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Extending our arms of help beyond borders Aster Volunteers for Turkey & Syria #AsterVolunteersDisaster Aid

Aster volunteers for Turkey & Syria

As Turkey and Syria experienced a series of earthquakes, humanity came together to help the distressed residents of the two countries. Aster Volunteers UAE worked 7 days continuously to support 'Bridges of Giving', a relief mission led by Emirates Red Crescent.



As part of the campaign, **50+ volunteers** joined forces with the Emirates Red Crescent Team to sort and pack relief boxes at the Mega Collection Drive organized in Expo City Dubai. An incredible **9,500 relief aid boxes** were sorted, packed, and arranged for shipment. Additionally, Aster Volunteers in association with Aster Pharmacy and Neopharma donated **2 million AED** worth of medicinal supplies for the disaster victims. AVMMS UAE and Ambulance Service team from Aster Hospital provided the first aid services to the volunteers present. Our mission continues until every last one of the disaster victims is reached and helped.

Building a bond of life through blood donation Drop of Hope #AsterVolunteersAid





Aster Volunteers UAE and TAAG community in association with Dubai Health Authority conducted a blood donation drive at Blood Donation Center, DHA Headquarters, Dubai.We received **50 registrations** and **27 blood donations**.

Aster Volunteers from Medcare Hospitals and Medical Centers UAE in association with Dubai Health Authority conducted a blood donation camp at the conference room of Medcare Hospital Al Safa. The event received over **64 registrations** and **57 blood donations**.





Aster Volunteers in association with Dubai Health Authority conducted a blood donation drive at Aster Hospital Mankhool. The event saw over **64 registrations** and **48 remarkable** blood donations.

Blood Donation is a simple yet powerful display of humanity and kindness.**One can save up to 3 lives** with just one session of blood donation. Let's donate more to make an impact on needy lives.

Nurturing young minds for a greener planet #AsterVolunteersBelong

Aster Volunteers in association with Chelannur Grama Panchayath Biodiversity Management Committee conducted a Children's Biodiversity Congress. Over **60 students from 6 different schools** participated in the event. Students learnt the importance of Nature and its conservation through discussions, debates, awareness classes, and Nature study trips to the Oloppara River viewpoint and Mangrove Forest Kozhikode. Mr. P Nousheer, President of Chelannur Grama Panchayath inaugurated the Children's Biodiversity Congress



Helping with the right care to fight cancer



As a part of World Cancer Day, Aster Volunteers conducted a webinar program to help people understand how to overcome cancer through early detection and prevention. The program was supported by the Aster International Institute of Oncology.

The session was inaugurated by, Prof. Dr.Somashekhar S P (Global Director, Aster International Institute of Oncology-GCC and India, Lead Consultant-Surgical and Gynecological Oncology and Robotic Surgeon, HIPEC and PIPAC-Super Specialist, Chairman-Medical Advisory board, Aster DM Healthcare-GCC and India) along with eminent oncologists and senior practitioners such as Dr.Sreekumar Sreedharan, Internal Medicine, Aster Clinic Dubai, Dr.Lijiya Pushpan, Consultant-Radiation Oncology, Aster Medcity Kochi, Dr.Diya Abdul Rasheed Naseema, Specialist-Pediatrics and Neonatology, Aster Hospital Sharjah, and Dr.Kesavan M R, Consultant-Pediatric Hemato Oncology, Aster MIMS Kerala. Dr.Mona Jadhav, Assistant Manager Quality, Medcare Hospitals & Medical Centres Dubai played the role of a moderator in the discussion.

A large number of beneficiaries across India and the GCC region were aided by the webinar. We thank all the NGOs, participating Aster Units, and people across geographies for attending the session and helping us create awareness to conquer the disease better.





and screening sessions at Social Service City Hall, Fort Kochi. **Over 100 women** benefitted from the programs.

Aster Volunteers Kochi conducted awareness

Aster Volunteers along with KSRTC organised a cancer awareness rally, session, and medical camp at the KSRTC bus stand in the Kozhikode town area. **Over 100 people participated** in the programs.





Aster Volunteers along with NSS, Scout, and Guide students from Sullamussalam Oriental Higher Secondary School organised Awareness Rally and session. Around **50 benefitted** from the sessions.

Aster Volunteers from Dr. Moopen's Medical College in association with Sreyas, conducted a cancer awareness class and screening camp. More than **250 people participated** and benefitted from the program.





Aster Volunteers from UAE conducted a webinar to help people brave cancer. Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services UAE also successfully conducted a basic health checkup for the employees of Flora Group at Jebel Ali. Over **70+ participants** attended the webinar and **130 individuals** benefited from the health camp.

Be there during the need of the hour #AsterVolunteersCoach

Aster Volunteers from Aster Whitefield Hospital for Women & Children, Bangalore conducted BLS training for the Law and Order Police covering two stations. Over **28 police personnel** from Mahadevapura and KR Puram stations attended the event and made it successful.



Workshops for a noble cause #AsterVolunteersCoach

Aster Volunteers, NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), and MILES Kalpakancheri organised a one day workshop for voluntary organsations in Kozhikode and Malappuram districts at MILES Kalpakanchery.



Mr. Latheef Kasim, Assistant General Manager, Aster DM Foundation inaugurated the workshop.
Mr. Riyas DDM NABARD Malappuram Kozhikode presided over the function.
Mr. Ananthu Krishnan, State Coordinator of NGO Confederation delivered the keynote address.
Mr. Ummer Koya Director of JSS Malappuram, Dr. Nishad Director of People's Foundation, Fr. Jose Prakash Chelakal, Director of STARS Kozhikode, Mr. Ali Ashraf Director of CEEG, Mr. Sreejith from Kites, and Ms.Ann Mariya from Education for good Foundation Kochi, gave presentations on various projects and schemes.

Mr. Abdussalam Moopen Aster DM foundation, Mr.Hashkar Ali Administrator of MILES, Mr. K Shameem from MILES, Mr. KV Mohammed Haseem, Aster Volunteers Malabar Region Lead, and Mr.Sunil Kumar Unnikulam and Mr. Mohanan Kottur led the event. Around **100 organization representatives** from Malappuram and Kozhikode districts participated in the workshop.

Our mission to empowerment attained success

#AsterVolunteersCoach

The second batch of GDA students completed their courses, securing jobs majorly at Dr. Moopen's Medical College and Aster MIMS Calicut. We thank Mr. U Basheer, Executive Trustee, and Mr. Haseem, the in-charge GDA projects, Aster Volunteers Malabar Area Coordinator for their immense support and guidance leading the program to success.



Making quality healthcare possible for everyone #AsterVolunteersTreatmentAid

Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services (AVMMS)Thamarassery partnered with Aster MIMS Charitable Trust, Benny & Sherry Foundation and St. Alphonsa Palliative Care Charitable Trust, Diocese of Thamarassery along with Aster MIMS Calicut, Aster Mother Areekode, and Aster MIMS Nursing College (NSS unit) initiated a 3-days medical camp at Munderi tribal area, Nilambur. There were 2,882 families comprised in 182 tribal settlements living in that area.



The medical camps were led by Dr. Niyas (RMO - Aster MIMS Calicut), Dr. Farhana (Ophthalmology), Dr. Shaheer Ahammed - Emergency Physician, HOD of Emergency Department, Dr. Jithin C Shaji, ENT, Head & Neck Surgeon, and Dr. Rabeeh Parambil Respiratory Medicine & Critical Care from Aster Mother Areekode. Thanks to Prof. Assuma Beevi, Joint Director of Aster MIMS Academy for her excellent support for a healthcare Mission to the Munderi Tribal area in Nilambur.

Over **200 beneficiaries** including children have availed the services from the camp. As a part of the drive Aster Volunteers and NSS Volunteers of Aster MIMS Nursing College jointly collected and distributed different types of clothing for the tribal communities.

Care on Wheels Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services #AsterVolunteersAid

Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services have been able to knock on the doors of many underserved people and extend its arms of support to them.

In February, AVMMS set up **387 camps** across countries and helped **31,275 beneficiaries** to ride the promising journey towards good health.



Making Miracles Happen #AsterVolunteersTreatment Aid

Our core values run on a solid belief that every human or a child in this world has the right to proper healthcare. We always come forward to offer our services to those who can't afford advanced medical services.

In the month of February, **INR 4,788,805** worth of aid was contributed towards the treatment of **584 patients** by the various hospitals of Aster DM Healthcare across India and GCC. Here are a few stories of ailing people who successfully benefited from the Aster Volunteers' aid and saw a new vigor in life.



Ms. Manha Fathima P R

Ms. Manha Fathima P R, an 8-year-old girl suffering from elective ASD device closure was suggested to undergo surgery. From a humble background, her father who earns bread from his Auto driving profession was finding it difficult to get her daughter treated for better health. Aster DM Foundation realized the family's financial constraints and extended a major part of the treatment cost.

Master Abuthahis

A 5-year-old boy, Master Abuthahis from the interior parts of Konathukunnu, Thrissur District was admitted to Aster Medcity for adenoid surgery. His father, unskilled labour, also the only source of income for the family, found it hard to get his son operated. Understanding the situation, Aster DM Foundation extended its arms of help by contributing majorly to the treatment cost.



Our engagement with the community is only getting stronger #AsterVolunteers

Dr. Moopen's Medical College, Wayanad participated in community engagements aligning with Aster Volunteers' core beliefs like free GDA Courses and Placements, Basic Life Support Training Activities, Medical Camps, and Medical Awareness to help the needy.

As a result, **Association of Healthcare Providers India (AHPI)** Conclave recognized these exceptional efforts and honored Dr.Moopen's Medical College with the 'Excellence in Community Engagement award.Shri. Ramcharan Bohra MP - Jaipur City presented the award to Dr. Shanavas Palliyal AGM - Operations, Dr. Moopen's Medical College Wayanad.



Every act of kindness counts #KindnessIsAHabit



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