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Message From the President



Dear Members of FIMA fraternity, two of our IMA brothers; Dr. Ismail Mehr, IMANA relief chair and Dr. Ihsan Karaman, Hayat foundation / DWW Turkey have recently returned from Somalia after witnessing the humanity dying in the streets and abandoned towns of Somalia. It is so compassionate, heart touching and shocking to discern the facts and observe the plight of our fellow human beings suffering just a few hours of travel time from prosperous and affluent countries.

I am sharing the mail in his own words which I received from Dr. Ihsan Karaman " Last weekend, I paid a 24-hour visit to

Dr. Ismail Mehr (IMANA) and Dr. Ihsan Karaman (Hayat Foundation) visits Somalia for setting up of long term medical relief services

Mogadishu/Somalia with our Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan. During this visit, we personally witnessed the crisis in the Horn of Africa. Due to the shortage of time and strict security measures applied to the Prime Minister's delegation, I could not meet up with SOYDA Representative Dr. Abdiqani Sheikh Omar, although we had previously agreed to meet. However, right after my return,

our delegation of three people who went to Mogadishu representing DWW had contacts with Dr. Abdiqani about the details of the FIMA / IMANA / Islamic Relief joint relief efforts.

The sights I saw during my Mogadishu visit have engraved on my soul. I experienced in Mogadishu what it is like to be ashamed of being human. I have seen many places on Earth that have become the homes of



Dr. Ehsan Karaman Examining patients in a refugee camp



Dr. Mehr with patients at refugee camp in Mogadishu, Somalia

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Help FIMA & IMANA Medical Relief in Somalia - Be a volunteer or Donate today!

When the blessed month of Ramadan began, IMANA Medical Relief was on its way to assess how it can make a difference in East Africa. On behalf of IMANA, I was able to visit Dadaab, Kenya and Mogadishu, Somalia. Words cannot do justice to what I witnessed. Carcasses of animals littered the land. There were graves that were filled and others freshly dug for children that had recently passed. Cries of mothers begging for someone to help save their child echoed the paths.

The world has focused their efforts on Dadaab, Kenya and rightfully so. But in contrast Mogadishu, Somalia remains ignored. Cholera has already spread like a wildfire taking the lives of all it is inflicting. I met one mother who lost a child everyday that week and was left with one child, who also was suffering from cholera. Imagine losing a child, yet alone, one every night for three nights in a row.

The past two decades have taken their toll on Mogadishu. The healthcare system is non-existent. Even a developed country would face its fair share of challenges when a crisis of this magnitude results in millions being displaced. Just imagine a war torn battered land like Somalia having to now deal with famine of catastrophic significance resulting in disease and death of apocalyptic proportions.

IMANA Medical Relief will once again take the lead. We are currently recruiting volunteers for Mogadishu. We have put forth a safe and efficient project in collaboration with Islamic Relief to provide, emergent health care in Mogadishu. There is an urgent need for pediatricians, emergency medicine, family medicine, and ob-gyn physicians. Our teams will join other IMA's from FIMA www.fimaweb.net in providing life saving health care.

In this blessed month of Ramadan, we have now come to the grand finale the last ten days of Ramadan that are even more blessed than the rest of Ramadan. Reap the rewards of the final days of this holy month. Donate today! For us to carry out our goals we need your help, every dollar will truly make a difference, it will save a life. Be that difference.

"The believer's shade on the Day of Resurrection will be his charity."

The objective will be to dispatch medical teams to Somalia to address the paucity of health care services and to assist the reconstruction of health and medical services in Somalia.

Organization:

Chairman: Dr Ismail Mehr, IMANA

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Local Coordinator: Dr Abdiqani Sheik Omar, SOYDA, dr.abdiqani@hotmail.com and other partners like Daud Foundation, Mogadishu.

FIMA Relief Director: Dr Ashraf Ajedaar, ajedaar@iafrica.com

Islamic Relief Director: Dr Ifthikhar

FIMA President: Dr. Parvaiz Malik, pmalikmd@gmail.com and

FIMA Secretary: Dr. Tanveer Zubairi, tanveer.zubairi@gmail.com to liaise with IMAs and



The Prime Minister of Turkey HE Tayyip Erdogan & his wife in a Somali Refugee Camp

partners.

Task Specifications:

IMANA - to register and coordinate all volunteer medical missions

SOYDA to provide local medical & allied health expertise & liaison services

FIMA - to invite, coordinate and sustain medical and ancillary cover for all services for duration of project (12-18 months)

Islamic Relief - to provide & manage all logistic arrangements for operations in Kenya/Somalia

IMAs - to be responsible for flights and visas from home country to Nairobi

Current Medical Missions:

Red Crescent Societies (due to leave end August 2011)

Medical team from Saudi Arabia (will remain until FIMA/IMANA team arrives)

PIMA team comprising of Five doctors lead by Dr. Wali Mujahid, Ex President FIMA and Dr. Intizar Butt, the Director POB are due to arrive early September 2011

All IMA relief coordinators, kindly prepare for the upcoming medical missions.

We are on YouTube



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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qtiZLPOPOg&feature=player_embedded



IMANA Relief chair Dr. Mehr assesses crisis conditions & relief options in Mogadishu.

As the famine and food shortage in East Africa worsens, an American doctor is observing the crisis and evaluating options to assist. Dr. Ismail Mehr, Relief Director for the Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA), arrived in Mogadishu on Thursday to assess crisis conditions in the Somali capital. Dr. Mehr, an anesthesiologist from Hornell, New York, is believed to be the first American doctor to enter the nation to assist with this humanitarian disaster.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 29,000 children under the age of 5 have died in southern Somalia in the past three months. The famine is a product of the worst drought to hit East Africa in more than sixty years compounded by decades of inadequate economic and human development.

Dr. Mehr traveled to Mogadishu after assessing the situation in the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, where United Nations relief efforts are overwhelmed. Dr. Mehr re-affirmed reports of a dire situation in Dadaab. "I've visited several United Nations camps through my relief work in the past. They are usually well organized and well stocked with supplies. Tragically, international resources have been overrun by the scale of this disaster," Dr. Mehr said. According to the UNHCR, the refugee camp was built over 25 years ago and has an expanded capacity of 90,000. The famine has forced it to grow in the past three months to host over 440,000 refugees.

Dr. Mehr reports that nearly 2,000 new refugees are arriving in Dadaab each day. "Healthcare is overwhelmed, UN officials working inside the camp rushed to us when they heard we were assessing healthcare needs, telling us tales of how kids are dying in front of their eyes and they don't have enough doctors to help," Dr. Mehr said. Dr. Mehr believes the situation in Mogadishu may be worse than that in Dadaab.

In the last three years, IMANA Relief has dispatched teams of American and Canadian doctors following disasters and conflict in Haiti, Darfur, the Tunisia-Libya border region, Pakistan and the Gaza Strip. American doctors have provided urgent care, performed complex surgical procedures, trained local doctors and established permanent clinics.

"Whether here in the US or on the ground in Somalia, we will marshal our resources towards the health and well being of those effected by this drastic calamity," said IMANA President Dr. Mohammed Al-Shroof, an internist from Warner Robins, Georgia.



Dr. Ihsan Karaman, Hayat Foundation / DWW was a member of the official delegation of Turkish prime minister who visited Mogadishu last week. DWW is a partner of FIMA relief and planning for along term health care facility set up in Mogadishu.

SOYDA mobile team working in Refuge and IDPs camp in Hodan district on 26th & 27th August 2011



Picture Gallery of 44th Annual IMANA Convention, San Juan, Puerto Rico 2011



Mobile clinic conducted by H.E Dr.Adam Haji Ibrahim Daud and his team of medical doctors and senior nurses, and DAUD MEDICAL FOUNDATION (DMF).



Daud Medical Foundation while conducting mobile medical check up, in Mogadishu Camp. The mobile clinic is been conducted by four doctors & 3 senior nurses in two days, the most prevalent diseases seen were as below. The Director General of Daud Medical Foundation is H.E Dr.Adam Haji Ibrahim Daud, who is a member of Parliament, Ex-Minister of Health & Human Services, and a Social Worker. His contact details are TEL:00252615447508, Cell:252699998437, dr_adan@hotmail.com





**28th FIMA COUNCIL MEETING : AGENDA
JAKARTA, INDONESIA (14-15th September, 2011)**

ITEM	PRESENTER	TIME	DURATION
Day 1 : 14th Sep 2010, Wednesday			
1. Recitation of Quran	IIMA nominee	0900-1130	150 min
2. Welcome Address	Dr. Jurnalys Uddin		
3. Welcome address by President, FIMA	Dr. Parvaiz Malik		
4. Introduction of Council Members	All Members		
5. Apologies	Sec.		
6. Approval of Agenda	All		
7. Minutes of 27 th FIMA Council Meeting at Beirut, Lebanon	Sec. 15 min		
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS			
8. EXCO Report for the period 2009-2011	President, 20 min	0900-1130	-----
9. Executive Director's Report	ED 20 min		
10. Regional Director's report	(5 minutes each)		
11. Treasurer's Report/financial planning	(15 min) Treasurer		
12. Discussion on Reports	Parvaiz/ Ashraf/Hafeez/Aly		
13. Admission of new members/Associate members Review of dormant IMAs and Associate members and recommendations.			
14. Miscellaneous items a- The functional relationship with other organizations, such as UNESCOS,WHO,OIC ,Islamic Council for Dawah etc) b- Local and international NGOs. c- FIMA website d- FIMA e-newsletter			
	Musa (5 min) Secretary (5 min)		

ZUHR & LUNCH 1130-1300

**15. REPORTS FROM IMAs
1300-1530.**

Pakistan *	Jordan *	IH Jordan *	Palestine *	Bosnia	Turkey *
N.America *	Sudan *	Uganda	Morocco	Malaysia *	Bangladesh
UK	S.Africa *	Sweden *	ArabMed	Yemen *	Lebanon *
Algeria *	Egypt *	S.Arabia *	Indonesia	Zimbabwe	
PAS-Gazza	Wafa-Gazza	Azerbaijan *	Singapore	Khmer	Thailand
Kenya	ISRA	MR Jordan	Afghanistan		
Somalia *	India	Kashmir	Nigeria		

(the IMAs highlighted in yellow are attending, the greens are not attending)		
Asr and Tea/coffee break 1530-1600		
13. PROJECT REPORTS	1600-1710	70 Min
a. CIMCO (M. Iqbal Khan)		
b. IHC (Ishak Masud/Aly Mishal)	1600-1620	
c. FIMA save vision	1620-1640	
Dinner at YARSI university 1900-2000	1640-1710	
Day 2; 15 th September 2011, Thursday		
c. FIMA Relief/FIMA save smile/save dignity projects /Mobile MCH clinic (Ashraf/Parvaiz/Iqbal)	0900-1130 0900-0930	150 min
d. FIMASAC (WAMY/IMAKSA)	0930-0950	
e. FIMA Council Meetings(2012, 13 and 2014)	0950-1000	
f. FIMA year book 2010 & 2011(Dr. Aly Mishal)	1000-1015	
g- FIMA life achievement award.	1015-1020	
h. Project: Encyclopedia of Bioethics.	1020-1100	
i. Report on HIV/AIDS activities.		
1. Elections for the session 2011-2013 for FIMA office bearers and EXCO	1100-1130	
2. Miscellaneous items/Resolution/any other item with the permission of chair		
LUNCH BREAK 1130-1300		
IHC AND CIMCO PARALLEL SYMPOSIA	1300-1530	
TEA/COFFEE BREAK	1530-1600	
IHC AND CIMCO PARALLEL SYMPOSIA	1600-1800	
DINNER	2000	
16-17 th SEPTEMBER 2011, FRI-SAT IIMA – YARSI SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION GERIATRICS: IN THE PARADIGM OF ISLAM		
18 th September 2011(Sunday), one day sight seeing tour		
The presenters are requested to complete their presentation in next 2 weeks and pass it on to IIMA-YARSI sectt, please bring a power point presentation in your USB or email it to the secy FIMA with a copy to susi.endrini@yarsi.id.ac		

Afghanistan IMA contributing towards restructuring of health care services



Dr. Ahmad Obaid Mujjaddidi addressing a CME seminar of Afghan Medical Students



Eye check up program for school children



Dr. M. Saleem addressing a CME seminar of Afghan Medical Students



Oath taking ceremony for members and associate members of AIMA



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New Office Bearers of Afghanistan IMA 2011-12

Dr. Abdul Wali Yousafzai was re-elected as president for next tenure. Dr. Ziaullah Shafiq was elected as vice president of the AIMA while other Brothers who were selected for different responsibilities are as follows:

Dr. M. Ibrahim Tahir Qureshi: Secretary General AIMA.

Dr. Hakimullah Salih: Responsible for Social Services

Dr. S. Khalid Rashid: Responsible for foreign relations and financing

Dr. Ezatullah Hamid: Responsible of the scientific studies and research

Dr. Sayed Abdullah: Director Hospital Board

Remaining President's Message



poverty and deprivation: grave houses in Cairo; Sana's poverty-stricken ghettos in Yemen; bitter lives in tin homes abandoned to their faiths in Soweto/Johannesburg; camps of freedom fighters in the Kashmiri mountains; thatched shacks in the deserts of Niger under which children, whose only food is millet, have to sleep; Palestinian refugee camps where misery is on every corner; Rio's rebellious ghettos, Masai villages in Kenyan desert where people have not met civilization... None of them, but none of them, could be compared with the inexpressible misery I witnessed in the refugee camps in Mogadishu the other day. What are agonizing there are not only those innocent people, but also the whole humanity itself. Nowhere I have seen or have not seen on Earth, people would starve to death with tears in their eyes. Death I saw in Somalia was a dark trap between famine and guns. Wherever you ran, the result was the same: to die or to die...

Tens of thousands of people; babies, children, the young and the old, women and men... Gathered in camps surrounded by barbed wire, where garbage, sewage, diseases and misery are everywhere... Living without a bath for months, without food for days, and without a smile for years... If you can call it living... A family or two in shacks made of sticks tied with rags and tatters, in which even one person would hardly fit in... Food, water, hygiene, medicine, vaccination, affection, attention... Deprived of all these basic human needs, they feel the breath of death down their necks. The whole world is watching as if it is watching a movie or a ghost with bated breath. From a distance, and in a sterile way... But we enter this monotonous world of theirs; touch their skins, bodies, hands and faces; bundle up their poorness and hopelessness even if for a short time; and embrace their babies and elders with

love and affection, and without hesitation. Those innocent faces light up for a moment, and then roll back into darkness like a flash in the pan or bubbles of foam disappearing. The beautiful people of the country of inexpressible sufferings... Day and night, we pray for them.

The DWW has been working in the region in full capacity and by all available means since the beginning of the crisis. Both in and around the Garissa/Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, in Somalia, and in Mogadishu in particular, we have been striving to distribute food and humanitarian aid on one hand, and to provide medical service on the other. Within the framework of these efforts, we have delivered cooked food of iftar to thousands of refugees in the Dadaab region everyday since the beginning of Ramadan, also delivered dry food packages to Somali refugees in Kenya, and sent medical aid worth \$500,000 to Mogadishu. In addition, in an orphanage in Mombasa/Kenya, called Khadija Center, every day 400 poor people are being served cooked food for iftar. Also, four teams of DWW volunteers, with two doctors in each team, went to Dadaab/Kenya and Mogadishu so far. A team of five DWW members, including our Vice President, is going to Mogadishu this weekend to spend the Eid ul-Fitr there as well.

In parallel with the fact that the Republic of Turkey has mobilized all its resources, and Prime Minister Erdogan's special interest in the issue, the Prime Minister personally assigned the DWW as the coordinator of the medical aid efforts in Somalia. All medical aid provided to Somalia by our Ministry of Health, the Turkish Red Crescent, TIKA, and Turkish civil society organizations is and will be carried out under our coordination or within our knowledge. In addition to this big



responsibility, we have also reached the final stage in our negotiations with the ministries of health of Kenya and Somalia to obtain licenses and take over the operation of two hospitals, two basic health units and a malnutrition centre in Somalia and in Dadaab region of Kenya, that will start operating within the next few weeks. We are going to sign the contracts in the upcoming days. We are going to operate these medical centres for at least one year, employing local doctors and nurses, and supporting them with the volunteer health professionals of DWW both from Turkey and UK. In addition to all these efforts, and as I previously mentioned, we, as an integral part of the FIMA family, will partake with all our available means in the joint FIMA/IMANA/Islamic Relief aid activity that will start at the Mogadishu Banadir Hospital after the Eid. Right now, we are experiencing a boom in volunteer doctors in Turkey who are eager to go and serve in Somalia. Insha'Allah, a lot of our volunteers will provide medical service to the aggrieved Somalians at the Banadir Hospital, the schedule of which will be provided in due time. Last but not the least; I would like to share a piece of good news that honoured us, and will significantly facilitate our aid activities in Somalia. Our Turkish friend Dr. Kani Torun, the Ex-CEO of the DWW-UK and member of the executive board of DWW-UK and founders' committee of the DWW-Turkey at present, has been assigned as the first Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Somalia. We at the DWW are all proud and greatly empowered by the fact that a medical doctor has been assigned as ambassador to a country for the first time in the history of Turkey. Our brother Dr. Torun, who will take office in Mogadishu after the Eid, will also be serving as a moral representative for the FIMA. As we are approaching close to the 28th annual



council meeting of FIMA in Jakarta in mid September our relief efforts are also at their peak. We are inspired by the passion of Brs Ismail Mehr and Ihsan Karaman as they prepare teams to meet the health and humanitarian relief challenges in Somalia. We are proud of our brothers in AMU who have quietly continued their emergency care of the casualties of the Libyan uprising which has resulted in victory for the people but at considerable cost.

We wait with watchful expectancy for the resolution of the conflict in Yemen and Syria and the return of peace, democracy and transparent and just governance.

We commend all those participating in relief projects in these various parts of the world (DWW, Mercy Malaysia, IMANA and PIMA in Somalia), AMU in Egypt/Libya, IMASA in Gaza, IMANA/Islamic Hospital in Amman, Jordan. We pray that your good work is accepted and relieved of its burden!

Hope to see you all in Jakarta soon!

Dr Parvaiz Malik,
President FIMA

URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

FIMA-IMANA-Islamic Relief USA have joined hands to provide the most wanted and emergent medical help to the famine and drought hit millions of vulnerable Somalians. The first team of PIMA doctors is leaving immediately after Eid ul Fitr for a period of 4 weeks to be joined by IMANA doctors from USA.

The tentative plan is available for all the interested IMAs. The minimum period for offering your services shall be 4 weeks, keeping in view the cumbersome and expensive travel and logistic arrangements.

Time table as proposed is.

Sep 5th - Sep 30th 2011 - PIMA to be followed every four week by a new team from IMAs.

All the IMAs are requested to urgently respond to this humanitarian crisis and pledge their contribution by sending volunteers. Please log in to IMANA website www.imana.org and fill the volunteer form.

FIMA Newsletter Oct-2011 will be a special issue on 28th FIMA Council Meeting and IIMA-YARSI Scientific convention report.