Dr. Abdul Sattar Edhi

Biography:

Abdul Sattar Edhi was a renowned Pakistani philanthropist and humanitarian who is widely regarded as one of the greatest humanitarians in Pakistan's history. He was born on February 28, 1928, in Gujarat, British India, and passed away on July 8, 2016, in Karachi, Pakistan.

Abdul Sattar Edhi dedicated his life to helping those in need, regardless of their race, religion, or social status. He founded the Edhi Foundation, a nonprofit social welfare organization that provides a wide range of services to the impoverished and disadvantaged in Pakistan. Some of the services and initiatives provided by the Edhi Foundation include:

1. \*\*Ambulance Services:\*\* The Edhi Foundation operates the largest fleet of ambulances in Pakistan, providing free emergency medical services to those in need.

2. \*\*Orphanages:\*\* Edhi Foundation runs orphanages and homes for abandoned children.

3. \*\*Hospitals and Clinics:\*\* They operate hospitals, clinics, and dispensaries to provide free medical care to the underprivileged.

4. \*\*Burial Services:\*\* The foundation offers free burial services for unclaimed bodies.

5. \*\*Blood and Drug Banks:\*\* Edhi Foundation runs blood and drug banks to help those in need.

6. \*\*Educational Services:\*\* They support educational initiatives, such as schools and vocational training centers.

7. \*\*Homes for the Elderly and Mentally Ill:\*\* The foundation cares for the elderly and mentally ill individuals who have no one else to support them.

8. \*\*International Relief:\*\* Edhi Foundation also provides relief and aid in international disasters and humanitarian crises.

Abdul Sattar Edhi lived a simple life and took a vow of poverty. He believed in selflessness and dedicated his entire life to the service of humanity. His work and contributions earned him numerous awards and accolades, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service. Edhi's legacy continues to inspire others to engage in philanthropic and humanitarian efforts to help those in need. His motto, "Live and help live," remains a guiding principle for people involved in humanitarian work in Pakistan and beyond.

Dr. Abdul Sattar Edhi was a Pakistani humanitarian, philanthropist and ascetic who founded the Edhi Foundation, which runs the world's largest ambulance network, along with homeless shelters, animal shelters, rehabilitation centres, and orphanages across Pakistan¹. He was born on \*\*28 February 1928\*\* in a small village of Bantva near Joona Garh, Gujrat (India) and died on \*\*8 July 2016\*\* in Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan¹. He is known amongst Pakistanis as the "Angel of Mercy" and is considered to be Pakistan's most respected and legendary figure¹⁴. Edhi's charitable activities expanded greatly in 1957 when an Asian flu epidemic (originating in China) swept through Pakistan and the rest of the world. Donations allowed him to buy his first ambulance the same year. He later expanded his charity network with the help of his wife Bilquis Edhi¹. Over his lifetime, the Edhi Foundation expanded, backed entirely by private donations from Pakistani citizens across class, which included establishing a network of 1,800 ambulances. By the time of his death, Edhi was registered as a parent or guardian of nearly 20,000 adopted children¹. He received several awards including the Lenin Peace Prize (1988), Nishan-e-Imtiaz (1989), Wolf of Bhogio Peace Award (2005), Ahmadiyya Muslim Peace Prize (2010), and UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize¹²³.