

For the longest time Afghanistan and its people have suffered due to many different reasons because of which their people have been being denied access to basic healthcare including eye-care. Al baser international foundation, Al-Ibrahim eye hospital, the Pakistani Government and the Afghan government decided to set up free eye camps for the people of Afghanistan. The team which included Dr. Aijaz Ahmed Memon, Dr. M. Irfan, Mr. Rizwan and 8 technicians set up their first camp in Kabul on the 11th of June'2023 and wrapped up their operation on the 18th and setup their second camp in Kandahar from 19th June-25th June 2023. These camps included free eye cataract surgery in addition to the free eye screenings. The Afghan Red Crescent society (ARCS) was of major help in this regard providing the team with transportation, documentation and the hospitals where the camps were set up, among other things.

It's fair to say the country after facing years of uncertainties certainly benefited from this activity where the OPD numbers mounted up to 4,537 with 460 surgeries being conducted. The huge numbers only strengthened the belief of all the parties involved that the eye camps were indeed of value for the Afghani people and that these camps should become a norm so the people can avail their basic fundamental human right that is eye care with ease.

However, the endeavor did not stop there with a follow up being scheduled a month later to address the problems that needed to be checked on later.

These eye camps provided everyone involved with glimmer of hope that the country would face a much better future in eye care seeing as how it bore the fruits of the labor that was put in especially for the patients that needed this camp to be a success.