

THE ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE (IMAZ) ACTIVITY REPORT 2006 - 2009

B ackground of IMAZ

In October 2006 Medical and health professionals of Bulawayo came together and established the Islamic Medical Association of Zimbabwe (IMAZ) with the objective of alleviating the plight and suffering of people who needed medical assistance under the umbrella of Islam.

Through assistance of the local community, they purchased a clinic in Bulawayo and named it Al Shifa clinic. IMA South Africa donated a mobile clinic, which enables us to conduct outreach programmes in remote areas.



Figure 1 Al Shifa Clinic Bulawayo

IMAZ has established branches in Harare and Kwekwe and it is in the process of establishing Al Shifa clinics in these centres.

IMAZ received recognition from IMA South Africa, recognition from Zimbabwe Medical Association (ZIMA), and granted membership of Federation of

Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA). The association has membership of more than 30 members countrywide and is expected to grow.

T he Vision and Mission of IMAZ

Our Vision

- Preservation of Islamic values and teachings among the Muslim Ummah through health delivery.

Our Mission Statement

- We are committed to alleviating the plight of poor Muslims and Non Muslims by assisting them to access a basic health delivery services at lowest cost within the shortest possible time.

Our Core Values

- Health delivery to the poor Muslims and Non-Muslims.
- Cultivation of Islamic brotherhood and teamwork with other medical and non-medical personnel.

C ore Business

IMAZ Offers

1. Daily clinic services to both Muslims and non Muslims in Bulawayo.
2. Conducts circumcision programmes for needy Muslims and non Muslims.
3. Conducts outreach programmes to the General Public.

4. Conducts eye camps for both Muslims and Non Muslims.

W *hat has IMAZ done for the public*

so far?

1 **Clinic**

IMAZ had attended to over total 6000 general cases and over 700 needy cases at Al Shifa Clinic and outreaches in Bulawayo and its surroundings.

2 **Outreach Programmes**

A total of five outreach programmes have been conducted in Bulawayo and its surroundings.

1. One at Lobengula Masjid Bulawayo, two at How mine, about 45km from town, one at Turk mine about 60 km from town and one at the Bulawayo Islamic Society's Masjid grounds.
2. Over 400 needy people were attended to, given medication and even referred for operations, in all the programmes.

3 **Circumcision Project**

1. Over 450 circumcisions have been conducted at Al Shifa clinic in Bulawayo since the establishment of the clinic.

Beneficiaries come as far as Hwange, Harare, and Karoi to Bulawayo

4 **Eye camp**

An eye camp was conducted this year where 20 cataract operations were performed. Another eye camp is planned before end of this year.

W *hat can I do for IMAZ?*

Sponsor the needy by donating in cash or kind towards

1. Basic health care assistance
2. An outreach programme
3. An Eye Camp
4. A circumcision programme

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Figure 2 Official Opening of Al Shifa Clinic Bulawayo



Figure 4 Dr Ashmawy attending to beneficiaries



Figure 3 Circumcision Team Dr Ashmawy, Sr Makumbe
, Sr Maposa & Dr Sururu



Figure 5 Dr Sarkiss working at first Eye Camp Richard
Morris Hospital Bulawayo, Zimbabwe



Figure 6 Community member serving snacks



Figure 8 First Eye camp medical team



Figure 7 First meeting to establish IMAZ branch in Kwekwe City