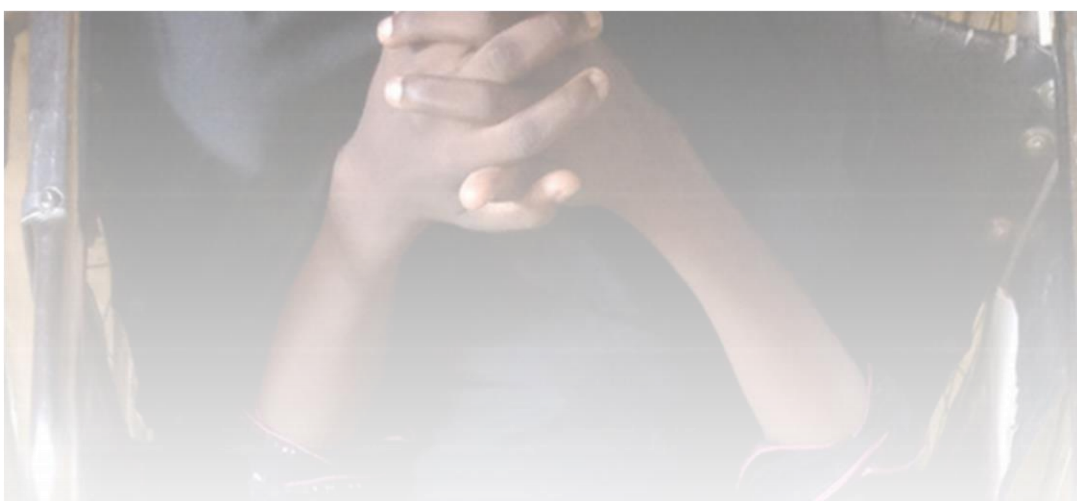




SAKINAH PROJECT



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INTRODUCTION

MPAC launched the Sakinah Project to work with the Muslim community in order to touch lives in many ways. Established since 2009, the project has benefited many who have come to seek help in getting medical treatments they cannot afford.

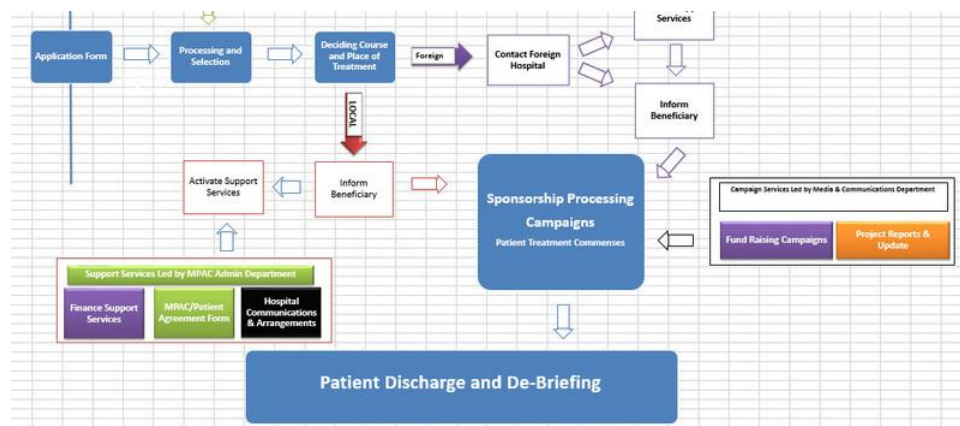
The Sakinah Fund is the main source of fund for all the services provided through the Sakinah Project and the fund provides a chance to donors to have a personal impact on others- to be someone's dream and the means to realize that dream. The Project and the Fund are dedicated to serve humanity. So, surprise a sick person today with your professional skills or make a generous donation to change and improve lives.

HOPE, LOVE & PEACE

Helping Families Realize the Dream of All of These.....and More

OBJECTIVE

To provide world class care and treatment for indigent and needy Muslim and non-Muslim members of the society that apply for such assistance.



THE PROJECT

The Sakinah project has two regional teams essentially working as a unit; a Northern team and a Southern team. Each of the regional teams shall have a team leader and a deputy and shall comprise of both medical and non-medical personnel. The number of members per team shall be a minimum of five.

The Sakinah team shall restrict its activities to receiving and processing applications from patients, assessing their eligibility and determining the extent of MPAC involvement based on the established guideline (See Sakinah guide). Activities of the two regional teams shall be co-ordinated by the **Head of Sakinah** who shall be a medical doctor.

Eligibility

Sakinah fund is open to all sick individuals who are unable to finance their medical treatment irrespective of ethnic or religious affiliations. Applicants shall be means tested to determine eligibility and necessary waivers.

Mode of Application

Beneficiary is entered into the fund upon completion and submission of duly filled and endorsed 'Sakinah Application form' (downloadable on MPAC website <http://www.mpac-ng.org>). Application forms are either submitted via e-mail (sakinah@mpac-ng.org) and/or posted to the MPAC office. These will be the only means of receiving application.

Method of Processing Applications

Upon receipt of application, the applicant is assigned to an operational region based on proximity and the form is sent to the head of the regional team who in turn review the application with his/her members and assess eligibility by conducting interviews with the patient, patients relations and any other party that may be involved; reviewing available medical reports, investigation results and ascertaining genuineness of claims in order to determine the extent of

MPAC involvement. Sakinah members shall be guided in this task by the 'Sakinah Guide'

The outcome of Sakinah regional team assessment of the patient and application shall be communicated to all Sakinah members along with recommendations. The regional team recommendations shall be ratified by the head of Sakinah team.

Such a recommendation shall be communicated to the MPAC Director of Administration and patients/beneficiaries.

Patient Information and Consent

Beneficiary whose application has been approved shall be given a 'patient/beneficiary information leaflet' detailing the extent of Sakinah involvement in the management of his or her illness and the end point of such involvement. He/she shall be required to sign a consent form which shall form the basis of our relationship with the patient, and upon which completion only, any progress of the application can be made.

Hospital Contact

Part of the Sakinah team functions shall be to assess, recommend or approve appropriate hospital for treatment. In a situation where patients already have estimates from a local or international hospital, Sakinah team shall review these and either accept the estimates as presented or seek alternatives in order to cut cost without compromising standard of care.

When choice of hospital has been decided by the Sakinah Team the case shall be referred to the MPAC finance department for direct collaboration with the assigned hospital finance section. At no point during the entire process will MPAC pay any amount meant for treatment directly to the patient or his/her family.

Overseas Treatment

The medical report and necessary investigation results of the patient shall be sent to overseas specialists for evaluations and advice on treatment as detailed as possible. More than one specialists/hospitals will be contacted. The overseas hospital shall be required to send an estimate of treatment cost directly to the finance section whose responsibility shall be to release fund for such treatment.

Local Treatment

This shall be the primary and preferred means of seeking medical treatment for all patients and any deviation will only be allowed in cases where ailment, based on expert opinion, cannot be managed locally.

The finance section shall be required to liaise directly with the hospital finance department for payment of bills.

"And if Allah touches thee with affliction, none can remove it but He: But if He bestows upon you a favour, remember that He is the Possessor of every power to do all that He wills."

(Qur'an 6:17)

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