



## Newsletter April 2015

ChildLife Foundation has been busy these past few months, expanding our network to reach out to a new community in Korangi Town. We have also initiated a new partnership in Canada so our Canadian supporters can now make tax-exempt donations. Civil Hospital, Karachi recently recognized us for our work at their hospital. And most importantly, we have saved numerous lives by initiating a previously unused procedure in public-sector hospitals. Please read on to learn more!



*A patient receives intraosseous cannulation at one of ChildLife's emergency rooms.*

Please contact us at  
[info@childlifefoundation.org](mailto:info@childlifefoundation.org)  
if you would like to attend  
one of ChildLife's  
awareness events in the  
US:

Somerset, NJ- April 11  
St. Louis- April 12  
Detroit- April 15  
Syracuse, NY- April 17  
Chicago- April 18

### New Life-Saving Technique in Public Sector

Shahzad rushed his one-and-a-half-year-old son Hasnain to ChildLife Foundation's NICH emergency room (ER). The boy was suffering from a stomach flu and was severely dehydrated and barely mobile. The triage desk immediately sent him to the resuscitation room, where the doctors were unable to insert a cannula in the boy as his veins were collapsed due to dehydration.

Hasnain needed to urgently be injected with essential fluid and salt boluses to regain some energy and become stable. The doctors decided to use intraosseous cannulation, which would allow for the fluids to enter directly into his body despite his collapsed veins. This procedure was previously unfamiliar in most public sector hospitals due to the delicate

training it needs. ChildLife has trained its staff to comfortably carry out intraosseous cannulation when required, and when Hasnain's life depended on it, the procedure was done successfully and within 30 minutes the boy was once again active.

Shahzad and his wife returned to the ER the next day to thank the doctors who had saved their only son's life. They commented on how no other public or private sector hospital had given them the respect and attention required the way this NICH facility had. The parents gleamed with delight as they proudly held their healthy son while talking to the doctors.



## New Clinic Inaugurated in Korangi Town

ChildLife Foundation and SINA Trust have together inaugurated another clinic this January! The Hajra and Umer Ahmed Center – located in Jumma Goth in Korangi Town, Karachi – has been generously funded by the families of Artistic Garments and Artistic Fabric Mills.

The clinic is located within the heart of the community, which houses over 550,000 residents. Adults and children will receive quality and affordable primary care services which were previously not easily available to them. In just one month since inauguration, the clinic had treated almost 1,000 children! The cost of treatment, medicines, and lab tests at this facility are on average Rs. 300 per child, but thanks to our generous supporters, children receive these services for free.

Since inception, ChildLife has reached out to almost 800,000 children from destitute communities



*Staff members from ChildLife's Civil Hospital, Karachi children's emergency room are recognized for their dedication and hard work.*

## **ChildLife Receives an Award of Recognition from Civil Hospital, Karachi**

On Pakistan Day last month, ChildLife Foundation was honored to receive an award of recognition from the administration of Civil Hospital, Karachi (CHK). CHK Medical Superintendent Dr. Saeed Quraishy congratulated our CHK children's emergency room (ER) team for their dedicated effort in improving the condition of the ER and saving the lives of thousands of children.

The CHK children's ER was ChildLife's first project and has been successfully operating through a public-private partnership since November 2011. We are proud to have increased the patient to staff ratio, provided the staff training in essential lifesaving skills, and delivering all emergency care services free of cost to the patient. On average, we treat 8,800 patients a month at this facility and have increased the survival rate of critically ill children from 15% to over 70%.

Visit our facilities to understand the scope of our work



*ChildLife Foundation's pharmacy located inside the children's emergency room at Civil Hospital, Karachi.*

## **Canadian Supporters Can Now Make Tax-Exempt Donations**

ChildLife Foundation has entered into a partnership with International Development and Relief Foundation (IDRF) – a Canadian based non-profit organization dedicated to empowering destitute communities across the world. Our Canadian supporters can now get tax-exemption on their donations. IDRF will assist ChildLife in raising CAD 100,000 in Canada this year to fund our pharmacy located in the children's emergency room at Civil Hospital, Karachi with life-saving medicines and supplies. We look forward to support from the Pakistani diaspora located in Canada.

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