Fayeeza and Arif Naqvi win the Global Humanitarian Award for Women’s and Children’s Health

- Award announced by The Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Gates Institute)

Karachi, Pakistan, 26 January 2016 Fayeeza Naqvi, Chairman of the Aman Foundation, has been honored as one of the four winners of the first-ever Global Humanitarian Awards for Women’s and Children’s Health. This award, conferred for the first time at the 2016 International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) in Nusa Dua, Indonesia, recognizes individuals who, with great vision and leadership, have invested private wealth to advance reproductive, maternal, neo-natal and child health, especially family planning, at a global level. The ICFP takes place 25–28 January 2016; it is co-hosted by the Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and the National Population and Family Planning Board of Indonesia (BkkbN).

Jose “Oying” Rimon II, Chair of the ICFP International Steering Committee and Director of the Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, commented on the occasion: “We are honored to count Fayeeza and Arif Naqvi among the recipients of the 2016 Global Humanitarian Awards for Women’s and Children’s Health. Their tremendous contributions to family planning and maternal, neonatal, and children’s health epitomize the theme of the 2016 International Conference on Family Planning: Global Commitments, Local Actions.”

The award pays tribute to the transformative work of the Aman Foundation in the area of women and children’s health, exemplified by innovative programs developed by Aman Health and its dedicated family planning program, Sukh, which was launched as a concrete outcome of the London Summit on Family Planning.
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Sukh was established as a joint collaboration among the Gates, Packard and Aman Foundations. The program today covers a population of one million in some of the most underserved and challenging areas of Karachi.

Sukh has already impacted more than 77,000 married women of reproductive age (MWRAs), creating more than 4000 modern contraceptive users. It has also led to the establishment of two training centers and 12 teacher-training programs across schools in the local community. The initiative has also partnered with the local government to ensure long-term sustainability within the community.

Commenting on the award, Fayeeza Naqvi, Chairman of the Aman Foundation, said, “Aman is dedicated to promoting the centrality of family, and dignity of life for all. The ‘Sukh’ program was created with this mission in mind, and seeks to foster gender equality, by giving women the power of choice. We believe that healthy, educated and empowered women build strong families and productive communities. Aman aims to develop programs that convene international partners to bring best practise and expertise in collaboration with local government to ensure scalable and sustainable impact. I am honored to accept this award on behalf of the Aman Foundation and look forward to working closely with my fellow awardees in furthering the cause of family planning and maternal health.”

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About the Aman Foundation:

The Aman Foundation is Pakistan's leading social enterprise with a clear track record of unique scale and success in Pakistan. Created through an investment of US$100 million by the Aman Trust, the Aman Foundation has executed direct interventions in health and education, aspiring to achieve sustainable impact at scale through systemic change.

Aman's emergency medical services (EMS), AmanAmbulances, recently won the award for being the leading institutional EMS in Asia from the Asian EMS Council. AmanTech is Pakistan's premier vocational training institute. The Sukh Initiative provides much needed free family planning services in peri-urban areas for the underserved population of Karachi.

Aman Foundation also engages in venture philanthropy by providing strategic grants to high social impact organizations – including the Acumen Fund, the Aga Khan University, among others that work in the Foundation’s core focus areas.

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