



SAMS Medical Mission Recap Jordan Multi-Specialty Mission July 6 - 11, 2019

Overview

The Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS) is a non-political, non-profit medical relief organization working on the front lines of crisis relief in Syria and beyond to alleviate suffering and save lives. SAMS proudly provides medical care and treatment to every patient in need.

Our mission is to deliver life-saving services, revitalize health systems during crisis, and promote medical education via a network of humanitarians in Syria, the US, and beyond. With the help of our dedicated medical community, we hope to strengthen the future of Syria's healthcare and deliver dignified medical relief where needed.



From July 6 –11, 2019, Family Medicine physician Dr. Hend Azhary of Michigan State University led over 60 Volunteers from 7 different countries - including 28 physicians & surgeons, 6 dental specialists, 1 nurse, and dozens of other clinical volunteers & interpreters - in a multi-specialty medical mission to serve refugees and vulnerable communities in 16 locations across Jordan.

There were four surgical specialties on this mission including interventional cardiology, pediatric dental surgery, OBGYN, and adult and pediatric ophthalmology performing over 220 procedures over the week. SAMS' speech therapist also followed up on clients that had been seen on SAMS' April mission to Jordan earlier this year.

Services Provided

Primary & Secondary Care

Experts in dentistry and dental surgery, dermatology, internal & family medicine, non-interventional and interventional cardiology, obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, pediatrics, and speech therapy delivered primary and secondary care services, and speech therapy services.



July 2019 Mission Impact	
Specialty	TOTAL
IM / GP / Family Medicine	1426
Dentistry	289
Dental Surgery	10
Dermatology	411
Pediatrics	346
Non-intv. Cardiology	172
Speech Therapy	24
Intv. Cardio, intvs.	56
OBGYN, screenings	23
OBGYN, intvs.	38
Ophthalmology, screenings	642
Optho. intvs. (Avastin)	78
Optho. intvs. (Laser/Cataract)	106
OVERALL MISSION TOTAL	3851

Interventional Teams

Interventional Cardiology: Our non-interventional and interventional cardiology team worked in tandem to screen over 153 beneficiaries and performed over 55 procedures including diagnostic and interventional catheters and stents.

Dental Surgery: This year our dental specialists gave care to 289 beneficiaries and our surgeon specialists performed 10 procedures including complex extractions, root separations, alveoplasty, and surgical extractions.

Gynecological Surgery: Our expert surgical gynecology team provided needed procedures for over 35 beneficiaries including hysterectomies, IUD insertions, cervical biopsy, endocervical curettage, TOT sling, and other highly specialized gynecological procedures.

Ophthalmology: Each mission, SAMS provides Avastin injections for patients suffering from wet age-related macular degeneration, which can ultimately lead to blindness. The routine injections help to slow the progression of the disease and preserve patients' eyesight. SAMS also provides corrective laser surgeries and cataract removal. This mission, SAMS ophthalmology team screened 642 beneficiaries, gave over 75 Avastin injections, and over 100 laser and cataract interventions.

Stories from the Field

We met **Mohamed Haj Ali** and his two children during the mission. He brought in his daughter Shaam and his son Wissam for eye exams. Shaam suffers from strabismus and Wissam suffers from myopia.

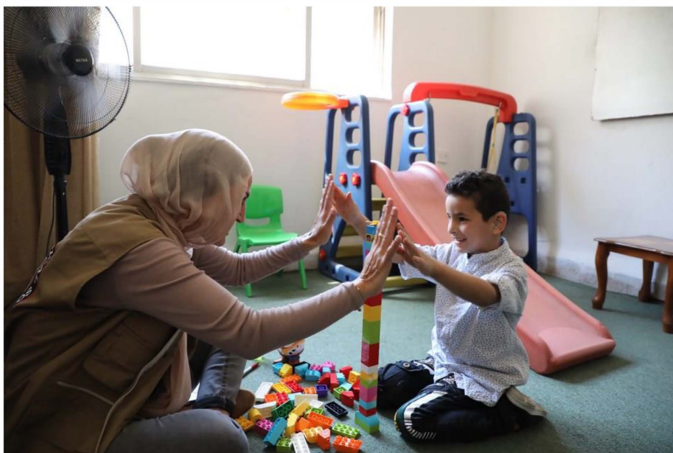
"Unfortunately, medical services for refugees here are limited and inaccessible. I'm thankful for SAMS and these medical missions that allow us to access the care we need, free of charge," said Mohamed Haj Ali.

Mohamed told us that their conditions have had a psychological impact on them, especially for Shaam who doesn't like to leave the house, afraid she might get bullied.



SAMS speech therapist volunteer **Ibtisam Rahima** consulted with over 20 beneficiaries in clinics in Irbid and Madaba and followed up with clients our audiology teams had seen on our April 2019 mission.

"I brought in my son to get his hearing aid checked. Lately, he's been complaining from difficulty hearing and having hard time speaking. Unfortunately, there's only one center in this area, and the doctor comes in every two days for a couple of hours. I am so grateful for SAMS for helping my son to be able to hear again. If it weren't for the support we get from SAMS, I wouldn't be able to afford his treatment."



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