



HEMOPHILIA SOCIETY OF MALDIVES

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Annual Report of Hemophilia Society of Maldives

The Hemophilia Society of Maldives was established on 8th August 2011. First activity of the Society was to mark the World Hemophilia Day 17 April 2012 first time in the Maldives. The Event has been held at the open ground of Social Centre in Male' on 18 April 2012 from 4 to 6pm. The Special Envoy of the President of Maldives His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Waheed Hassan was the Honorable Minister of Health Dr. Ahmed Jamsheed.

It was invited to high level dignitaries of 250 from all level of the society including former Ministers and current Minister as well as diplomatic mission in the Maldives including WHO and the United Nations.

6 Hemophiliacs and their families from S. Atoll, HDH Atoll and Male' Atoll were present and their trip to Male' was financed by Hemophilia Society of Maldives with assistance from State Trading Organization.

The event began with reading noble Qur'an and the speech of the President of World Federation of Hemophilia 'Mark Skinner' was read out by Dr. Ahmed Razeer the President of Hemophilia Society of Maldives followed by a speech of Mr. Ahmed Naseer Vice President of the Society. Followed by expressing the heartfelt feelings of the Mother of one of the little Hemophiliac a family with 4 hemophilic boys of the oldest boy died with bleeding in his tongue some years ago.

The Event was sponsored by OSOTSPA Co of Thailand _ Owners of SHARK Energy Drinks.

The objective of the event was to create awareness of HEMOPHILIA. "Hemophilia" shall include Hemophilia A, Hemophilia B, Von Willebrand's Disease, other acquired and hereditary disorders of hemostasis and coagulation.

In July 2012 The World Federation of Haemophilia had donated 128 FactorIIIIV injection to the Maldivian Hemophiliacs (worth USD.25,000.00) which is now available at IGMH, S. Hithadhoo Hospital and HDH. Kulhudhufushi Hospital

This event paved the way of the visit of Dr. Alok Srivastava Vice President of Medicals and Mr. Robert A. Leung Regional Program Manager, World Federation of Hemophilia, responsible for managing activities in the Asia and Western Pacific Region visit Maldives from 25 and 27 August 2012

On 26 August 2012 Hemophilia Society of Maldives organised a seminar to the Medical staff at IGM Hospital from 11am to 1pm (followed by a lunch) with Dr. Alok Srivastava and Mr. Robert



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A. Leung also held a Hemophilia Clinic which was attended by 6 Hemophiliac, their families and the medical staff of IGMH. These activities were supported by the Ministry Health.

The Event at IGMH was possible and to bring those Hemophiliacs to Male' was partly financed by State Trading Organization.

One Doctor from S. Hithadhoo Hospital and One Doctor from HDH Kulhudhufushi Hospital participated in the seminar and the Hemophilia clinic. The return air tickets of the Doctors were facilitated by the Inland Aviation and board and lodging was paid by the Ministry Health.

With a request from the Minister of Health Dr. Ahmed Jamsheed, Dr. Alok Srivastava Vice President of Medicals and Mr. Robert A. Leung visited the National Thalassemia Centre and the National Blood Transfusion Services and met the officials of the both institutes.

On 27 August 2012 the HSM & WFH team visited to the Ministry Health from 10 to 12am for the official discussion. The Minister of Health gave a careful hearing to our request for providing adequate CFC for PWH in the Maldives and also the need to train healthcare personnel in hemophilia care. He confirmed the commitment of the Government of Maldives to both these issues. The visit also initiated the process for the Ministry of Health to get help from the Christian Medical College of Vellore, India to sign an MOU to facilitate training of Maldivian medical personnel at Christian Medical College, Vellore, India.

This meeting also paved the way in the near future the Government of Maldives to make available for the Hemophiliacs for their badly required FactorVIII injection without which they will not survive without great pain in their bleedings.

The World Federation of Hemophilia together with Hemophilia Society of Maldives has offered the Government of Maldives to recruit one Physician, one Physiotherapist and two Lab technicians to be further trained at the Christian Medical Collage of Vellore, India in specializing, in the treatment of Hemophilia in the Maldives. Namely, the following medical staff will be trained at CMC. Dr. Ahmed Faisal - Senior Registrar in Pediatrics, Dr. Aishath Mahfooza - Principle Physiotherapist, Mr. Junaid Mohamed - Laboratory Technologist at IGMH Ms. Shifa Ibrahim - Laboratory Technologist from National Thalassemia Centre

The Hemophilia Society of Maldives will endeavor in every means to make awareness and continues with their campaign in service the community of Hemophilia A, Hemophilia B, Von Willebrand's Disease, and other acquired and hereditary disorders of hemostasis and coagulation.

SIGNED BY Ahmed Naseer.

Founder and Vice President of HEMOPHILIA Society of Maldives