

Free Medical Camp in Alipur Farash

Society for Advancement of Community, Health, Education and Training (SACHET) is an advocacy cum service delivery national civil society organization. It is among few mainstream NGOs in Pakistan which offer tangible social services especially healthcare to the poor communities complemented with advocacy for their rights. Working under patronage of **Dr ABDUL QADEER KHAN, NI & Bar, HI, President** SACHET- Pakistan, the main thematic area of intervention undertaken by SACHET is healthcare. Since its inception in 1999, the organization is working with deprived communities living in the under privileged areas of Rawalpindi, Islamabad, Chakwal and Attock districts. THE SCOPE OF SERVICES ALSO INCLUDES EDUCATION, TRAINING and Livelihood Initiatives.

Currently SACHET in partnership with PLAN International- Pakistan is implementing an innovative project Responsible Actions for Health (RAH).

RAH aims to empower communities (especially adolescents) to take self initiatives and gain self confidence by improving their access to knowledge and skills, health care services and by improving partnership among different stakeholders especially community and health service- providers to deal with sexual reproductive health issues in a culturally appropriate and socially acceptable manner for sustainable health improvement.

SACHET Pakistan with support from PLAN-Pakistan under RAH (Responsible Actions for Health) Program, is organizing a free medical camp for the community of Waheedabad-Shakarial, one of the slum areas in Islamabad. Patients will be treated and free medication will be provided by physicians with expertise in paediatrics, gynecology and general medicine. The purpose of such free medical camps held from time to time regularly since April 2009 is to provide primary healthcare services to the neglected and hard to reach communities at their doorsteps. So far, SACHET has been able to provide the clinical services and free medication to over 9050 patients till Nov 2009 predominantly suffering from skin diseases, acute respiratory infections and Diarrhoeal diseases resulting from poor access to healthcare, unhealthy life style, lack of awareness on health and hygiene and non-availability of proper water and sanitation facilities.

Besides organizing free medical camps SACHET is proactively engaged in enhancing the knowledge, attitudes and practices aimed at reducing the incidence of preventable diseases in such communities. SACHET would appreciate any support from private as well as public sector organizations to strategize, establish and strengthen basic healthcare services for the inhabitants of such localities.

Free Medical Camp will be held on **Sunday November 22, 2009 from 09:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Alipur Farash, Islamabad.**

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