

Pakistan Welfare Forum (PWF) leads lifesaving blood drive in Qatar

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The Pakistan Welfare Forum (PWF), in collaboration with the Qatar National Blood Donation Center at HMC, organised a successful blood donation campaign on August 30.

The initiative was aimed at supporting the healthcare system by providing much-needed blood to patients in critical need, as well as to raise awareness about the importance of regular blood donation within the community.

Dr Zia Mahmood, Dr Kashif Mehmood Chaudhary, Dr Ejaz Ahmed Latif and Sabir Zahoor were the coordinators.

The blood donation drive took place at the Qatar Blood Donation Center, offered a convenient and easily accessible location for donors. The event began at 3pm and concluded at 6pm, with donors and volunteers arriving steadily throughout the duration. A committed team of PWF-Q including Qaiser Anwar; Mubashir Ali Nadeem; Ateeq Ur Rashid; Asim Khattak and Haroon Qureshi; and the Qatar Blood Donation Center were on hand to ensure that the donation process was conducted safely, efficiently, and comfortably. After donating, donors were provided with refreshments and a rest period to monitor their well-being.

The event witnessed an enthusiastic turnout from members of the Pakistani community, as well as other nationalities residing in Qatar. The participation met expectations, highlighting the community's commitment to supporting healthcare initiatives.

Strict health and safety measures were implemented to ensure the safety of all participants. The Qatar Blood Donation Center provided all necessary medical equipment and supplies. All donors underwent a thorough health screening before donating, and post-donation care was provided to ensure donor well-being.

“The Pakistan Welfare Forum-Qatar is proud to have played a role in supporting the local healthcare system and looks forward to organising similar initiatives in the future to continue promoting the welfare of the community. We would like to express heartfelt gratitude to all the blood donors who participated in the blood donation drive. Their selfless act of kindness and generosity will have a profound impact on the lives of many patients in need of blood transfusions. By donating blood, they have directly contributed to saving lives and improving the health

and well-being of our community,” remarked President Khalid Sajjad Bhatti.

Bhatti added: “Donors willingness to give reflects the true spirit of compassion and humanity. Every unit of blood donated is a lifeline for those facing medical emergencies, surgeries, and chronic illnesses. Their contribution ensures that the Qatar Blood Donation Center can continue to provide critical blood supplies to hospitals and medical facilities across the country. We deeply appreciate their time, effort, and commitment to this noble cause. Their participation is not only a testament to their character but also serves as an inspiration to others to engage in such life-saving initiatives. Thank you for making a difference and being a beacon of hope for those in need.”

Bhatti particularly thanked volunteers whose dedication and hard work were crucial to the success of the event. Their efforts in managing the registration process, guiding donors, assisting the medical team, and ensuring the smooth operation of the event were invaluable. The commitment and enthusiasm of the volunteers not only facilitated a successful blood donation drive but also reflected the spirit of unity and community service.

The volunteers included Ehteshamuddin Ahmed Syed, Alina Hasan Ahmedullah, Suhaib Mubashir, Atta Mohiudin, Irfan Nadeem, Mohamed Abdirahman, Faaiz Sabir, Usman Sabir, Samim Qazi, Eleena Sarriyah, Zacharia Isaac, Fatiha Zia Awan, Abdullah Zia Awan, Shahana Khan, Hareem Khan, Zaheen Alam Mirza, Hashim Qaiser and Rahib Saqib Sheikh.