

## Report Support Construction of an ENT DEPARTMENT at HASHIM WELFARE HOSPITAL

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The discussions with the architect from ISLAMABAD and the craftsmen from PINDI HASHIM and the surrounding area made it very clear that it was not possible to start the construction works during the stay in PAKISTAN.



The local craftsmen were overwhelmed with the desired building standards. They showed goodwill and willingness to cooperate, but had no idea what was meant by the standards set by PAKISTAN –Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e.V..



The plans presented by the architect were unsuitable as a basis for construction work. They had to be reworked and were then still incomplete and in need of improvement.

Measuring the construction lines proved to be a major challenge. It lacks a suitable tool, but also the knowledge of procedures.

The photo of the existing building shows by the examples electrical and plumbing works, where the problems were with the material and the craftsman services.



A suitable idea for the construction management was not available. When the chief of police responsible for the safety of the German team stopped by, the situation was discussed, whereupon the policeman said that his currently unemployed son, an electrical engineer, might be able to help.

An hour later, the young man arrived at the hospital. He was explained the project and we agreed that he should cooperate during the presence of the team from GERMANY.



After three days it was clear the young engineer understood what it was all about. He saw a chance to learn from the electrical engineer from GERMANY and the team had found someone who could work conceptually and professionally qualified. The local market was then probed to see if materials could be found for masonry, plumbing and electrical work that met quality requirements.



In a 30 km distant factory, whose owner had a background of several years of work in GERMANY, high quality pipes and connectors were found. For the electrical installations in the area no suitable material was available.

Here, important parts for electrical safety are either brought from GERMANY or bought in KARACHI or LAHORE, where they should be available.



After consultation with a Pakistani friend, contact was made with an experienced contractor from RAWALPINDI.

He came the next day with his supervisor, was briefed on the project and informed about the standards to be realized in the new building.

It quickly became clear that the two of them knew what it was all about.

They asked the questions that the team from GERMANY had asked before and made proposals for the implementation of the requirements, which showed that they can handle such a project technically and organisationally.

Chairman HASHIM WELFARE ASSOCIATION and Chairman PAKISTAN Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e.V. made it to RAWALPINDI to see buildings designed by the contractor. They wanted to be sure that theory and practice coincided.

What they saw in RAWALPINDI led to the decision to work with the company.

All planned construction measures have been stopped. The blueprints are being revised. The chairman PAKISTAN Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e.V. will fly to LONDON in the second week of April to inform the HAHSIM WELFARE APPEAL board and the main donors about the state of the project.

The aim is to persuade charity decision-makers and main donors from UK to build less quickly but solidly and to spend more money to ensure the quality and longevity of the new building.

The realization of the project will take longer. It's going to be worth it!

Since the construction work could not begin, the reworking of the existing electrical installations was started. It's all about ensuring electrical safety.



The young electrical engineer and the electrician implement the given standards as well as possible. A leap in quality for the hospital and probably attentively observed by the people in the village – this is help for self-help!



In addition to working on the new construction project, the chairman, PAKISTAN Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e.V. also uses the time to develop organizational resources for hospital management. A pinn board has been installed in the manager's office, where the essential information is available, which he must immediately resort to. Files were created to have an organized filing and quick access to documents and correspondence. Information on organizational processes and management procedures were given. During the next visit of the FREE EAR CAMP team in Nov 2018 beside teaching and training of local hospital staff a focus on hospital management will be on the agenda.

Finally, a few photos showing who we are doing all this for.



First-time mother who has given birth to healthy twins and a mother with her second child



Young woman after an appendix surgery and the newborn whose hearing capacity is being examined

In the future, patients like these will be treated in a hospital that offers good hygienic standards, in which a healthy indoor climate prevails and, lastly, that ensures well-organized procedures.

We are pleased that our aid programs are made possible again and again through monetary and material donations.

The staff of the HASHIM WELFARE HOSPITAL, especially the patients of the hospital are very grateful for the help and the support from GERMANY.

**THANK YOU – SCHUKRIA!**

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