

Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

The Covid 19 virus has had a massive impact on the work of Al-Ansar throughout the year. From my point of view sat here in the UK it has again been really frustrating not to be able to visit. It seems to have been a very long time since the last visit but under the guidance of our manager on the ground in Karachi and his small but dedicated staff the work there goes on; but not uninterrupted as schools have been mostly closed. The impact of the virus has been felt most with many local people either losing their jobs or unable to travel to work and in an area that is at best impoverished. This has led to many more requests for assistance and a shift in the balance of our work increasingly to welfare and support for the families most impacted by the virus

The cooked meal programme continued throughout April with some 350 families receiving a daily cooked meal and 500 ration packs were distributed.

Schools reopened in September with the construction of toilets and washroom facilities in one school, with water supplied from the tube well installed last year. Heavy rains in October saw extensive damage to many properties with Al- Ansar funds enabling restorative construction work in six of the most badly damaged.

November saw a resumption of cataract surgeries in our Nasim Iqbal eye clinic with over 500 surgeries successfully completed all free at point of delivery to the many unaffording patients including from Edhi Foundation hostels. Blankets and food were again distributed during the December cold spell with many destitute people benefiting along with families who had lost possessions in the torrential rain earlier in the year.

Work on the Reverse Osmosis water purification plant was finally completed in February. Given the ongoing water supply problem in an area where most water is supplied by increasingly expensive tanker trucks and with no guarantee of quality. This will be a significant benefit to local families.

It is not possible to submit this report without mentioning the passing away of Al Ansar supporter Talat Ahmed whose support has been so much valued over the last few years. She will be greatly missed as will Dr Murshid Ali, a quality professional who I was proud to count as a friend and who was always available whenever a patient was referred to him.

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