

A team of 11 consisting of DR M. Ashraf (chief surgeon), Dr. Ali Aftab (second surgeon), Mr. Fakhruddin (Camps Management) and 8 technicians departed for Morocco for a 21-day outreach activity. Not many people in Morocco have access to basic eye care, which is why with the support of Al- Baser International foundation, the Pakistani government and the Moroccan government, the team at AIEH embarked on a journey to setup free eye camps for the people in Morocco from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> June. During this timeline they would be able to setup these eye camps within their hospitals in 3 different areas namely Azilal, Zagora and Tangheir. The team provided free eye screenings and cataract surgery for the patients in addition even medicines were provided to the OPDs in the hospitals.

There was a realization during these camps that many people within the country had been deprived of the basic eye care due to many different reasons be it financial or something other, quite similar to the situation Pakistanis have been facing. Hence both the governments alongside Al-Baser foundation graciously supported the team in this endeavor.

The impact that was left on the people and the country had been positive and quite beneficial for the patients to such a degree that according to a team member who was present on the scene had treated a father who had not been able to see his new born daughter and after his eye treatment laid eyes on her for the very first time and felt as if time itself had stopped for him. The expressions on his face were so impactful that team members remembered it was moments like those that helped them choose this powerful profession in the first place.

However, the eye treatment did not end there as a follow up had been scheduled a month after this camp in which a doctor and a technician flew back to Morocco. This is the same narrative that this institute follows in other eye camps as well.