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JSMU team holds medical camp at Thatta





A medical team from Jinnah Sindh Medical University's College of Family Medicine has returned after organizing a camp at the Government Primary Model School, Kanti More village, Chuhar Jamali, District Thatta.

The team from the College of Family medicine at JSMU conducted a five-hour camp treating nearly 700 patients which included 70% women and children. Medicines worth Rs 25,000 were distributed among the patients.

Professor Marie Andrades, Head of the Institute of Family Medicine at JSMU, described sanitation and hygiene as a worsening problem in the area. She said that the majority of the patients treated at the camp were suffering from infections of skin, gastrointestinal and respiratory tract. In addition, malnutrition with anaemia in both women and children was highly prevalent. Non communicable diseases like hypertension and diabetes mellitus were also seen.

The results of a baseline survey conducted by the team in another village in the area, identified poverty, lack of education including health education, almost universal use of gutka, lack of water, sanitation and hygiene as major issues affecting the population's health.

The Vice Chancellor Jinnah Sindh Medical University Professor S.M. Tariq Rafi said that such visits are a regular part of the university's outreach programme aiming to help improve the healthcare sector in the province.

The visiting team included Professor Marie Andrades, Dr Tabinda Ashfaq, Dr Fauzia Akhtar, Dr. Sadaf Badiuzzaman, Dr Anny Dhawani, Dr Gulrukh Kazalbash, and Asad.

Jinnah Sindh Medical University is a public-sector university established in 2012 when the city's premier institution Sindh Medical College was given the status of a University. Since then, the University has opened seven more institutes and affiliated 10 colleges. The total enrolment of medical and dental students exceeds 7,000, making it the largest medical university in Sindh. Its components are Sindh Medical College (SMC), APPNA-Institute of Public Health (AIPH), Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (IPS), Sindh Institute of Oral Health Sciences (SIOHS), Institute of Health and Business Management and Social Sciences (IOHBMSS), Institute of Nursing, Institute of Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation, Institute of Family Medicine and Institute of Medical Education.

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