders around the world. We partner with governments and hemophilia treatment centers to enhance knowledge through training and provide tools they need to identify, support and treat people living with bleeding disorders in their communities, while promoting global advocacy and collaboration to achieve our common goals.

The World Federation of Hemophilia Humanitarian Aid programs like On-Demand, Low Dose Prophylaxis Treatment & Hemlibra Prophylaxis is a vital treatment lifeline source for 3500 out of 25,000 Hemophilia patients living in Pakistan including **1414** registered patients in Sindh province.

**ON DEMAND:**

HWSK ensures continuous support for approximately **70 to 80 bleeding episodes daily**, striving to enhance the quality of life for individuals with hemophilia. Our mission is to provide **timely, effective care** while addressing the unique needs of each patient.

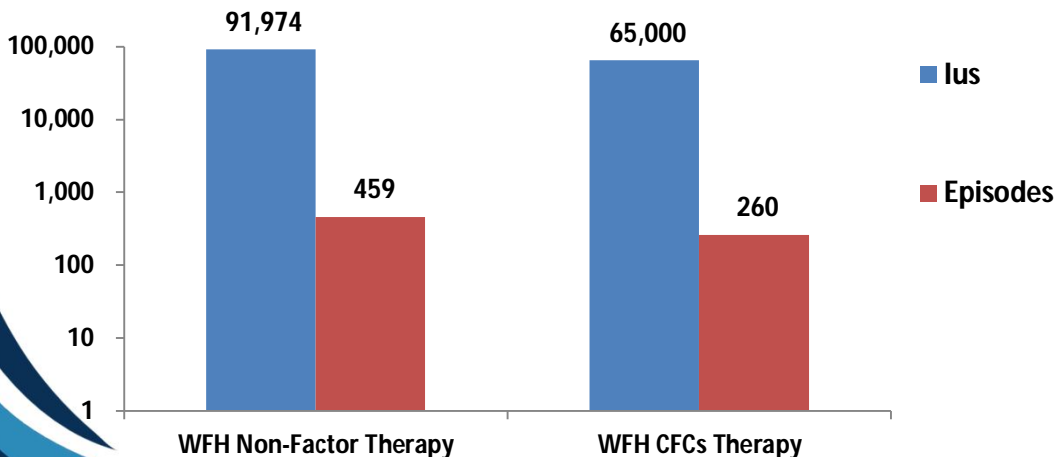
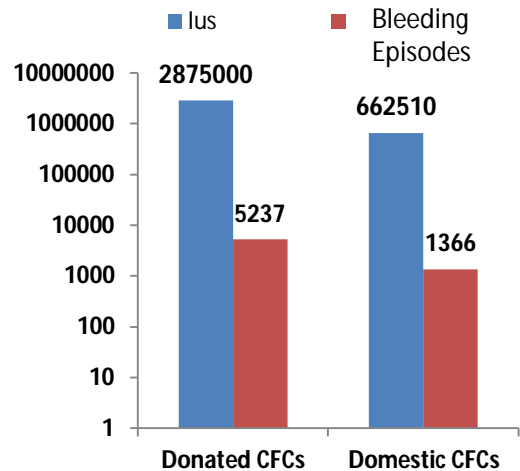
**LOW DOSE PROPHYLAXIS:**

Currently, 25 children under 12 years of age out of 419 total hemophiliac children are enrolled in the LDP program. The purpose of this program is to provide treatment twice weekly to keep blood clotting factor levels steady, protecting joints from physical injury. They are getting monthly treatment to prevent their target joints and deformities to ensure quality of life.

**HEMLIBRA PROPHYLAXIS THERAPY PROGRAM BY WFH:**

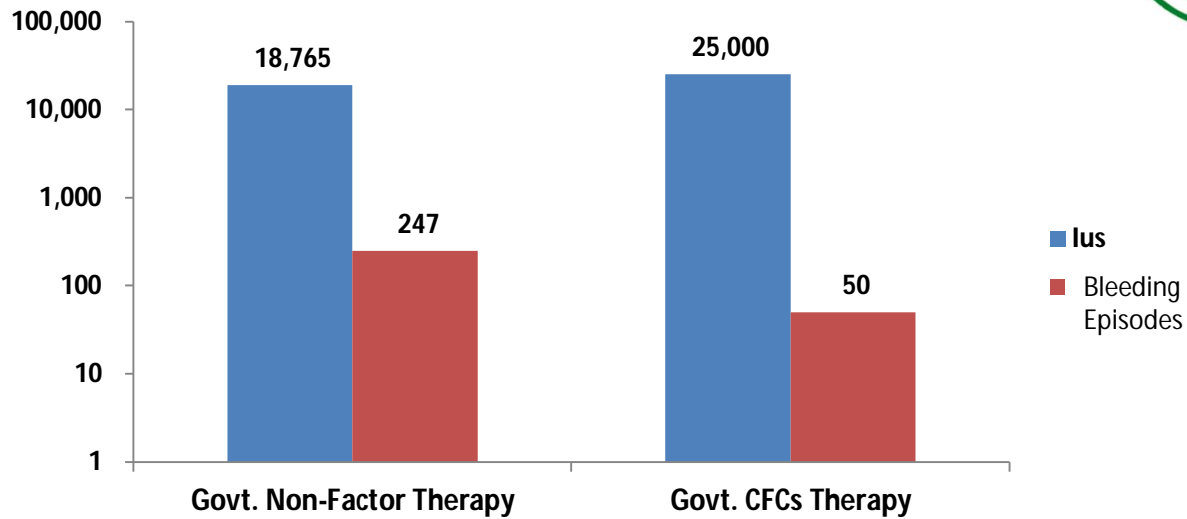
Hemlibra prophylaxis is a **revolutionary treatment therapy** that significantly improves the quality of life for Hemophilia Factor VIII patients. Currently, **38 out of 1,152 patients** are enrolled in the World Federation of Hemophilia's (WFH) Hemlibra Prophylaxis Program.

As a **high-cost treatment**, Hemlibra's annual expense ranges from approximately **PKR 3.6 million to PKR 14.4 million**. It is a prescription medicine designed for **routine prophylaxis to prevent and reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes**, allowing patients to lead a safer and more manageable daily life.



# TREATMENT PROVISIONS BY GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

Heartfelt Gratitude to the Government of Pakistan & Sindh



We extend our **deepest and most sincere appreciation** to the **Government of Sindh** for its visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to improving the lives of individuals living with Hemophilia A. Through its proactive policies and forward-thinking approach to healthcare, the Government has taken commendable steps to ensure **equitable access to life-saving therapies** for some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

In **2022**, Pakistan witnessed a **landmark achievement** in the field of rare bleeding disorders: for the first time, **six children** were enrolled in the **Hemlibra prophylaxis program** through the support of the Government of Sindh. This initiative marked a pivotal shift from conventional treatment models to **advanced, preventive care**, setting a new national standard and offering **renewed hope to families** who have long struggled with the burdens of this lifelong condition.

Continuing this **mission of compassion and care**, the program saw further expansion in **2024**, with the enrollment of **22 additional patients**, bringing the total to **28 patients** currently benefiting from Emicizumab therapy. With each child (approximately 20 kg) requiring **PKR 3.6 million annually**, this commitment reflects not only a significant financial investment but also a deep humanitarian resolve to alleviate suffering and foster dignity among affected families.

This progressive initiative stands as a **testament to the Government of Sindh's heartfelt commitment** to inclusive, patient-centered healthcare. It demonstrates the province's recognition of Hemophilia A as a critical public health issue and its resolve to lead with action, care, and innovation.

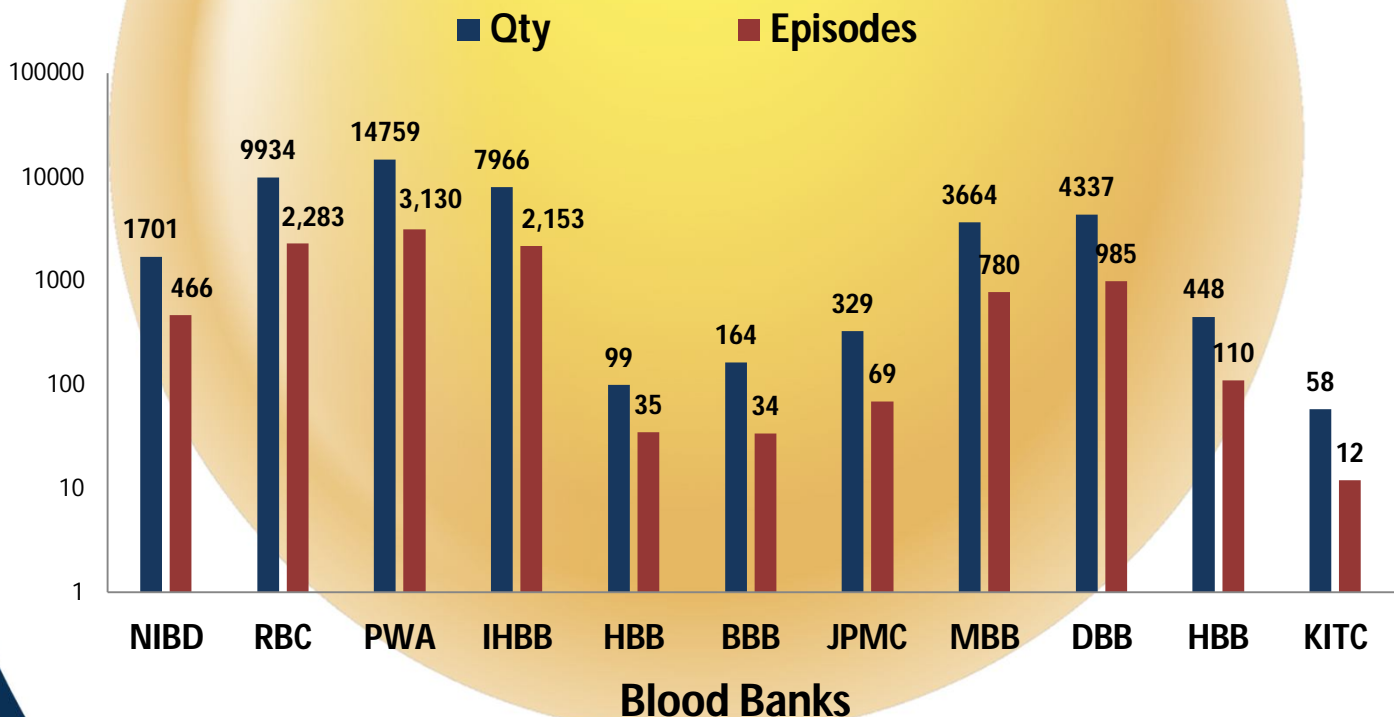
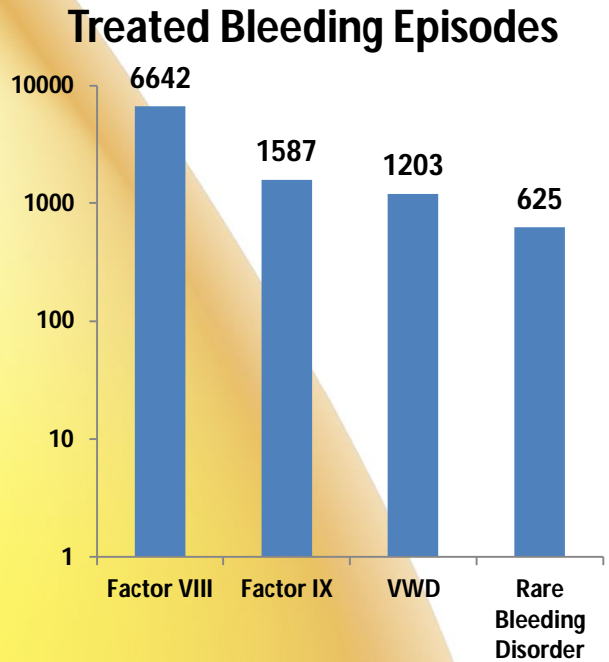
We remain profoundly grateful for this partnership and optimistic about the continued expansion of such initiatives. With sustained support and collaborative efforts, we believe that Pakistan can move toward a future where **every patient—regardless of background—has access to the quality care they rightfully deserve.**

## Treatment Provision Through Blood Components (Cryoprecipitate, Cryosupernatant & Fresh Frozen Plasma)

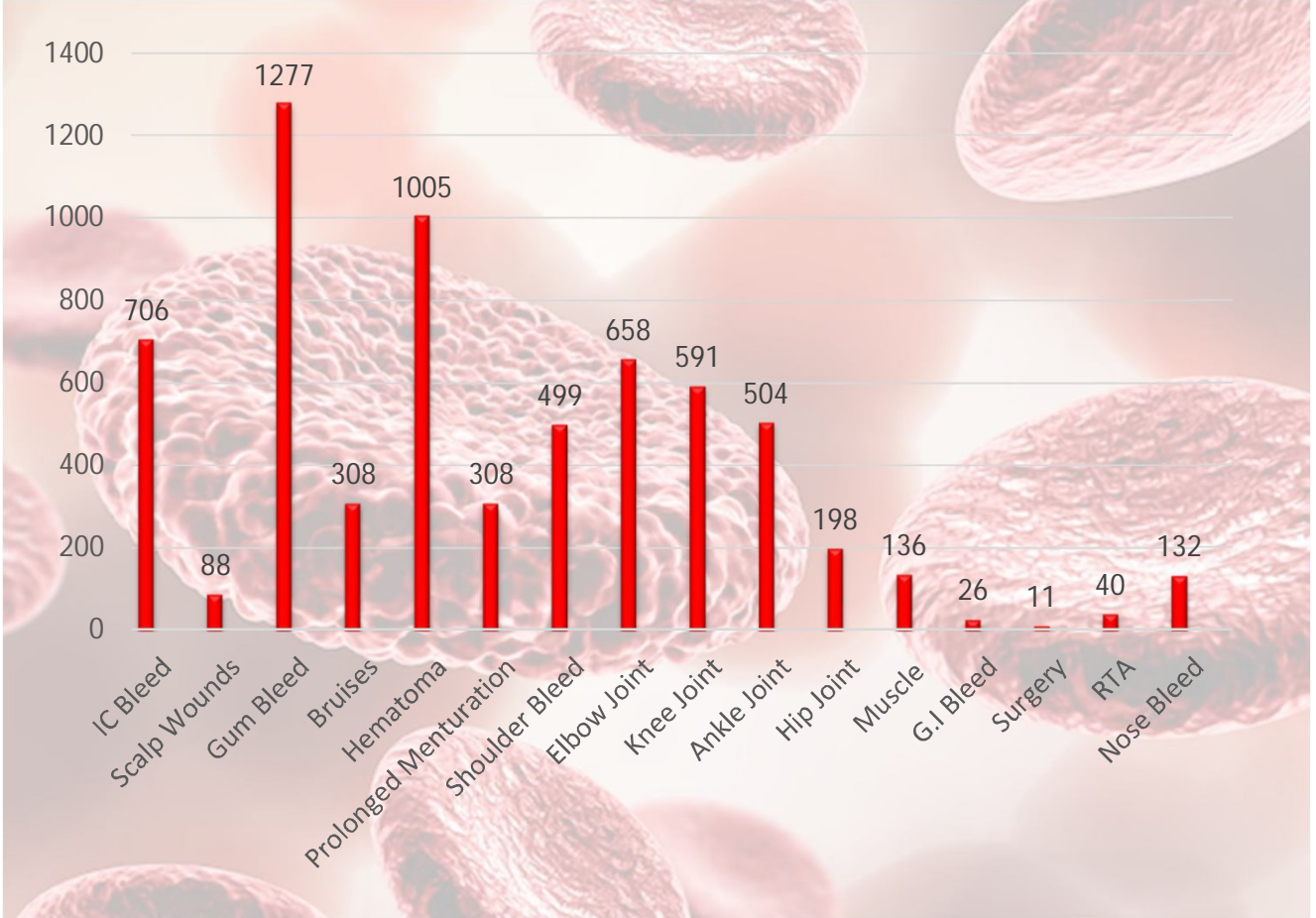
In Pakistan, approximately **86% of hemophilia and bleeding disorder patients** rely on blood components for treatment. To ensure continuous availability, **Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)** collaborates with renowned blood banks and healthcare organizations to provide **Cryoprecipitate and Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP)** during critical bleeding episodes.

Through strategic partnerships with **Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority (SBTA), Regional Blood Center-Karachi, Indus Hospital, Patient Welfare Association, Husaini Blood Bank, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, National Institute for Bleeding Disorders**, and others, **HWSK** effectively addresses treatment gaps, ensuring timely medical support for patients.

We extend our **heartfelt gratitude** to the **Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority (SBTA)** for their unwavering support. A special acknowledgment goes to **Dr. Durenaz Jamal**, whose leadership and dedication have played a pivotal role in bridging the healthcare accessibility gap for hemophilia patients in Pakistan.



# BLEEDING EVENTS



# SUCCESS STORIES

## A LIFE SAVED: SARFARAZ'S JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS HEMOPHILIA AWARENESS

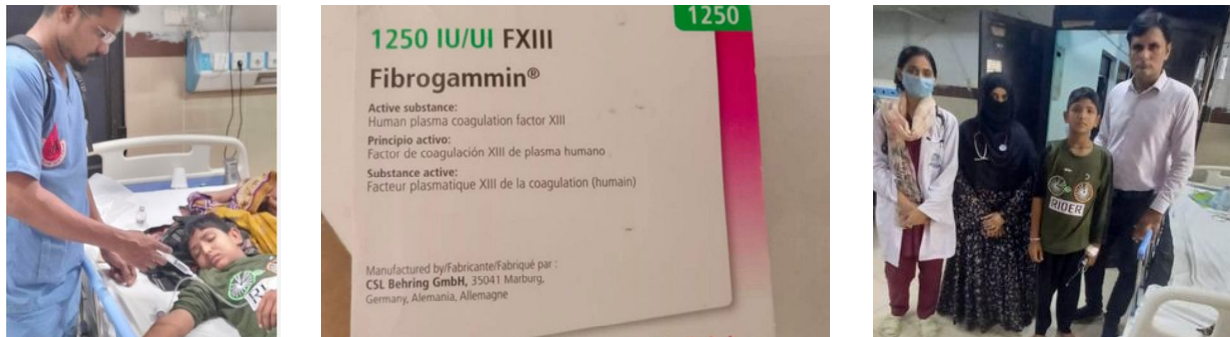


Nine-year-old Sarfaraz from Balochistan faced a life-threatening ordeal due to undiagnosed hemophilia. A minor surgery led to excessive bleeding and severe infection. Transferred to Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi's HTC, he was diagnosed with hemophilia A and received life-saving treatment.

Founder Raheel Ahmed emphasizes the need for proper care and training in public hospitals to prevent such tragedies.

**Special Thanks: Sindh Government, World Federation of Hemophilia, Hemophilia Foundation - Pakistan.**

## A RACE AGAINST TIME: LUQMAN'S BATTLE AGAINST BLEEDING DISORDER



Luqman, a 10-year-old from Mirpurkhas, suffered a life-threatening intracranial hemorrhage due to Factor XIII deficiency. After a grueling four-hour journey, he reached Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK), where emergency treatment was initiated.

With the help of Dr. Durenaz Jamal, Dr. Munira Borhany, and Dr. Arpana Nehal at Civil Hospital Karachi, Luqman received life-saving infusions of Factor XIII. After eight days of care, his condition improved.

His story emphasizes the need for awareness, early diagnosis, and accessible treatment for rare bleeding disorders.

**Special Thanks: World Federation of Hemophilia, Sindh Health Department, Ministry of National Health Services, and others.**

# SUCCESS STORIES

## HOPE RESTORED: GHULAM MURTAZA'S BATTLE AGAINST VON WILLEBRAND DISEASE

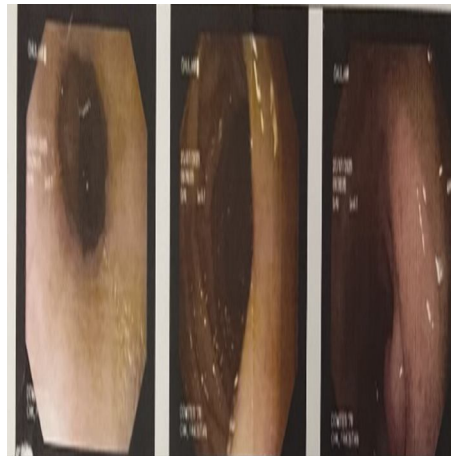


Ghulam Murtaza, a 44-year-old laborer from Badin suffering from severe Von Willebrand Disease (Type 3), battled life-threatening gastrointestinal bleeding for over six years. His symptoms included black stools, weakness, and anemia.

With the efforts of HWSK's medical board, including Dr. Munira Borhany and Dr. Muhammad Kamran, a CT-Angiogram identified the bleeder, and Dr. Masbha successfully performed embolization of the gastroduodenal artery at National Medical Centre Hospital, Karachi.

Over 50 blood transfusions, 1,000 units of cryoprecipitate, and 60,000 units of CFCs were provided for his treatment, supported by the World Federation of Hemophilia and Indus Hospital.

Today, Ghulam Murtaza is recovering well and back with his family. His case emphasizes the need for a Comprehensive Hemophilia Treatment Center in Pakistan.



## SUBACUTE SUBDURAL HEMATOMA & HEMOPHILIA: SUCCESSFUL SURGERY FOR 7-YEAR-OLD



Through the joint efforts of Indus Hospital & Health Network and HWSK, a 7-year-old boy with Hemophilia A (Factor-VIII deficiency) underwent successful surgery for subacute subdural hematoma at Patel Hospital.

Thanks to the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) for providing clotting factor concentrate and the expertise of Dr. Naila Rafiq (Indus Hospital) and Dr. Yasin Rauf Mushtaq (Patel Hospital), the child is now stable and recovering well.

# SUCCESS STORIES

## Abdul Hadi's Journey from Crisis to Recovery

A minor fall turned into a life-threatening emergency for 9-year-old Abdul Hadi, a child with Hemophilia A, when he developed a subdural hematoma. With limited access to specialized care and no hospital willing to take the risk, his family was left helpless.

At this critical moment, **HWSK** stepped in—providing essential clotting factors, medical coordination, and support. Thanks to the dedication of the medical team and the courage of neurosurgeon **Dr. Yaseen Rauf**, Abdul underwent a successful surgery and began his journey to recovery.

His story is a powerful reminder of the urgent need for better care systems, affordable medication, and fearless collaboration in treating rare disorders. Abdul's survival stands as a beacon of hope—for every child fighting against the odds.



## Overlooked and At Risk: Ghulam's Struggle with Undiagnosed Hemophilia

At just 22, Ghulam from Tharparkar faced a life-threatening ordeal due to undiagnosed **severe Hemophilia A**. Admitted to a Karachi hospital with severe anemia and intestinal issues, he underwent major surgery without knowledge of his bleeding disorder. The lack of a proper diagnosis led to serious post-operative bleeding and complications.

Only after surgery was his condition identified, and he was referred to **Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)**—the only center equipped for such cases. HWSK provided lifesaving care through targeted factor therapy, wound management, and education. Due to his critical state, he was shifted to IZA Hospital, where HWSK continued to guide his treatment in collaboration with hospital staff.

Ghulam's case highlights a serious healthcare gap: **the absence of specialized hemophilia care and awareness across Pakistan**. His story calls for urgent systemic reforms—dedicated centers in every district, trained professionals, and integrated care—to ensure patients receive timely, appropriate treatment and avoid preventable suffering.



# ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

CHRIS BOMBARDIER'S VISIT TO SUPPORT HEMOPHILIA PATIENTS IN PAKISTAN



WORLD HEMOPHILIA DAY 2024

HWSK WINS KE KHI AWARD 2024 IN PRIMARY HEALTH



- WINNERS**
- Sindh Integrated Emergency & Health Services -
  - Sindh Institute of Urology & Transplantation -
  - Shahid Afridi Foundation -
  - SINA Health Education & Welfare Trust -

MEETING WITH MAYOR KARACHI BARRISTER MURTAZA WAHAB AND DEPUTY MAYOR



A DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR HEMOPHILIA AND THALASSEMIA HEROES



# ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

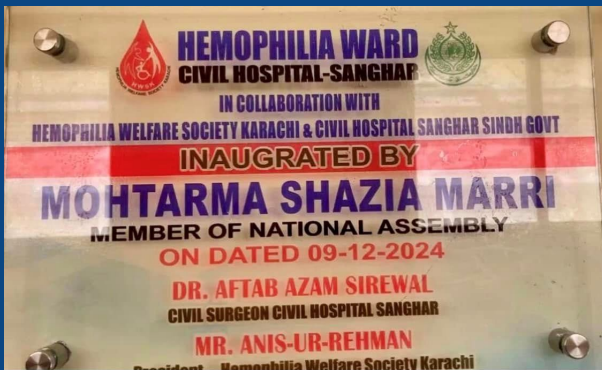
WFH MEDICAL TWINNING ASSESSMENT



WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY 2024



A GROUNDBREAKING MILESTONE: INAUGURATION OF HEMOPHILIA WARD AT CIVIL HOSPITAL SANGHAR



EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT OF BLEEDING DISORDERS COMMUNITY THROUGH  
THE PARTNERSHIP OF SAVE ONE LIFE (SOL) PROGRAMS

SOL PROVIDED IN 2023 34.8 MILLION DIRECT FUNDS TO OUR PATIENTS



CHRIS BOMBARDIER'S VISIT TO SUPPORT HEMOPHILIA PATIENTS IN PAKISTAN

Christopher Bombardier, **Director of Save One Life (SOL-USA)** and an advocate for hemophilia awareness, visited Karachi to support children living with hemophilia. Despite having hemophilia himself, he achieved an extraordinary feat by **climbing Mount Everest in 2017** to raise global awareness about the condition.

During his visit, he toured the **Model Hemophilia Treatment Center**, interacted with patients, and participated in a **seminar on education and empowerment**. Raheel Ahmed, **CEO of Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)**, emphasized the organization's commitment to improving the lives of hemophilia patients through **treatment, education, and economic assistance**.

Save One Life (SOL) plays a crucial role in **supporting 24 children annually** and **providing scholarships to 15 children** in Pakistan. Christopher Bombardier also visited patients' homes, reinforcing **SOL's commitment to empowering individuals with hemophilia** and ensuring better access to care and opportunities.



**SOL Beneficiary Programs**

**SOL Beneficiary:**

Save One Life (SOL) provides educational funding to 23 patients from the Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi, empowering them through education and opportunities. This initiative, made possible by the generous support of Laurie A. Kelly, continues to create a positive global impact, enabling recipients to build a better future.

**SOL Micro-Enterprise Grant (MEG):**

The **MEG Program** empowers patients by **helping them start their own businesses** through sponsorship. This initiative promotes **self-reliance, dignity, and economic empowerment**, breaking the cycle of dependency and fostering long-term financial stability.

**SOL Scholarship:**

Recognizing the importance of higher education, the **SOL Scholarship Program** supports individuals aged 25 and above who are pursuing university or college degrees. By ensuring that sponsorship is directed towards deserving candidates at critical academic stages, we are helping shape future professionals and community leaders.

Through these initiatives, HWSK remains dedicated to creating pathways for education and financial independence, ensuring that individuals with bleeding disorders lead fulfilling and self-sufficient lives.



## A Step Towards Hope and Healing



On January 14, 2025, the Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) proudly welcomed Mayor Karachi, Barrister Murtaza Wahab, to the Hemophilia Treatment Center. His visit was more than ceremonial it was a powerful affirmation of support for individuals battling hemophilia.

Interacting directly with patients and their families, Mayor Wahab witnessed the daily struggles faced by those living with this rare, life-threatening bleeding disorder. He also oversaw the distribution of educational funds from Save One Life, Inc., a gesture that underscored the importance of education and empowerment for these individuals.

Founder and CEO Raheel Ahmed shed light on HWSK's journey in establishing treatment centers across Sindh, and passionately emphasized the urgent need for specialized care facilities. In a landmark moment, Mayor Wahab responded with immediate action—ordering the allocation of space for a dedicated hemophilia ward at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and making personal donations to support ongoing patient care.

His words echoed with purpose: "The work being done here is crucial for the community, and I am committed to ensuring initiatives like this receive the support they deserve."

This visit marked a pivotal step toward a brighter, healthier future for hemophilia patients. With continued support from compassionate leaders and organizations like Save One Life, HWSK stands firm in its mission offering not just treatment, but hope, dignity, and a chance at a normal life for every patient we serve.

### A Story of Transformation: The Impactful Partnership Between Save One Life, and Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi

The Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) stands as a patient-led force for change, committed not only to treatment but also to uplifting the lives of individuals with bleeding disorders through education, financial support, and empowerment.

In collaboration with *Save One Life, Inc. (SOL)*, HWSK transforms challenges into opportunities. A shining example is Zeeshan Anjum a patient with severe hemophilia who, after losing his job, faced immense hardships. With support from the *SOL Microenterprise Grant*, HWSK provided him a rickshaw, enabling him to start his own business and regain financial independence.

Zeeshan's journey reflects the true spirit of resilience and the power of targeted support. Today, he stands tall self-employed, confident, and capable of supporting his family with dignity.

This story exemplifies how strong partnerships and purpose-driven initiatives can create lasting change and restore hope where it's needed most.



## Visit of Dr. DureNaz Jamal and Distribution of Educational Funds by Save One Life

We had the privilege of hosting Dr. DureNaz Jamal, Secretary of the Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority (SBTA), at a special event organized by the Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK). During her visit, Dr. Jamal participated in the distribution of educational support funds generously provided by Save One Life, Inc. to enrolled hemophilia beneficiaries.

Dr. Jamal acknowledged the vital role Save One Life plays in empowering the bleeding disorders community. In her remarks, she stated:

“Save One Life is doing remarkable work for the hemophilia community. Their continuous support not only helps patients medically but also empowers them through education, giving them the tools to build a better future.”

The event highlighted the ongoing collaboration between SBTA, HWSK, and Save One Life, emphasizing the importance of integrated support—medical, educational, and psychosocial—for individuals living with bleeding disorders.



## Historic Breakthrough: Emicizumab Therapy Launched for 22 Hemophilia Patients



In February 2025, the **Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)** made history by administering the **first dose of Emicizumab prophylaxis** to 22 hemophilia patients marking a major leap in hemophilia care in Pakistan. Funded through a **Sindh Government grant**, this initiative is a first-of-its-kind in the country.

Spearheaded by **Raheel Ahmed Khan**, CEO of HWSK, and facilitated by **Dr. Durenaz Jamal**, Secretary of the Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority (SBTA), the program reflects the power of persistent advocacy and strong public-private collaboration.

During a visit to HWSK, **Sindh Health Secretary Mr. Rehan Iqbal Balouch** praised the organization's relentless efforts and reaffirmed the government's commitment to expanding this life-changing therapy.

**Emicizumab** reduces the need for frequent infusions and gives patients the freedom to live more active, empowered lives. This initiative not only transforms individual lives but also positions **Sindh as a national leader in rare disease treatment and healthcare innovation.**



## Empowering Future Healthcare Professionals Through Clinical Rotations



Since 2022, Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) has been at the forefront of raising awareness and providing hands-on training in physiotherapy for bleeding disorders. Through structured **clinical rotation programs**, we equip future healthcare professionals with essential skills in **pain management, muscle strengthening, patient counseling, and rehabilitation techniques**.

Recently, **DPT students from MC College of Medical & Allied Health Sciences** successfully completed a **three-week clinical rotation** under the guidance of **Dr. S. Sarfraz H. Jaffry, Dr. Munira Borhany, and Dr. Maleeha (P.T.)**. This immersive learning experience allowed students to gain **practical exposure** to managing hemophilia-related complications and rehabilitation protocols.

To acknowledge their dedication, **certificates of completion** were awarded to the students, recognizing their commitment to improving the quality of life for patients with bleeding disorders.

HWSK remains steadfast in its mission to **bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application**, ensuring that future healthcare professionals are well-prepared to deliver **specialized care and rehabilitation for individuals with hemophilia**

## HWSK OATH-TAKING CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE BODY



At Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK), leadership transitions are conducted through a structured **election process**, ensuring transparency, inclusivity, and adherence to organizational principles. Each election cycle provides members of the hemophilia community with a valuable opportunity to **lead, contribute, and shape the future of HWSK**.

In **2024, the elections were held** in accordance with these principles, and the newly elected **executive body will serve until 2026**. This leadership transition marks a significant step in furthering **HWSK's mission of advocacy, patient support, and healthcare advancements**.

During the **oath-taking ceremony**, the newly appointed members **formally pledged their commitment** to serving the hemophilia community with dedication and integrity.

With this new leadership, HWSK remains steadfast in its **commitment to empowering individuals with hemophilia, improving healthcare services, and advocating for better policies and treatment options**. The organization looks forward to **continued growth and impactful initiatives** under the guidance of its newly elected executive body.

### World Blood Donor Day Celebration at Abbasi Shaheed HTC

HWSK commemorated World Blood Donor Day at its newly established 3rd Hemophilia Treatment Center in Abbasi Shaheed Hospital. Dr. Sarfraz H. Jaffery highlighted the critical role of blood donation in treating bleeding disorders. The event also saw active participation from medical students, who uplifted patients' spirits by distributing thoughtful gifts, reflecting compassion and solidarity.



### World Blood Donor Day 2025 – Advocacy at FPCCI

HWSK participated in the World Blood Donor Day seminar at FPCCI, organized by Dr. Zahid Hasan Ansari. During the event, the team met Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi and advocated for improved care for people with bleeding disorders. Dr. Sarfaraz H. Jafri delivered a compelling presentation on the life-saving impact of voluntary blood donation.



### Breaking the Silence: Hemophilia Awareness at Iqra University

HWSK participated in the seminar *“Breaking the Silence: Living with Hemophilia in Pakistan”* at Iqra University North Campus. CEO Mr. Raheel Ahmed Khan shared powerful insights on the lived experiences of people with hemophilia and the journey of HWSK. Dr. Shan-e Zehra provided an informative session on the clinical management of bleeding disorders. We thank Dr. Rabeeqa and her team for organizing this impactful awareness event.



## Achievements

### HWSK Honored with the KE KHI Award 2024 in Primary Health

With the **blessings of Allah Almighty** and the **relentless dedication** of our team, we are immensely proud to announce that **Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)** has been awarded the **KE KHI Award 2024** in the category of **Primary Health**.

This prestigious recognition highlights our **unwavering commitment** to providing **quality care, treatment, and management services** to individuals affected by hemophilia. It is a testament to the hard work, passion, and dedication of our team, who continuously strive to **enhance healthcare accessibility, raise awareness, and improve the quality of life** for those living with bleeding disorders.

We extend our gratitude to **K-Electric** and **all our supporters** for acknowledging our efforts. This achievement **motivates us to continue our mission** with even greater determination, ensuring that every individual with hemophilia receives the care and support they deserve.



### A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION ON WORLD HEMOPHILIA DAY



On World Hemophilia Day, Mr. Mirza Zahid Hussain, Head of Marketing & Quality at GRIFOLS & Biological Division, The Popular International PVT LTD, demonstrated remarkable philanthropy by donating 30,000 IUs of Koate-DVI Anti-Hemophilia Factor-VIII Injections to the Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK). A delegation led by Mr. Noman Malik visited the HWSK Hemophilia Center, engaging with patients and acknowledging the center's dedication to high-quality care. Raheel Ahmed, Founder & CEO of HWSK, highlighted the urgent need for clotting factors, emphasizing that approximately 45,000 to 50,000 IUs are required daily to treat 1,200 patients. The generous donation was praised as a significant step toward addressing the overwhelming demand for treatment, symbolizing compassion, solidarity, and dedication to enhancing the lives of those affected by hemophilia.

### TREATMENT PROVISION FOR BLEEDING DISORDERS IN SINDH NAWABSHAH

**Transfusion Authority (SBTA)** has **graciously approved** the supply of **surplus blood components** from registered blood banks across the province. This **generous support** will help strengthen treatment accessibility for patients who rely on **fresh frozen plasma (FFP) and cryoprecipitate** for their care. As an initial step, **1,000 units** of these essential blood components will be transported from the **Regional Blood Center (RBC) in District Shaheed Benazirabad** to HWSK.



We sincerely thank **SBTA** for its unwavering support in improving healthcare for individuals with bleeding disorders. This initiative, made possible through the dedicated coordination of **Joint Secretary Ali Asghar Zardari, Dr. Rab Nawaz, Dr. Khadim Husain, and the DHO of Shaheed Benazirabad**, ensures the safe and efficient delivery of critical blood components. With the **first supply arriving this week**, this marks a **major step in bridging treatment gaps** across Sindh. **HWSK remains committed** to strengthening partnerships and advocating for better healthcare services.

## VISIT BY DR. PIERRE FONTANA FOR WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA MEDICAL TWINNING PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Dr. Pierre Fontana from the Geneva Hemophilia Treatment Center visited the Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) as part of the World Federation of Hemophilia's (WFH) Medical Twinning Program Assessment. During his visit, Raheel Ahmed and Dr. Munira Borhany led a comprehensive tour of the center, evaluating existing care standards and exploring opportunities to enhance **treatment, diagnosis, and patient management** for individuals with hemophilia. This collaboration reflects HWSK's ongoing commitment to improving healthcare services and aligning with global best practices.



## Strengthening Hemophilia Care: HWSK's Strategic Meeting with Sindh Government



The Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) recently participated in a high-level meeting with Sindh Government Representatives, including Rehan Iqbal Baloch (Secretary, Sindh Health Department) and Dr. Durenaz Jamal (Secretary, Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority). The meeting also welcomed global hemophilia experts, Ms. Rana Saifee (WFH Regional Manager, Middle East) and Dr. Pierre Fontana (Geneva Hemophilia Treatment Center), reflecting a significant step toward advancing hemophilia care in Pakistan.

Key discussions focused on:

✓ **Enhancing Hemophilia Healthcare Services** in government hospitals, particularly at Dr. Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi.

✓ **Capacity-building and training programs** for government healthcare professionals to improve treatment and diagnosis.

✓ **Addressing critical challenges**, including treatment unavailability and the functionalization of Hemophilia Management Services in public healthcare institutions.

This meeting marks a crucial milestone in HWSK's advocacy efforts, reinforcing its commitment to **collaborating with governmental and international stakeholders** to ensure sustainable, high-quality healthcare solutions for individuals with bleeding disorders across Sindh.

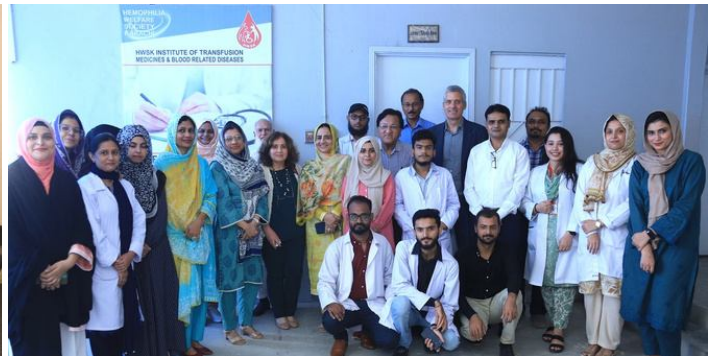
## WFH Medical Twinning Assessment & SWOT Analysis



As part of the **World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) Medical Twinning Program Assessment**, the **Hemophilia Treatment Center Karachi** had the honor of hosting esteemed professionals and global experts on the third day of the evaluation. Distinguished visitors included:

- ◆ **Ms. Rana Saifee** – WFH Regional Manager for the Middle East
- ◆ **Dr. Pierre Fontana** – Geneva Hemophilia Treatment Center
- ◆ **Prof. Dr. Munira Borhany**
- ◆ **Dr. Durenaz Jamal** – Secretary, Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority

During their visit, they engaged with our **dedicated medical team and patients**, reinforcing their commitment to **improving hemophilia care in Pakistan**. The assessment serves as a critical step toward enhancing **collaborations, treatment protocols, and healthcare standards** for individuals with hemophilia and bleeding disorders.



## VISITS

### VISIT OF MR. MASOOD FAREED MALIK – A BEACON OF HOPE FOR THE BLEEDING DISORDERS COMMUNITY



The **Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)** was honored to welcome **Mr. Masood Fareed Malik**, a prominent community activist, former President of the Hemophilia Patients Welfare Society Lahore, and Advisor of the Hemophilia Foundation Pakistan.

As a **Person with Hemophilia** and an **entrepreneur**, Mr. Malik has been actively supporting the hemophilia community since **2000**, tirelessly advocating for **improved treatment accessibility and enhanced healthcare services**. With his extensive experience as an **NMO President of the World Federation of Hemophilia** and a **Social Mobilization Officer at UNAIDS**, he continues to provide **voluntary advisory services for the Hemophilia Foundation Pakistan**.

During his visit to HWSK, Mr. Malik engaged with **patients, healthcare professionals, and community members**, gaining firsthand insight into the **dedicated services provided to individuals with hemophilia and bleeding disorders**. He expressed deep admiration for the **comprehensive care and support offered**, highlighting the importance of continued advocacy and collaboration.

His visit served as a **source of inspiration and motivation** for the entire **HWSK team**, reinforcing our commitment to **enhancing the quality of life for individuals affected by bleeding disorders**.

### PROF. DR. HASAN ABBAS ZAHEER VISITS HWSK HEMOPHILIA TREATMENT CENTER

#### Visit of Prof. Dr. Hasan Abbas Zaheer to HWSK Hemophilia Treatment Center

We were honored to welcome **Prof. Dr. Hasan Abbas Zaheer**, **National Coordinator for Hemophilia at HWSK** and **Advisor on Blood Regulation, Availability & Safety for WHO**, to our **Hemophilia Treatment Center in Karachi**.

During the visit, discussions centered on **enhancing treatment and care for hemophilia patients**. Dr. Zaheer, who previously served as the **National Coordinator for the Safe Blood Transfusion Program** at the **Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination Islamabad**, shared **valuable insights and strategic recommendations** for strengthening hemophilia care in Pakistan.

HWSK remains committed to **advancing healthcare services, fostering collaboration, and advocating for better treatment accessibility** for individuals with bleeding disorders.



## WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY 2024

### Awareness Walk on Hemophilia – Organized by the Social Welfare Department, Government of Sindh



#### Awareness Walk on Hemophilia – Organized by the Social Welfare Department, Government of Sindh

An **Awareness Walk** was held by the **Social Welfare Department, Government of Sindh**, to shed light on the **challenges faced by children with hemophilia** and the **difficulties surrounding its treatment**.

The event was graced by **Syed Murad Ali Shah, Chief Minister of Sindh**, as the **Chief Guest**, alongside key stakeholders, healthcare professionals, and members of the hemophilia community.

This initiative served as a crucial step in **advocating for improved treatment accessibility, early diagnosis, and enhanced healthcare services** for individuals with **bleeding disorders**. HWSK remains committed to working closely with policymakers and healthcare institutions to **bridge treatment gaps and improve the quality of life for patients**.

## OUT REACH

### Outreach Initiative: Extending Support to Remote Villages

As part of its **executive outreach efforts**, a team from **Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)** visited **Pritam**, a resident of a remote village in **Mirpur Khas**, located **250 km away** from Karachi's **Hemophilia Treatment Center**.

Upon the request of **Dr. Doongar Sham**, the team discovered **Pritam in a critical condition**, suffering from a **fractured distal left femur shaft with posterior displacement** and **osteoarthritic changes** in the left knee joint. With **no access to proper medical care**, he had been forced to **immobilize his injured foot using wooden support**.

Understanding the **urgent need for medical intervention**, **Mr. Raheel Ahmed, Founder & CEO of HWSK**, assured **Pritam** of assistance in securing the **necessary surgery and anti-hemophilia injections**. This case underscores the **dire healthcare challenges faced by individuals with bleeding disorders in underserved areas** and reinforces **HWSK's commitment to facilitating care and support in remote regions**.



## World Hemophilia Day 2024: Advocating for Equitable Access to Care



On World Hemophilia Day 2024, Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) hosted a special event at its Hemophilia Treatment Center in Nazimabad No. 4, Karachi, under the global theme:

**“Equitable Access for All: Recognizing All Bleeding Disorders.”**

The event brought together children with hemophilia, their parents, government officials, philanthropists, and medical experts, including:

- Dr. Aftab – Director, Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority (SBTA)
- Dr. Arpana Nihal – Hemophilia Focal Person
- Dr. Zahid Hasan Ansari – Convener, FPCCI Medical & Health Sciences Committee
- Raheel Ahmed – Founder & CEO, HWSK

Key Highlights:

- ✓ Cake-cutting ceremony & gift distribution for children with hemophilia.
- ✓ Discussions on urgent needs, including improved treatment facilities, awareness initiatives, and increased government support.
- ✓ Facility inspection at HWSK Hemophilia Treatment Center by Dr. Zahid Hasan Ansari, Dr. Aftab, and Dr. Arpana Nihal, who commended the high standard of care provided.

During the event, Raheel Ahmed emphasized that only a small percentage of hemophilia patients receive proper treatment:

- 15% rely on humanitarian aid from the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH)
- Only 0.05% receive support from the Sindh Health Department

He called on the government to release pending funds and establish hematology departments in district hospitals to ensure accessible and quality care for all bleeding disorder patients across Sindh.



## Pakistan's First-Ever Joint Event for Hemophilia & Thalassemia Patients



For the first time in **Pakistan**, a **groundbreaking event** brought together **heroes living with Hemophilia and Thalassemia under one roof**. This remarkable initiative was organized by the **Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)** in collaboration with the **Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority (SBTA)**, aiming to celebrate the **resilience, strength, and courage** of individuals with **blood disorders**.

### A Historic Gathering at the Sindh Assembly

The event was honored by the presence of distinguished guests, including:

**Mr. Syed Awais Qadir Shah – Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Sindh**

**Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho – Provincial Minister of Health, Sindh**

**Mr. Rehan Iqbal Baloch – Secretary, Sindh Health Department**

**Dr. DureNaz Jamal – Secretary, SBTA**, whose **commitment and efforts** played a pivotal role in the success of the event.

#### A Day of Joy & Celebration

The gathering was designed to offer a **fun-filled and unforgettable experience** for children and adults living with **Hemophilia and Thalassemia**. Participants enjoyed:

- 🎉 **Swings & competitive games**
- 🎨 **Face painting & a magic show**
- 🎁 **Gift distribution & food stalls**

This milestone event not only **brought smiles to countless faces** but also **highlighted the importance of collective efforts** in **improving the quality of life** for individuals with **blood disorders in Pakistan**. **HWSK and SBTA remain committed to advocating for better treatment, awareness, and support** for these communities.



# ADVOCACY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF BLEEDING DISORDERS

## EXPANDING HEMOPHILIA CARE IN HYDERABAD

The **Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)** held a significant meeting with **Dr. Shah Latif Bhatti**, Medical Superintendent of **Sindh Government Hospital, Hyderabad**, to discuss the **provision of treatment and services for hemophilia patients** in the district.

This initiative aims to **enhance accessibility to specialized care**, ensuring that **patients in Hyderabad and surrounding areas** receive the necessary **medical support, diagnosis, and treatment** closer to home. HWSK remains committed to **expanding outreach efforts** and strengthening partnerships to **improve healthcare services for individuals with bleeding disorders across Sindh**.



## MEETING WITH MAYOR KARACHI BARRISTER MURTAZA WAHAB AND DEPUTY MAYOR



The **Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)** representatives had a **productive meeting** with **Mayor Karachi, Barrister Murtaza Wahab, and the Deputy Mayor** to discuss key **initiatives aimed at improving the lives of individuals with hemophilia**.

The discussion focused on:

- ✓ **Enhancing healthcare facilities** for hemophilia patients
- ✓ **Improving access to treatment** across the city
- ✓ **Raising awareness** about bleeding disorders to foster better support

We sincerely **appreciate the commitment and support** of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in **advancing healthcare solutions** for people with hemophilia. **Together, we can make a lasting impact!** 🙌 ✨

## Strengthening Hemophilia Care in Hyderabad



To address the **challenges faced by hemophilia patients** who travel **over 200 km from Hyderabad to Karachi** in severe pain with **internal and external bleeding**, the **Secretary of the Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority** and **representatives from the Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)** visited **Shah Bhatti Hospital Sindh Government**.

During the visit, they held **productive discussions** with **Medical Superintendent Dr. Muhammad Parial Jokhio** to explore the **establishment of a Hemophilia Treatment Center in Hyderabad**.

HWSK remains **committed to advocating for improved access to treatment and care at the district level**, ensuring a **better quality of life** for individuals living with **bleeding disorders**.

## Strengthening Advocacy for Bleeding Disorders

In a powerful step toward improved healthcare and inclusion, HWSK CEO **Raheel Ahmed Khan** met with **Syed Nasir Hussain Shah**, Minister for Local Government, Housing & Public Health Engineering, Sindh. The discussion focused on advancing **treatment, education, and employment** for individuals with bleeding disorders.

The Minister appreciated HWSK's dedication and pledged **full support** to its mission. This commitment signals a promising shift toward greater **healthcare access, awareness, and equal opportunities** for the bleeding disorders community in Sindh.

We deeply thank the honorable minister for standing with us. Together, we move forward—toward a future where no one is left behind.



## Productive Meeting for a Promising Future

A meeting was held with Dr. Faysal Samdani, Director of Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, and Dr. Munira Borhany, Medical Director of HWSK, to discuss the expansion of services at the newly established Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC) within the Trauma Center at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital. The discussion focused on strengthening clinical support, improving patient care, and ensuring sustainable service delivery for individuals with bleeding disorders.



## Advocacy at FPCCI Seminar – Engaging Policymakers

During a World Thalassemia Day seminar hosted by FPCCI, HWSK leadership engaged in vital advocacy with MNA Ms. Sharmila Farooqi, a key member of multiple national standing committees. The meeting, facilitated by Dr. Zahid Hasan Ansari (FPCCI CSR Convener), was a valuable opportunity to highlight the needs of the bleeding disorders community at a policymaking level.



## AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF HEMOPHILIA SATELLITE CENTER AT CIVIL HOSPITAL SANGHAR



A delegation from the Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) recently met with Medical Superintendent Dr. Aftab and Nephrologist Dr. Saira Sher at Civil Hospital Sanghar to formalize an agreement for the establishment of a dedicated Hemophilia Satellite Center.

This center will include a 10-bedded ward exclusively for hemophilia patients, ensuring high-quality care for individuals across Sanghar and surrounding districts—eliminating the need for patients to travel to Karachi for treatment.

With the support of the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH), this initiative will enable timely and efficient care, significantly reducing bleed times and improving the quality of life for patients.

This achievement underscores HWSK's ongoing commitment to expanding accessible hemophilia care across Sindh.

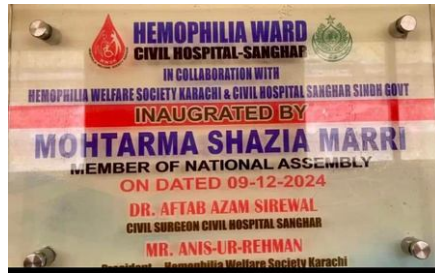
## ESTABLISHING HEMOPHILIA TREATMENT CENTER AT CIVIL HOSPITAL SANGHAR



Representatives from the Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) recently visited Civil Hospital Sanghar to discuss the establishment of a dedicated Hemophilia Treatment Center in District Sanghar.

This initiative aims to provide essential care and treatment for individuals with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, ensuring easier access to life-saving medical support within their region. By bringing specialized care closer to home, this project will significantly improve patient outcomes and enhance their quality of life.

## A Major Milestone Achieved: Inauguration of Hemophilia Ward at Civil Hospital Sanghar



The **Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)**, in collaboration with the **Sindh Health Department**, has successfully inaugurated the **Hemophilia Ward at Civil Hospital Sanghar**. This milestone event was honored by **MNA Shazia Marri**, who recognized the **tireless efforts of HWSK** in ensuring **lifesaving care** for hemophilia patients in **Sanghar District and nearby villages**.

Founder and CEO of HWSK, **Mr. Raheel Ahmed Khan**, highlighted the **significant challenges** patients previously faced, having to **travel long distances** to Karachi for treatment. He stressed the **critical need for district-level facilities** and expressed gratitude to **Civil Surgeon Dr. Aftab Azam** and **Society President Mr. Anees ur Rehman** for their support in making this initiative a reality.

The **inauguration ceremony**, attended by **government officials, medical professionals, patients, and journalists**, marks a **major step forward** in ensuring **accessible and quality healthcare** for individuals with **bleeding disorders** in the region.



## Hemophilia Center Approved at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital

A major breakthrough in hemophilia care was achieved when **Mayor Karachi, Barrister Murtaza Wahab**, visited **Abbasi Shaheed Hospital** with **Raheel Ahmed**, Founder & CEO of HWSK, to finalize the allocation of space for a **dedicated Hemophilia Treatment Center**. Joined by Dr. Azmat Ullah Loond (HWSK) and Dr. Faisal Samdani (ASH), this moment marked a pivotal step forward. This milestone reflects the power of **strong leadership and effective advocacy**—bringing us closer to accessible, specialized care for bleeding disorder patients in Karachi. Together, we're shaping a healthier, more inclusive future.



## Historic Milestone: Pakistan's First Public-Private Hemophilia Treatment Center Inaugurated



**Karachi, Abbasi Shaheed Hospital** – Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab officially inaugurated Pakistan's **first-ever Comprehensive Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC)**, established under a public-private partnership between **Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC)** and the **Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)**.

Located on the fourth floor of the Trauma Center, the **12-bed facility** provides **24/7 specialized care** for patients with bleeding disorders. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by Deputy Mayor **Salman Abdullah Murad**, **Dr. Faisal Samdani** (Director of ASH), **Raheel Ahmed Khan** (Founder & CEO of HWSK), **Dr. Azmat Ullah Loond**, **Anis Ur Rehman** (President of HWSK), and other officials.

During the visit, dignitaries interacted with patients and were briefed by hematologists including **Dr. Munira Borhany** and **Dr. Shabneez Hussain** about hemophilia care challenges. Mayor Wahab lauded the effort as a **historic first for KMC-run hospitals** and emphasized the urgency of expanding similar centers nationwide. He called on philanthropists and corporations to support the expensive, life-long treatment that most families can't afford.

Highlighting the importance of this step, **Raheel Ahmed Khan** expressed gratitude to the Mayor and shared that his long-standing dream had materialized. He emphasized that this center bridges public healthcare and specialized hemophilia care, ensuring **free, accessible, and immediate treatment** for patients, especially children.

An awareness seminar followed the inauguration, involving doctors, parents, and patients to educate and advocate for better hemophilia care.



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## Strategic Meeting for the Expansion of Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC) at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital

A detailed and impactful meeting was held between Dr. Faysal Samdani, Director of Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, and Dr. Munira Borhany, Medical Director of Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK), to discuss the expansion of the newly established Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC) located within the hospital's Trauma Center.

The meeting centered on several key areas of collaboration aimed at improving services for individuals living with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. Discussions included:

- **Enhancement of Clinical Infrastructure:** Plans to upgrade the HTC's facilities to ensure it meets international standards for hemophilia care, including better infusion services, emergency response capabilities, and diagnostic support.
- **Strengthening Patient Care Protocols:** Emphasis on developing comprehensive treatment plans, early diagnosis, physiotherapy support, and regular follow-ups to improve quality of life for patients.
- **Capacity Building:** Strategies to train hospital staff, including doctors, nurses, and lab technicians, to handle hemophilia cases more effectively.
- **Sustainable Service Delivery:** Exploring models for consistent availability of factor concentrates and other essential medicines, in collaboration with HWSK and relevant stakeholders.
- **Public Health Integration:** Discussed future outreach initiatives, patient registry systems, and data-sharing frameworks to ensure coordinated care and awareness at the community level.

This collaboration marks a significant step toward strengthening hemophilia care infrastructure in the public health system and demonstrates a shared commitment to improving the lives of patients affected by bleeding disorders in Karachi.



## Youth Engagement Highlights

### Spreading Hemophilia Awareness

The Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi's Youth Group organized a public activity to raise awareness about hemophilia, a condition many people know little about. Through this small initiative, the group engaged with the community, answered questions, and shared key information to help increase understanding and break common misconceptions about hemophilia.

Our goal is to ensure more people recognize the importance of awareness and support for those living with this rare condition.



### Raising Awareness at Ocean Mall: Youth in Action

The Youth Group of Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) actively raised awareness about hemophilia and other bleeding disorders by engaging with the public at Ocean Mall, Karachi. Members conducted informative interviews with hundreds of individuals, testing their awareness and educating them about the condition.

The initiative proved highly effective in spreading knowledge and initiating meaningful conversations around hemophilia. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the management of Ocean Mall for their generous support and for providing the space to conduct this impactful awareness campaign.



### Hear from Miss Noor ul Hira – Youth Leader at Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK)

In a special appearance on Metro 1 News' program Assan Ramzan, Miss Noor ul Hira, a passionate youth advocate, shed light on the educational, empowerment, and psychosocial challenges faced by young individuals living with bleeding disorders.

At HWSK, we believe in nurturing the next generation of changemakers. Through leadership training and advocacy initiatives, our Youth Group is working tirelessly to close the gaps in care and awareness.

Let's stand together to build a more inclusive, informed, and supportive society. Special thanks to Metro 1 News and the host of Assan Ramzan for the platform.



## Building Illumination for Hemophilia Awareness



In observance of World Hemophilia Day 2025, the Youth Group of the Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) initiated a symbolic awareness campaign by illuminating the Square One Mall building in red—the global color for hemophilia awareness. This impactful visual gesture represented strength, unity, and hope for individuals living with bleeding disorders in Pakistan. HWSK extends its sincere gratitude to the Square One Mall management for their support and partnership in bringing visibility to a vital healthcare cause.

## Youth in Action for Hemophilia Awareness – Saima Mall, Karachi

HWSK's Youth Group conducted a successful public awareness activity at Saima Mall, Karachi, engaging visitors on the realities of hemophilia and bleeding disorders in Pakistan. The campaign highlighted the lack of specialized treatment in public hospitals and called for stronger Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) to bridge existing healthcare gaps. The public showed strong support for improved services and recognized hemophilia care as a basic human right. We appreciate Saima Mall's support and commend our youth volunteers for their dedication to this cause.



## World Hemophilia Day 2025 Celebration — A Day of Awareness, Inclusion, and Joy

On World Hemophilia Day, the Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) organized a joyful event at Shamsi Farmhouse for children with hemophilia, ensuring their safety with clotting factor injections. The event included games, rides, a mini-zoo, and entertainment, creating a rare opportunity for carefree play.

The day also highlighted the global theme of recognizing bleeding disorders in women and girls. Distinguished guests including Sindh's Women Development Minister Shaheena Sher Ali, PPP leader Sajid Jokhio, and SBTA Secretary Dr. Durrenaaz Jamal attended and expressed full support.

Speeches from HWSK leaders and government representatives emphasized continued awareness, public education, and enhanced care for hemophilia patients. The celebration ended with musical performances and gift distributions, leaving children and families with cherished memories.



Hemophilia Welfare Society Karachi (HWSK) marked World Hemophilia Day 2025 by organizing a significant awareness and advocacy event under the theme "United for Bleeding Disorders". The gathering brought together prominent figures including Ms. Shaheena Sher Ali, Minister for Women Development, Dr. Durenaz Jamal, Secretary of Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority, as well as healthcare experts, media representatives, partner organizations, and civil society members. The program emphasized the importance of improved access to treatment, partner organizations, and civil society members. The program emphasized the importance of improved access to treatment, government involvement, public education, and specialized care for people with bleeding disorders. Inspiring patient testimonials, expert remarks, and cultural segments showcased a united effort to strengthen support systems and enhance the quality of life for individuals living with hemophilia in Pakistan.



## HWSK and FPCCI Mark World Hemophilia Day 2025 with Inclusive Awareness Seminar and Walk

In observance of World Hemophilia Day 2025, HWSK, in collaboration with the FPCCI, organized a Health Awareness Seminar and Walk at Federation House. Led by Dr. Zahid Hasan Ansari, the event featured Mr. Sarfaraz Rajar (Minister for Social Protection) as Chief Guest, alongside notable speakers including Prof. Dr. Munira Borhany and Raheel Ahmed Khan. Key issues like the lack of coagulation testing facilities and access to diagnosis and treatment were highlighted. The Minister pledged governmental support and committed to raising the matter with CM Sindh. Notably, patients and families were given a voice by sharing the platform with key stakeholders. The event concluded with acknowledgments and strong commitments toward improving hemophilia care in Pakistan.



## World Hemophilia Day 2025 – Civil Hospital Sanghar

HWSK celebrated its first World Hemophilia Day at the newly established Hemophilia Ward in Civil Hospital Sanghar—a major step toward expanding care in interior Sindh. The event was graced by Deputy Commissioner Ms. Sarah Javeed, who pledged full support for sustained patient care. Organized in collaboration with Dr. Aftab Alam, Medical Superintendent, the event featured an awareness session by Dr. Shan-e-Zehra and a keynote by HWSK CEO Raheel Ahmed Khan, who announced the launch of low-dose prophylaxis for 10 patients. The program highlighted HWSK's vision to make Sanghar a central hub for hemophilia care in the region.



## MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS



**نوفمبر جیر الڈیمبارڈیر کی ہیمو فیلیا سے متاثرہ بچوں سے ملاقات**

میں ماؤنٹ ایورسٹ سر کرنے والے کرسٹوفر جیر الڈ نے امدادی رقم تقسیم کی

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(اسٹاف رپورٹر) خون کے مہلک مرض ٹریٹمنٹ سینٹر پیچھے پر بانی وی ای اور اراٹیل احمد، کے مریض بچوں کی تعلیمی اور مالی کالت کا

201 میں ماٹ ایورسٹ سر کرنے ویلیا سے متاثرہ نوجوان عالمی ماہی تنظیم ا لائف کے ڈائریکٹر کرسٹوفر جیر الڈ رضوضی دورے پر کراچیا پہنچ گئے۔ ہی وی ای۔ انہوں نے ہیمو فیلیا سے متاثرہ افراد کی تعلیم، روزگار سے متعلق سیمینار میں شہیت مہمان خصوصی شرکت کی۔ سیکریٹری سندھ بلڈ

ٹرانسپورٹ ڈاکٹر درناز جمال سیمینار کی اعزاز میں مہمان تھیں۔ سیمینار میں آگاہی پیچھ روز کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کرسٹوفر جیر الڈ نے کہا کہ ہیمو فیلیا کے مریضوں کو خصوصی توجہ کی ضرورت ہے۔ مختلف عالمی اداروں کو اس مرض کے خلاف مزید کردار ادا کرنا چاہئے۔ سوسائٹی کے بانی اور چیف ایگزیکٹو اراٹیل احمد نے معزز مہمان کو خوش آمدید کہا اور ہیمو فیلیا کے مریضوں کے لئے سوسائٹی کی خدمات پر تفصیل سے روشنی ڈالی اور بتایا کہ سوسائٹی مریضوں کے علاج کے ساتھ ان کی مالی معاونت، روزگار اور تعلیم میں بھی مدد کے لئے کوشاں رہتی ہے۔ انہوں نے بچوں کی مالی و تعلیمی امداد کرنے پر بھی سہولت لائف اور ان کا شکر ادا کیا۔

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### Country needs registry for people suffering from rare diseases: experts

**By Our Staff Reporter**

KARACHI: Diseases that are considered rare in other parts of the world affect a considerable number of people in Pakistan and their numbers are growing. It is important for the country to have a registry on this subject so that the hidden burden of rare ailments is identified and a strategy developed to ensure proper care of patients.

This was stated by Karachi Health Services Director Dr Saqib Ali Shaikh at a presser held on Thursday in connection with 'Rare Disease Day' by Roche Pakistan Limited at the press club.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Shaikh said the government recognised that issue and was making efforts to support the patients affected by such ailments. In that respect, he referred to government assistance being provided to hemophilia patients in Sindh.

"We need a national registry on rare diseases. In Sindh, the newly-launched District Health Information System could be used to gather data on this subject. The evidence-based data collected both from the public and private sectors would help make realistic policies," he said.

Dr Raman Kumar, a senior paediatric neurologist, talked about spinal muscular atrophy, a severe neuromuscular disease and one of the leading genetic causes of infant deaths.

He called for healthcare professionals' capacity building and improved healthcare infrastructure to serve the patients suffering from the rare diseases.

"All stakeholders, including the government, need to work towards empowering people living with spinal muscular atrophy for equitable access to diagnosis, treatment care and social opportunities."

Senior haematologist Dr Munira Borhani talked about Hemophilia A, one of the most common bleeding disorders in Pakistan.

"It's a debilitating and life-threatening bleeding disorder, severely affecting the quality of patients who may experience spontaneous bleeding and bleeding due to trauma within the muscles, joints, and other internal organs. These bleeding episodes may either be fatal or result in permanent joint disability."

The patients, she pointed out, experienced long-term psychosocial impacts as well. Children faced barriers to socialisation (missed school, unable to play with friends), leading to impact on education and career decisions.

"There is a dire need for our provincial governments to provide utmost support, especially in terms of standard-of-care treatment so that patients could live normal lives and become active members of society," she said.

Other experts highlighted the problems about the patients with rare diseases often suffer in silence as they remain without diagnosis and even those, who are diagnosed, fail to receive the care they need.

The lack of government healthcare spending and support, they said, made the treatment burden for rare diseases even more difficult to bear.

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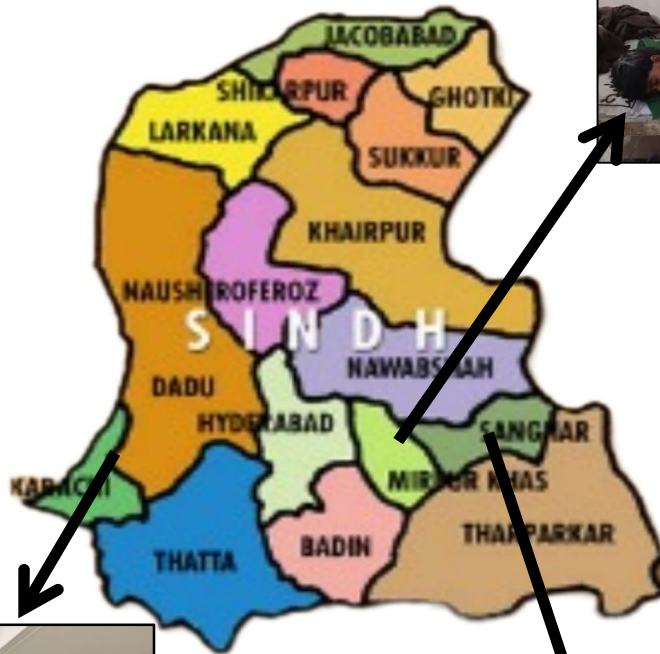
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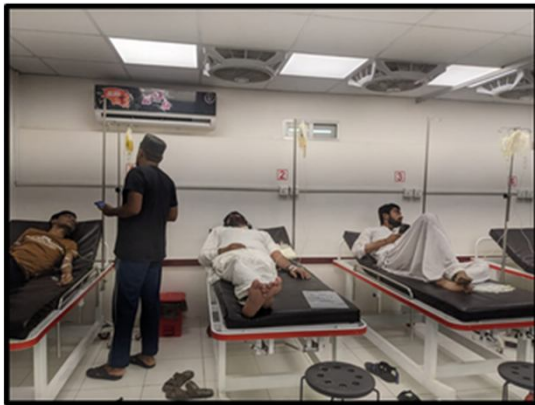
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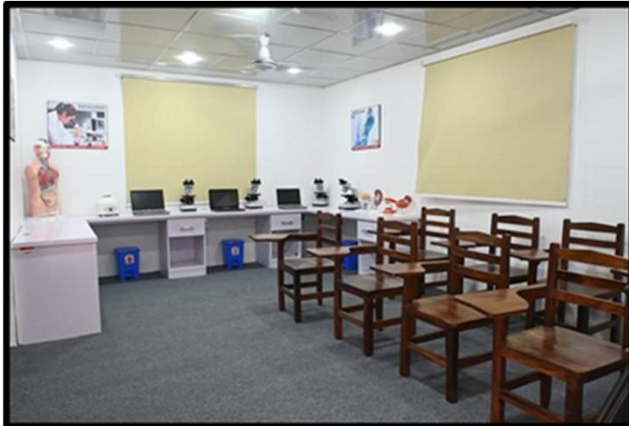
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- **Expand prophylaxis program to all severe hemophilia patients under 18**
- **Maintain an updated digital patient registry**
- **To provide & diagnosis facilities to establish HTC at District levels**
- **To functional, dysfunctional hematologist Department in Public and Private sector**
- **Apply for local and international grants to ensure sustainability**
- **Raise the awareness and multiple training programs**
- **Shared real-life patient journeys to showcase daily struggles and hopes for a normal life**
- **Established a dedicated department to support women and their career development.**

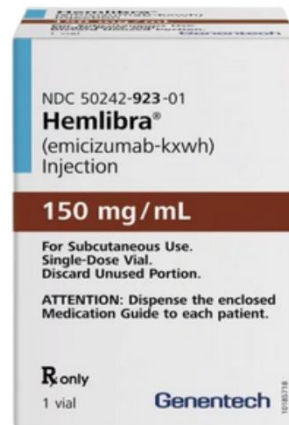
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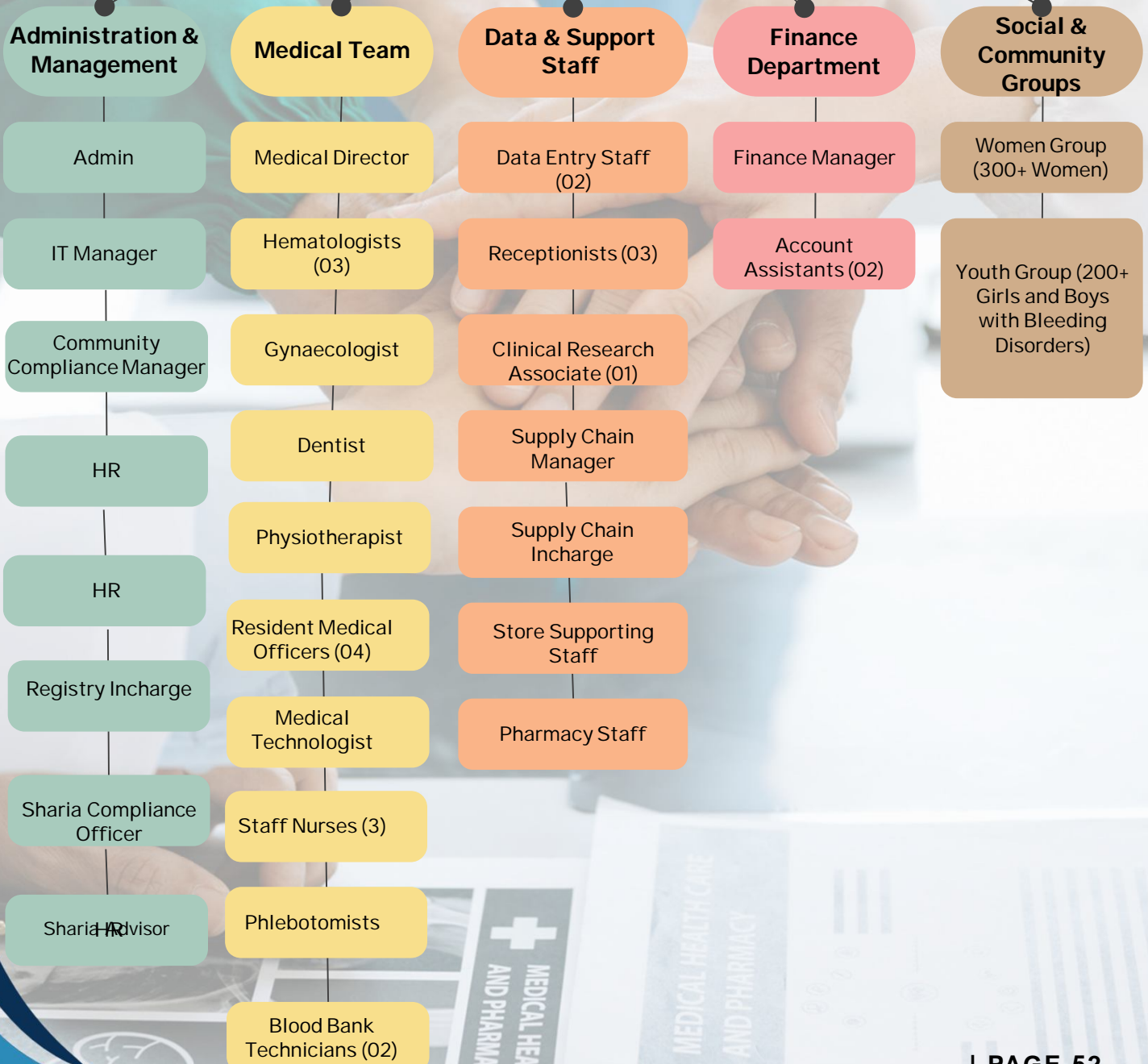


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