

ALE Association

BASIC INFORMATION	
Full name of the organization	ALE Association
Local name of the organization	Asociación ALE Institución de Asistencia Privada
Year of establishment	2004
Scope	National (12 offices in 16 hospitals)
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PURPOSE	
Legal form	Private Assistance Institution NGO / Social Franchise
Governance	General Assembly
Purpose of organization	Promote Organ transplantation and donation. Support and social assistance of poor patients who require Organ Transplantation
Leader	Carlos A. Castro Sanchez
Financing	Private
Key objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Give social assistance to poor people requiring transplantation medicine. ➤ Promote and encourage a culture in Mexico in support of organ and tissue donation. ➤ Resources and technical support for transplantation medicine infrastructure. ➤ Influencing health public policy.
Therapeutic areas	Transplantation and organ donation
Past projects/activities	Social Assistance: 806 people have been supported financially for their transplant surgery. 3,558 people have regained their vision through cataract surgery campaigns. 34,800 people have been reached through prevention

	<p>campaigns focused on the renal micro-albumin urine test.</p> <p>Organ donation: 37,000 people reached through educational campaigns for organ donation, including via Facebook. In 2013, first lady Angelica Rivera Peña announced she would be a donor organ during National Organ Donation Day</p> <p>Resources for infrastructure: Equipped five hemodialysis units (Uneme), 2 eye banks in Aguascalientes and Queretaro, and provided 12 scholarships to support health professionals to specialize in transplantation medicine.</p> <p>Public policy: Promulgation of an amendment to the General Health Law mandating organ donation upon death unless otherwise manifest. Secured government allocation of \$300 million to pay for transplantation services for those under age 18 as part of Seguro Popular. Awareness in Congress to provide for adequate funding in all states for nephrology services and care. Secured coverage for kidney function tests for diabetics in the Universal Catalog of Health Services (CAUSES).</p>
Upcoming projects/activities	None specified
Specific activities	<p>Ale works to ensure the registration of drugs that have proven quality, efficacy and safety, and participates in forums and workshops to influence stakeholders in the health system of Mexico. Several times, the COFEPRIS director has participated with Ale in these workshops.</p> <p>Ale has conducted bi-monthly workshops for relatives and patients with chronic kidney disease to educate about kidney disease, treating the medical, nutritional, and emotional aspects, and empowering patients on disease management.</p>
ASSESSMENT	
Visibility	<p>High</p> <p>ALE is a "social franchise", which allows for national coverage with 12 operational offices in different cities working in partnership with 16 general hospitals to support transplantation services</p>
Contact with policy-/decision-makers	<p>ALE participated in the transition team of the current president of Mexico and was able to advance their proposal to re-organize the National Transplant and Organ Donation Center and to establish a National Kidney Health Program.</p> <p>ALE is member of the Consultative Council of the Federal Linking Bureau of the Ministry of Health.</p>

	ALE has asked to be part of the National General Health Council General
NOTES	
Coalition memberships	For Health Network CEMEFI Mexico, International Federation of Kidney Foundation (IFKF), IAPO International Alliance of Patients Organizations, Alianza Latina, is a member of the Steering Committee to create the International Heart Alliance.
Sponsors	Roche, Baxter, Novartis, Bristol Myers Squibb, E.Lilly, Genzyme, Shire, Merck. Pfizer
Other	