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CHIEF MINISTER'S SPECIAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Punjab, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the Government of the Punjab has undertaken transformative reforms in the healthcare sector with a strong focus on expanding access to quality healthcare and reducing the financial burden on people. Following this vision, the Government of Punjab has spearheaded efforts to deliver free, high-quality healthcare services in three major health areas for patients requiring complex and life-saving medical treatments. These programs include:

- Chief Minister's Special Initiative for Dialysis Program
- Chief Minister's Special Initiative for Transplant Program
- Chief Minister's Children Heart Surgery Program

Recognizing the evolving healthcare needs of the population, the Government of Punjab further introduced three new specialized initiatives in 2026. These programs were designed to address critical healthcare challenges and provide financial protection for patients requiring high-cost and life-saving treatments. The newly launched initiatives include:

- Chief Minister's Cardiac Surgery Program
- Chief Minister's Special Initiative for Cancer Patients
- Chief Minister's Stroke Program

The Health Insurance Program (HIP) has also been further strengthened to expand patient access and ensure continued provision of quality healthcare services to the patients across Punjab.

Together, these initiatives are enabling access for common people in Punjab to the most advanced and expensive medical treatments free-of-cost, bringing meaningful relief to patients. Through these initiatives, the Government of Punjab continues to strengthen the healthcare system and improve the quality of life for citizens across the province and beyond.

Mr. Khawaja Salman Rafique

Minister, Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department



The healthcare transformation envisioned by Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif continues to deliver meaningful outcomes for patients across the province. Implementation of existing health initiatives has been strengthened, alongside the expansion of new specialized programs addressing emerging healthcare needs. These interventions ensure that patients requiring complex and high-cost treatments receive quality healthcare without financial hardship.

The achievements highlighted in this edition reflect the collective commitment of the Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department, partner institutions, and PHIMC in delivering patient-centered services. As we move forward, our focus remains on improving service quality, expanding access to specialized care, and ensuring that every citizen receives timely, equitable, high-quality, and state-of-the-art healthcare services. Together, we are building a healthier Punjab where access to treatment is a right rather than a privilege.

Mr. Azmat Mahmood

Secretary, Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department

Punjab's healthcare sector continues to advance through a coordinated approach focused on innovation, accessibility, and service excellence. The expansion of specialized health initiatives and the continued success of existing programs demonstrate our commitment to addressing the evolving healthcare needs of the population. These efforts are helping millions of patients receive life-saving treatments that were previously beyond the reach of many families.



The progress highlighted in this edition of the newsletter reflects the strong collaboration between the Government of Punjab, healthcare institutions, development partners and PHIMC in advancing specialized healthcare services across the province. Through effective oversight, continuous monitoring, and evidence-based planning, we remain committed to enhancing the quality, accessibility, and sustainability of specialized medical care, ensuring improved health outcomes for patients across Punjab.

Dr. Ali Razaque

Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Health Initiative Management Company



At PHIMC, our responsibility extends beyond implementing healthcare programs; it is about translating the vision of the Government of Punjab into meaningful healthcare outcomes for the people. Working under the administrative guidance of the Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department, we remain committed to ensuring that patients have access to timely, high-quality, and free-of-cost treatment through transparent, efficient, and patient-centered service delivery.

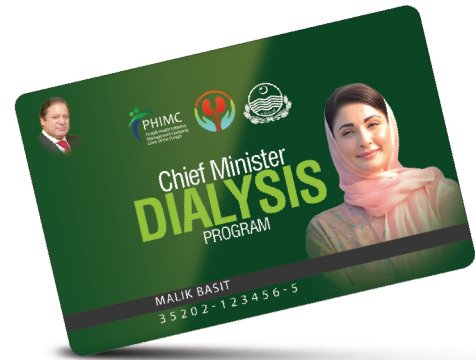
The progress highlighted in this edition of the newsletter reflects the collective efforts of the PHIMC team and all stakeholders who continue to work with dedication to improve healthcare services across Punjab.

As PHIMC's portfolio of health initiatives continues to expand, we remain focused on strengthening program implementation, enhancing patient facilitation mechanisms, and upholding the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and operational excellence. The achievements presented in this edition reaffirm our unwavering commitment to supporting the Government of Punjab's vision of accessible, equitable, and specialized healthcare, bringing relief and improved quality of life to patients and their families across Punjab and beyond.

Chief Minister's Special Initiative for Dialysis Program

Over 22 million people in Pakistan suffer from kidney-related diseases, making it the 12th leading cause of death. Dialysis is a critical treatment, yet it imposes significant financial strain, especially on low-income families. Moreover Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) presents a growing public health challenge in Punjab, with an increasing number of patients dependent on regular dialysis for survival.

In response to this critical need for accessible and equitable renal care, the Government of Punjab, under the leadership of the Chief Minister, has launched the Chief Minister's Special Initiative for Dialysis Program in March 2025, aimed at ensuring uninterrupted access to life-sustaining dialysis treatment for patients suffering from Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). The program provides free-of-cost dialysis services to patients across Punjab, reducing the financial burden and improving access to essential treatment. Implemented through an extensive network of hospitals across the province, this program is a defining achievement in Punjab's healthcare reform, providing a lifeline to one of the most vulnerable patient populations.



Program Highlights

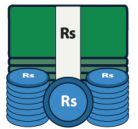
44,000+
Patients Enrolled



227 Empanelled
Hospitals
113 Public, 114 Private



Rs.10 Billion+
Funds Utilized



2 Million+
Dialysis Sessions Provided



Rs. 1 Million
Per Patient Per Year



**Allied
Treatment
Coverage**



Permacath
Permanent Access



AV Fistula
Dialysis Access



Double Lumen
Vascular Access



Laboratory Tests
Essential Diagnostics

Hospital Branding



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Chief Minister's Special Initiative for Transplant Program

Launched in February 2025, the Chief Minister's Special Initiative for Transplant Program is a historic step to provide modern, high-quality organ transplant facilities free-of-cost to the people of Punjab. The program covers kidney, liver, bone marrow, and corneal transplants, as well as cochlear implants, transforming lives and bringing hope to patients who previously had no affordable access to these life-saving procedures. It further provides one year of free post-operative coverage for kidney, liver, and bone marrow transplant beneficiaries.

The program provides 100% free-of-cost transplant and implant procedures for all permanent residents of Punjab. All cases are subject to clinical evaluation and approval by PHOTA prior to initiation of treatment. Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz, highly expensive transplant and implant treatments are being provided completely free to patients across Punjab. This initiative reflects the Government of Punjab's commitment to making advanced healthcare accessible, affordable, and life-changing for every citizen.



Program Highlights

2,500+
Patients Enrolled



33 Empanelled Hospitals
9 Public, 24 Private



Rs.5.36 Billion+
Funds Utilized



2,100+

Transplants & Implants Procedures Performed



1,038
Kidney Transplants



343
Liver Transplants



45
Bone Marrow Transplants



41
Corneal Transplants

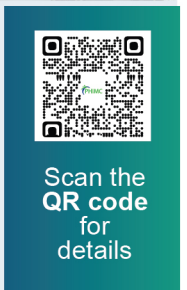


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Cochlear Implants



1 Year Post-Operative Coverage
For Kidney, Liver and Bone Marrow transplant beneficiaries

Hospital Branding

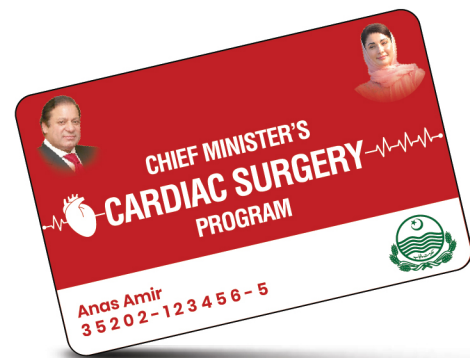


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Chief Minister's Cardiac Surgery Program

Launched in March 2026, the Chief Minister's Cardiac Surgery Program (CMCSP) is a landmark initiative of the Government of Punjab aimed at providing timely and quality surgical treatment to patients suffering from serious cardiac diseases. The program provides free-of-cost cardiac surgery services to all permanent residents of Punjab, ensuring that patients can receive timely treatment without facing financial barriers. The program has been designed to reduce treatment delays and improve access to specialized cardiac care.

The program covers 25 major cardiac surgery procedures and is being implemented through a network of empaneled healthcare facilities across the province. Since its launch, the initiative has received an encouraging response from the public, with more than 8,400 patients enrolled and over 950 patients successfully treated by June 2026, free-of-cost. The program reflects the Government of Punjab's commitment to strengthening specialized healthcare services and improving health outcomes for citizens across the province.



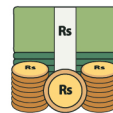
Program Highlights



8,450+
Patients
Enrolled



**36 Empanelled
Hospitals**
9 Public, 27 Private

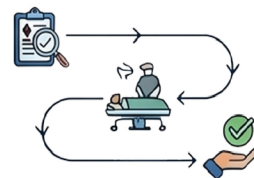
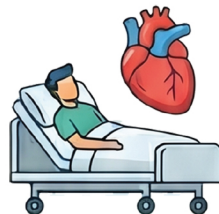


**Rs.461
Million**
Funds Utilized



25
Cardiac Surgery
Procedures Covered

950+
Patients Treated



**End-to End
Treatment Coverage**



10 Days
Post-Discharge
Medicines Covered

Inauguration Ceremony and Hospital Branding



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Chief Minister's Children Heart Surgery Program

Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) remains one of the leading causes of illness and mortality among pediatric patients, requiring highly specialized and costly medical interventions. Recognizing the challenges faced by families in accessing timely cardiac care, the Government of Punjab, under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, launched the Chief Minister's Children Heart Surgery Program in September 2024. Through a network of empaneled public and private hospitals, the program provides free-of-cost cardiac procedures and comprehensive treatment services, ensuring that patients receive timely, quality care.

The Chief Minister's Children Heart Surgery Program (CMCHSP) is open to all patients diagnosed with Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), regardless of age or province of residence. Patients from across Pakistan are eligible to receive free-of-cost cardiac treatment and surgical interventions under the program.



Program Highlights



19,000+
Patients Enrolled



19 Empaneled Hospitals
6 Public, 13 Private



Rs. 3.56 Billion
Funds Utilized



Nationwide Eligibility

13,600+

Procedures Performed



Treated Patients By Region



Punjab

12,435

HIGHEST PRIORITY HIGHLIGHT



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

561



Azad Jammu & Kashmir

343



Islamabad Capital Territory

133



Gilgit-Baltistan

51



Balochistan

43



Sindh

35

Hospital Branding



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Event Marking the Milestone of 10,000 Surgeries under the Chief Minister's Children Heart Surgery Program

A special ceremony was held at Children's Hospital Lahore on 13 February 2026 to commemorate the successful completion of 10,000 free-of-cost cardiac procedures under the Chief Minister's Children Heart Surgery Program (CMCHSP). Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, reaffirming the Government of Punjab's unwavering commitment to ensuring access to life-saving cardiac care for patients across Pakistan.

During the ceremony, the Chief Minister interacted warmly with young patients and their families, inquiring about their treatment journey and wishing them good health and a brighter future. She commended the unwavering dedication and tireless efforts of the Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department, Punjab Health Initiative Management Company (PHIMC), healthcare professionals, and all stakeholders whose collective commitment has enabled thousands of patients to receive timely, free-of-cost treatment. She described the achievement as a significant milestone in Punjab's healthcare journey and reiterated the Government's resolve to continue expanding access to high-quality, specialized healthcare services for those in need.





Chief Minister's Special Initiative for Cancer Patients

Launched in March 2026, the Chief Minister's Special Initiative for Cancer Patients (CMSICP) represents a landmark step by the Government of Punjab to provide comprehensive, free-of-cost cancer care to permanent residents of the province. The initiative has been designed to reduce the immense financial burden associated with cancer treatment and ensure that patients receive timely, uninterrupted, and high-quality medical care regardless of their financial circumstances.

The program provides coverage of up to PKR 1 million per patient per year, encompassing a comprehensive range of cancer services, including diagnostic workups, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, Gamma Knife treatment, PET scans, surgical oncology, hospitalization, and post-treatment follow-up care. Implemented through an extensive network of empaneled private hospitals and Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) hospitals, the initiative is enabling patients to access advanced cancer treatment closer to their communities while improving treatment continuity and enhancing overall patient outcomes.



Program Highlights



31,000+
Patients Enrolled



40 Empanelled Hospitals
7 Public, 33 Private



Rs. 3.38 Billion
Funds Utilized



68,000+
Treatments Provided



Rs.1 Million
Per Patient Per Year

Inauguration Ceremony and Hospital Branding



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Chief Minister's Stroke Program

Stroke is one of the leading causes of death and permanent disability in Pakistan. According to medical experts, the first few hours following the onset of a stroke are critical for saving a patient's life and minimizing the risk of long-term disability. In the past, most public sector hospitals lacked organized emergency stroke care, resulting in delayed treatment and an increased risk of severe complications.

To address this critical healthcare need, the Government of Punjab launched the Chief Minister's Stroke Program in May 2026. The program aims to provide timely, high-quality, and life-saving treatment free-of-cost to stroke patients, thereby reducing stroke-related mortality and permanent disability.

Under the program, an integrated network of specialized Stroke Centers is being established across Punjab. These centers are equipped with trained neurologists and neurosurgeons, advanced diagnostic facilities, and free Tenecteplase (TNK) injections, enabling the rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients during the critical therapeutic window.

CHIEF MINISTER STROKE PROGRAM



TNK



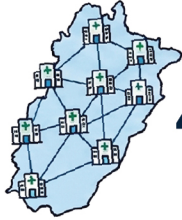
Injection, when provided within the critical **4.5-hour** treatment window, can significantly improve a patient's chances of survival while reducing the risk of permanent disability.

Program Highlights



Eligibility

All Pakistani
Citizens



40 Stroke Centers

Functional Across
Punjab



57 Stroke Centers

To be Operational by
December 2026



Rs. 300,000

Worth TNK Injection
Being Provided Free of Cost



3 Comprehensive stroke centers

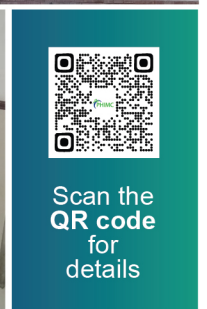
Advanced Stroke Treatment Facilities



7 Comprehensive stroke centers

To be Operational by June 2027

Hospital Branding pictures



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Health Insurance Program

The Health Insurance Program continues to provide financial protection and access to quality healthcare services for approximately 35 million families. Millions of beneficiaries have received essential medical care without the burden of significant healthcare expenses.

Nearly 10 million medical procedures have been facilitated under the program, while cumulative claims in Punjab have exceeded PKR 240 billion. These achievements highlight the program's contribution to healthcare accessibility and financial protection for families across the province.

The program has also strengthened the overall healthcare delivery system by enabling timely access to a wide range of inpatient services across empaneled hospitals. It continues to reduce out-of-pocket expenditure, particularly for low-income households, ensuring equitable access to essential treatment. This sustained performance reflects the Government's continued commitment to improving health outcomes through structured financial protection mechanisms.



Program Highlights

35 Million Families
Program Beneficiaries



152 Empanelled Hospitals
Private



Rs. 240 Billion+
Funds Utilized



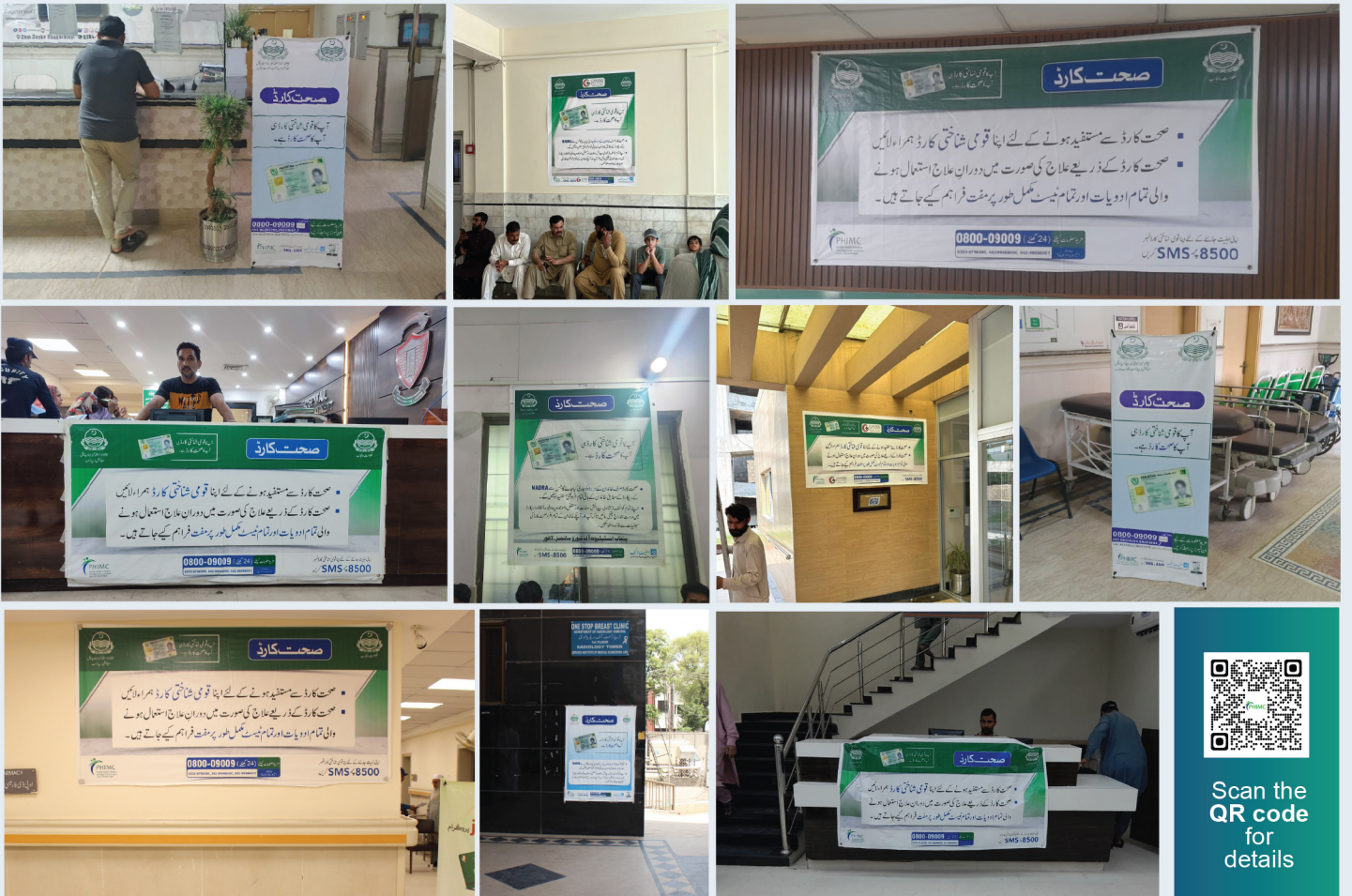
10 Million+ Patients Treated



5.7 Million+ Admissions in Private Hospitals



Hospital Branding



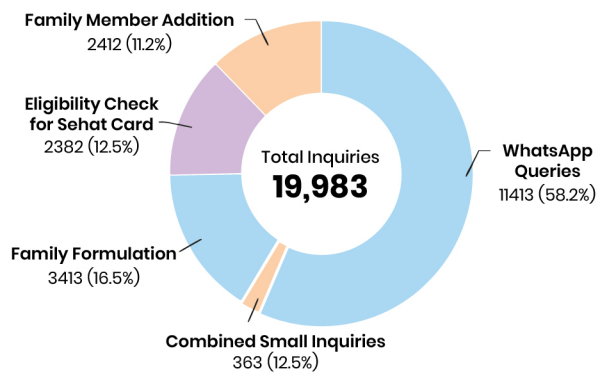
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Monitoring and Evaluation

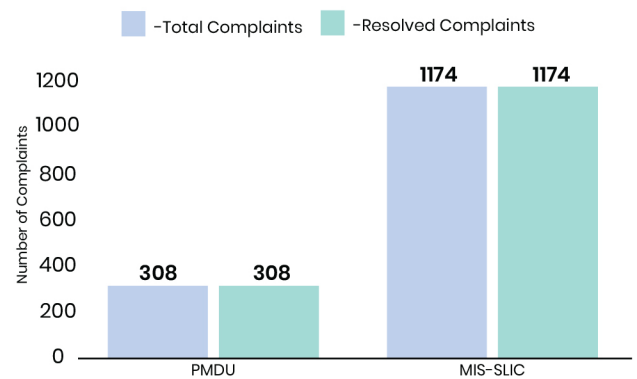
During the period from January to June 2026, the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) function at Punjab Health Initiative Management Company (PHIMC) continued to ensure effective oversight, responsiveness, and service quality across all major health initiatives. The M&E team conducted regular field visits to empaneled public and private hospitals across Punjab to review service delivery standards, assess compliance with program guidelines, and ensure timely and quality healthcare provision for patients. These visits also facilitated on-ground verification of processes, identification of operational gaps, and immediate resolution of service-related issues in coordination with healthcare facilities. Through continuous monitoring and structured feedback mechanisms, the M&E function strengthened accountability, improved service efficiency, and reinforced patient trust in Government-led health initiatives.



PHIMC Helpline Calls (January–June 2026)



Complaints Received via PMDU & MIS-SLIC (January–June 2026)



Strengthening Healthcare Partnerships

During the reporting period, PHIMC established several strategic partnerships and contractual arrangements with public and private sectors to strengthen service delivery and expand access to specialized treatment facilities. These collaborations were aimed at enhancing institutional coordination, increasing treatment capacity, improving patient access to quality healthcare services, and supporting the effective implementation of PHIMC's health initiatives. These partnerships represent an important step toward building a more integrated, efficient, and sustainable healthcare ecosystem for the people of Punjab.



Strategic Review Meetings

During the period from January to June 2026, PHIMC continued to engage with key Government stakeholders, including the Minister for Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education, senior departmental leadership, and various committees, to review program performance and strategic priorities. These meetings focused on strengthening implementation mechanisms, addressing operational challenges, enhancing service delivery, and advancing healthcare initiatives. The continued collaboration and guidance from leadership played a vital role in ensuring the effective implementation and sustainability of PHIMC's health programs.



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