

**Government of Pakistan**  
**Minister of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination**

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**Press Release**

Islamabad: September 28,2018- Federal Minister National Health Services Aamer Mehmood Kiani said that the PTI government is seriously concerned about the health issues prevalent in Pakistan, and which is why health is one of the top priorities for the present government, While he was addressing the “Health Fest” organized by the Hashoo Foundation.

The minister said health care indicators have always been on the decline since decades as no priority was given to this important subject. The PTI government is however committed to improve the health and nutritional status of its people.

Federal Health Minister Aamer Mehmood Kiani said that health was top priority of the government and major improvements in this critical area will be visible soon. The minister informed that he has written to the finance ministry to enhance tax on tobacco products and sugary drinks which will be utilized to bring improvement in health-care. He said administration of Health in Islamabad was scattered and different health organizations and facilities parked in a number of ministries have all now been assigned to his ministry and soon the residents of Islamabad will see tangible improvement in health facilities being provided in the capital city.

Ayesha Khan Country director/ vice president corporate social responsibility hashoo group said ever health festival organized by hashoo foundation. Human capital is the single most critical factor in development and stability of nation state and health and education are the key factors that measures the status of the human capital of any economy. Based on its thirty years of experience the foundation seeks to use its learning to be more impactful, hence this festival is one of the first initiatives in proactively and positively promoting quality and inclusive healthcare.

**Sajid Hussain Shah**

## **PRO to Minister Health**