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CHB NEWS FLASH

A RECORD TURNOUT AT THE HEALTH SCREENING IN ARUSHA

Arusha Jamaat – A leading example of commitment to healthcare:

Organized jointly by the Central Health Board (CHB) of the Federation of KSI Jamaats of Africa with KSI Jamaat of Arusha, in collaboration with Ebrahim Haji Charitable Health Centre of Dar Es Salaam & Jaffery Medical Students Association (JAMSA) on Saturday, 11th and Sunday, 12th October 2008 in Arusha.

On Friday 10th October 2008 a team of 2 doctors, 2 nurses from Ebrahim Haji Health Centre and 7 medical students from JAMSA departed towards Arusha from Dar-es-salaam. The mission was to conduct a major health screening and Thalassaemia screening (for those under 35 yrs and young married couples). The screening took place over a period of two days whereby a total 400 members were screened, 179 for the Major Health Screening and 281 for Thalassaemia. Thalassaemia project is sponsored jointly by the World Federation of KSI Muslim Communities and the Federation of KSI Jamaats of Africa; there is no charge for this test. All participants have now received their reports. JAMSA are presently working to produce the statistics.

The main objective was to determine the prevalence of diseases and early diagnosis of associated risk factors, in order that corrective and preventative measures are taken by individuals especially in such constituencies where access to healthcare and related services, like diagnostics are limited.

Educational lectures on health issues being delivered to participants:

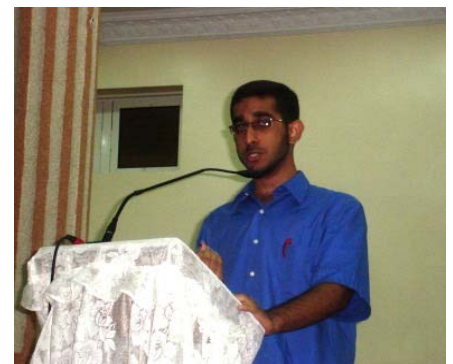
Preceding the screening, Dr. J. Merali after Isha prayers addressed the gathering on the importance of health screening and also explained the various complications associated with Thalassaemia and why the screening was important so that people are well informed and necessary precautions are taken, especially those found with Thalassaemia traits. Mr. Sibtain Moledina from JAMSA spoke about their activities.



Dr. J. Merali addressing community in Imambargha preceding the screening



Community members listening to the lectures in Imambargha.



Mr. S. Moledina, 4th Year Medical Student from JAMSA addressing

Africa Federation supports Major Health Screening Program:

179 people participated in the Major Health Screening program; it was a record turnout in Arusha after a long time. Publicity & Registration started from the month of Ramadhan, there was a big drive to entice members and it caught the momentum towards the last days before the screening. Africa Federation supports the program by providing US \$10 subsidy to the Jamaat for each member participating in order to attract more participation. Below are some photographs of the Major Screening program.



281 children and youths participate in the Thalassaemia Screening program:

Below are some of the photographs taken during the Thalassaemia Screening Program.



Arusha Jamaat appreciates the team's efforts, dedication and services:



Above photographs taken at a short closing ceremony held on Sunday night before dinner. The entire team were presented with certificates and souvenirs. We would like to thank the Office Bearers and Organizing Committee of Arusha Jamaat for their wonderful hospitality and warmth, especially Br. Rizwan Peera who was also the Liaison Officer, and also to Ebrahim Haji Health Centre management and JAMSA.

“Community's health – CHB's priority”