

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2018



Making the World a Better Place, One Imprint at a Time..

EMBRACING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH IN HARMONY WITH SOCIETY AND NATURE

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CHAIRMAN's Statement



Dr. Azad MoopenFounder Chairman and
Managing Director

Since the inception of Aster DM Healthcare, We have worked towards the betterment of the healthcare sector and society. And today, I am proud to present the first sustainability report of Aster DM Healthcare. This report has given us an opportunity to communicate our sustainability performance to our stakeholders and to reflect on our mission, vision and the progress made so far.

As one of the largest healthcare service providers operating in GCC and India, Aster DM Healthcare has always been focused towards providing quality healthcare that is affordable and accessible to everyone. We have set global benchmarks in the field of medicine and patient care. Having a healthier and happier society is perhaps the most gratifying facet of our endeavours.

We strongly believe that a healthy society goes hand in hand with a clean and green environment. Keeping our efforts consistent with our beliefs, we have adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and have integrated them into our business planning, management information and control systems. The alignment of our strategies with the SDGs has enabled us to set a clear framework to steer, communicate and report our activities. It has also resulted in better engagement with customers, employees and all our stakeholders. We are consciously working towards reducing our energy, water and carbon footprint. We are aware of the pressing need to cut down on our GHG emissions to support global action on climate change mitigation.

Aster DM Healthcare has always been conscious of its duty towards people and society. Aster DM Foundation, a non-profit charitable and philanthropic arm of Aster DM Healthcare, carries out all the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and philanthropic initiatives. The Foundation supports programmes that address underserved and marginalized populations, advance social justice, works towards women and youth empowerment and creating a healthy environment. We are constantly making a positive contribution to our local communities around the world, through community support programs consistent with improving health and innovating to address needs. E.g., ASTER mobile Clinics, Aster Volunteers program, Aster ECO Pharmacy.

Moving forward, we will continue to strengthen our core competencies and move towards realizing the UNSDGs. We will do our utmost to ensure a safer and better environment and society for our future generations.

About the Report

Aster DM Healthcare has adopted the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Sustainability Reporting Standards for preparing its first sustainability report. The GRI Standards are the first global standards for sustainability reporting and features the global best practice for reporting on a range of economic, environmental and social impacts. Aster Sustainability Report 2018 has been prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards: Core option.

While preparing the report we have adhered to following reporting principles for ensuring report quality: Accuracy, Comparability, Balance, Reliability, Clarity, Timeliness

In addition, we have followed the below mentioned reporting principles for defining the report content:



Stakeholder Inclusiveness

Identifying the stakeholders and understanding their reasonable expectations and interests.



Sustainability Context

Reporting our performance was spanning across the three pillars of sustainability: people, planet and profit.



Completeness

Covering material topics, boundaries, to reflect the economic, environmental, and social impacts.



Materiality

Reflecting significant economic, environmental, and social impacts and the aspects that substantively influence the assessments and decisions of stakeholders.



Key **Achievements**

Mobile Clinics

Aster DM Healthcare has Medical Clinic in UAE

Medical Camp

Jordan Refugee Camp

Famine Support

150,000 food packets were distributed among famine affected people in Somalia.

Blood Donation

through blood donation

10,400 People Assisted

Aster Homes

houses and repair damaged homes in flood-affected

Basic Life Support

Around 1,50,358 people

BLS (Basic Life Support),

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Supporting Refugees

26,400 food packets distributed to rohingya refugees in bagladesh.

Aster School.

Aster runs a Special needs

school for differently abled

children in northern Kerala.

CO₂ Reduction

greenhouse gas emissions in Aster DM Hospitals.

Free Surgeries

27,408 beneficiary through the drive of free surgeries and free investigations.

Aster Volunteers Energy Reduction

14

33%reductionPotentialinenergyconsumptioninAsterDM

Equal Oppurtunity

abled people have been

15

Water Reduction

17% reduction in water consumption in Aster Sohar

16

10

13

Public Listing

Stock Exchange.

Successfully Listed on Indian

We have 8,300+ volunteers,

both internally and externally.

Waste Recycling

Green Pharmacy

pharmacy in Middle-East. All theproductsareallmadeofre-

Al Jalila

Foundation

Donates Dh10m to Al Jalila

WE'LL TREAT YOU WELL

Aster At a Glance

In opertion since 30 years

Aster DM Healthcare is an integrated and comprehensive healthcare service organization and has a 30-year rich legacy, starting from a single clinic in Dubai in 1987 to a presence across 9 countries today.

24 Hospitals, 114 Clinics & 219 Pharmacies We are one of the largest private healthcare service providers in multiple GCC states and an emerging healthcare player in India. We take pride in being one of the few entities across the globe providing a complete circle of care from primary, secondary, tertiary to quaternary medical care through our 24 hospitals, 114 clinics and over 219 pharmacies.



We have 19,698 employees globally, delivering on a simple yet strong promise to its people: "We'll treat you well."

We have the unique distinction of serving people by providing quality healthcare to all segments of the society regardless of their economic or social positioning. We work on an asset-light business model wherein the land and civil structure of most of our hospitals are leased.

We are also optimally positioned in the Medical tourism sector with a large number of GCC residents visiting our Indian hospitals to avail quality and costeffective healthcare.



Brands & Market segments

3 Brands & 3 Market segments

Operating in 10 Countries

Dr. Azad Moopen, our Founder Chairman and Managing Director at Aster DM Healthcare conceptualized the Company's following three brands for different strata of the population.



Medcare

for the high income



Aster

for the middle-income



Access

for low-income.

Market Segments Hospitals

Our Hospital network consists of 12 hospitals in GCC states and 12 multi-speciality hospitals in India. Our hospitals in India are located in Kochi, Kolhapur, Kozhikode, Kottakkal, Bengaluru, Vijayawada, Guntur, Wayanad and Hyderabad and are generally operated under the "Aster", "MIMS", "Ramesh" or "Prime" brands.

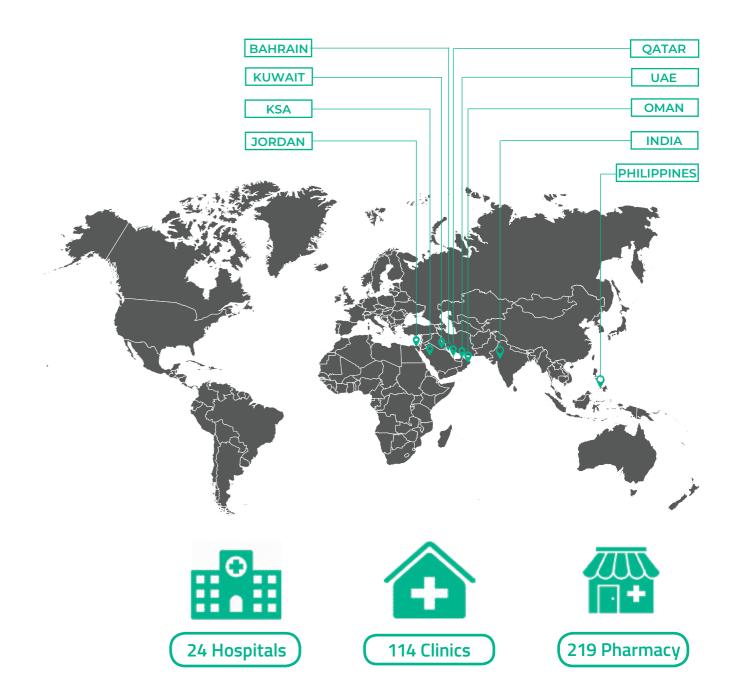
Clinics

One of the largest and most widespread networks of clinics across the Middle East. Our clinics in India are located at Kozhikode, Eluru and Bengaluru. The Aster DM network has 114 clinics in total FY18 with 106 clinics in GCC states and 8 clinics in India.

Pharmacies

We have 219 retail pharmacies in the GCC states. Offering the entire gamut of curative, nutritive, baby products, lifestyle, wellness products, FMCG products, cosmetics, personal and home care products, Aster Pharmacy has become a household name in the UAE.

Countries of operation



GCC & Phillipines Operation







219 Pharmacies

106 Clinics



Medcare Multispeciality hospital in Dubai, UAE Medcare orthopedics and spine hospital in Dubai, UAE Medcare Women and Children Hospital in Dubai, UAE Medcare hospital in Sharjah, UAE



Aster Hospital Mankhool & Qusais Dubai, UAE

Aster Hospital in Qatar Al Raffah Hospital in Muscat, Oman Al Raffah Hospital in Sohar, Oman Sanad Hospital in Riyad, KSA

















India operation

Hospitals - 12

Clinics - 8

States we are present in India:



Karnataka C - 4

Maharashtra

Telangana

Andhra Pradesh (A.P) C - 3

Aster Hosiptal

Aster MIMS in Kannur, Kerala

Aster Medcity in Kochi, Kerala

Aster MIMS in Calicut, Kerala

Aster MIMS in Kottakal, Kerala

Aster RV Hospital, Bangalore, Karnataka

Aster CMI in Bangalore, Karnataka

Aster Aadhar in Kolhapur, Maharashtra

Aster Prime at Ameerpet in Hyderabad, Telangana

DM WIMS in Wayanad, Kerala

Ramesh Hospital in Guntur, A.P

Ramesh Hospital at M G Road, in Viijaywada, A.P

Ramesh Hospital at Labbipet Vijayawada, A.P

C - Clinics

P - Pharmacies

India

Aster Medcity in Kochi, Kerala



Specialities

- Internal Medicine
- General Surgery
- Interventional Radiology
- Pulmonology
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- O Infectious Diseases & Infection
- Craniomaxillofacial Surgery
- Dental Sciences
- Dermatology
- O ENT
- Anaesthesia & Critical Care
- Emergency
- Clinical Imaging

Centre of Excellence

- Cardiac Sciences
- Neurosciences
- Orthopaedics & Rheumatology
- Nephrology & Urology
- Oncology
- Women's Health
- O Child & Adolescent Health
- O Gastroenterology & Integrated Liver Care
- Multi-Organ Transplant & Minimal Access Robotic Surgery

Psychiatry

- Nuclear Medicine
- O Podiatry
- Ophthalmology
- Aesthetics Plastic Surgery
- Endocrinology
- O Pain & Palliative Medicine

Centre of Excellence



- Neurosciences
- Integrated Liver Care (ILC)
- Gastroenterology
- Bariatric

Aster CMI in Bangalore, Karnataka



Specialities

- O Multi Organ Transplant
- Urology and Nephrology
- Orthopaedics
- Women's Health
- O Child and Adolescent Health
- Robotic Surgery
- Pulmonology
- Plastic, Reconstructive &

- Surgery
- Medical & Surgical Oncology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Vascular Surgery
- General Medicine
- O ENT
- O Critical Care & Anaesthesia
- Fertility Rheumatology Dermatology

- Endocrinology
- Ophthalmology
- O Infectious Disease And Travel
- Medicine
- Dental Sciences
- Craniomaxillofacial Surgery
- Psychiatry

UAE



Centre of Excellence

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

Specialities

Dermatology, Cardiology, Laparoscopic, Gynaecology, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatrics & Neonatology, Critical Care Medicine, Nephrology, General & Laparoscopic Surgery, Dental Science, Endocrinology, Orthopedics, Ophthalmology, ENT, Radiology, Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Urology, Integrated Liver Care, Pulmonology, Dietetics, Family Medicine, Neurology, Rheumatology, Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation, Oncology

Medcare Hospital (UAE)



Centre of Excellence

Gastroentrology, Bariatric Surgery

Specialities

Anesthesiology, Audiology, Bariatric Surgery, Cardiology, Dentistry, Dermatology, Diet & Nutrition, ENT, Emergency, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Hematology, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Oral & Maxillofacial, Pulmonology, Radiology, Rhinoplasty, Urology

Aster Clinic





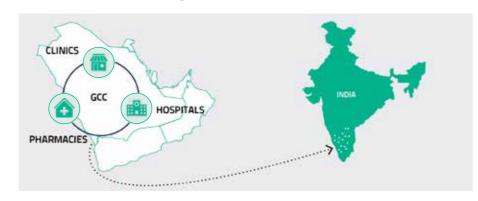


OUR BUSINESS MODEL

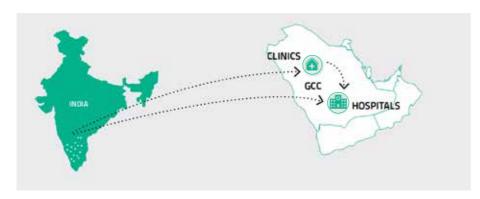
At Aster, over three decades, we have developed a healthcare ecosystem across GCC and India. In GCC, our primary care clinics are the initial touch-points in the patient's journey, while hospitals and pharmacies continue the care. For complex tertiary care, we transfer our patients to our hospitals located in India.

On the other hand, our Indian operations act as a source of talent to our GCC operations. In GCC, our clinic doctors get the opportunity to hone their surgical skills in some of our best hospitals.

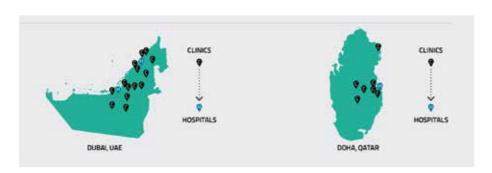
Patient Life Cycle Management



Resource Talent Management



Clinics (Including Attached Pharmacies) Close to Hospitals in a Hub and Spoke model



An Integrated Healthcare Provider

With an integrated business model we provide our patients with all the services starting from primary to secondary and tertiary or quaternary care.

Primary Care	-5.6 Mn Clinic OPD visits	-9.6 Mn Pharmacy visits	-3.1 Mn Hospital OPD visits
Secondary Care	2,18,000+ IP Discharges	9,600+ Urology Cases	14,800+ General Surgeries
	17,100+ Deliveries	1,200+ Joint Replacements	3,200+ Gastro-intestinal Surgeries
Tertiary and Quaternary Care	1700+ Cardiovascular Surgeries 2,400+ Neurosurgery	250+ Transplants* 1,100+ Spine Surgeries	500+ Bariatric Surgeries 2,900+ Plastic Surgeries

Note: *Transplants includes kidney, heart, liver, pancreas, etc. Above numbers are for the financial year FY18



Our evolution & growth

GCC



Building the Foundations

1007

We commenced our operations as a single doctor clinic in Dubai

1995

We launched our first medical centre

New geographies, segments, and service offerings

2003

We expanded into new geography, Qatar by setting up clinics

2005

We entered in new segment with Al Rafa Hospital in UAE

2006

We entered into premium segment Medcare hospital in UAE

Brand 'Aster' was formed, private equity investment, further expansion

2008-09

We entered Oman with Al Raffah Hospital in Muscat, and we also opened a new hospital in Sohar, Oman

2010

We consolidated the group's medical facilities under one brand, Aster

2011

We acquired a minority stake in Sanad hospital, KSA and acquired Medicom Pharmacy group in UAE

2012

We had set up Medcare Orthopedics and Spine hospital in Dubai, UAE. We also acquired Al Shafar Pharmacies in UAE

Robust growth across all segments and geographies along with rapid expansion in India

2015

We opened our first clinic in Philippines and Bahrain

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We increased our stake in Sanad Medical Care, KSA to 97%

2016

We had set up Medcare Women and Child hospital in UAE

2017

We had set up Medcare hospital in Sharjah, UAE and Aster Hospital in Doha, Qatar

Foundation 1987-2000)

Expansion (2001-2007)

Consolidation (2008-2012)

Growth (2013 onwards)

INDIA



2001

We commenced our Indian operations at MIMS hospital in Kozhikode, Kerela

2008

We undertook the first round of private equity investments in India

2008

We acquired majority stake in Prerna hospital, Kolhapur

2012

We conducted second round of private equity investment

2014

We acquired management rights in Aster CMI in Bangalore

2014

Aster Medcity was inaugurated in Kerala

2014

We acquired majority stake in Sainatha hospitals, Andhra Pradesh

2016

We acquired majority stake in Dr. Ramesh Hospital

2016

We acquired Operations and Maintenance rights in DM Wayanad Institute of Medical Sciences, Wayanad in Andhra Pradesh

2017

We entered into an Operations and Maintenance contract Rashtreeya Sikshana Samithi Trust

Vision, Promise and Values

Vision

We constantly strive our best to provide quality healthcare at affordable cost to our patients as part of a **Caring Mission with a Global Vision** while consistently trying to deliver our brand promise "**We'll Treat You Well.**"

Promise

"We'll Treat you Well"

A promise that sums up what we do and why we exist. One that we strive to honor everyday, every moment.

Values

Excellence

Surpassing current Benchmarks constantly by continually challenging our ability and skills to take the organization to greater heights.

Integrity

Doing the right thing without any compromises and embracing a higher standard of conduct.

Passion

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Going the extra mile willingly, with a complete sense of belongingness and purpose while adding value to our stakeholders.

Compassion

Going beyond boundaries with empathy and care.

Respect

Treating the people with utmost dignity, valuing their contributions and fostering a culture that each individual to rise to their fullest potential.

Unity

Harnessing the power of synergy and engaging people for exponential performance and results.

Economic Performance

13% growth in revenue

18% Growth in Hospital Segment

Aster DM Healthcare has posted a growth of 13% for the year. Further, we have delivered 189% growth in PAT during FY18 truly reflecting our priorities of driving profitable business growth through maintaining optimal standards of patient care. Hospitals, which is our biggest segment, has grown by 18%, while Clinics & Pharmacies continued to report robust growth.

Figure 1: Economic Performance







EMBEDDING SUSTAINABILITY INTO OUR OPERATIONS AND LONG TERM STRATEGY

Sustainability Governance

Sustainability Committee formed to look after Sustainability issues.

Our CSR Policy spells out our key sustainability focus areas Aster's business environment is global and complex, while we enjoy the opportunities of global markets that has opened for us in nine countries, we also have to be agile to meet the varying levels of stakeholder expectations while ensuring that our corporate values and culture is stemmed across our operations. We believe that corporate governance is fundamental for the sustainable development of our business and operation.

Dr Azad Moopen, founder, chairman and managing director of Aster DM Healthcare is a dedicated philanthropist. He came to UAE in 1987 on charity work and ended up creating a leading healthcare sector player in the GCC and Asia region. We have formed a sustainability committee with members from different functions including, Human Resources, Aster Volunteers, Information Technology, Procurement, Facilities Management, Internal audit, and Quality.



Our CSR policy spells out our key focus areas and our long-term vision towards sustainable development. We have adopted United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and used it as a global framework to develop our sustainability priorities. We have mapped our internal and external stakeholders and engage with them continuously. We also collect valuable feedback from our stakeholders to inform our short and long term strategy. Our sustainability KPIs have been developed in line with GRI standard recommendations.



Our Commitment to UNSDG

In September 2015, 193 Member States of the United Nation adopted 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), seeking to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030. The SDGs cover broad sustainability challenges such as economic inclusion, natural resources management, addressing geopolitical instability, preventing environmental degradation and climate change mitigation and adaptation. We at Aster believe that the SDGs provide a universal and visionary framework for this global cooperation and action, bringing all stakeholders together to proactively address and solve these challenges.

We are fully committed to the SDGs and strongly believe that if the SDGs are to be met, then corporates like us will have to play a major role and in the process will also have a lot to gain. We looked into our operational value chain and identified eight SDGs where we can make a significant impact. The diagram below identifies these SDGs and provides a brief description of how we plan to work towards achieving these.





We are equal oppurtunity employer with women workforce of 60%.







At Several of our hospitals
we treat waste water before
disposal or utilizing for
landscape irrigation.



Through efficient use of

have planned to reduce

across all GCC Hospitals.

energy in our hospitals we

33% of energy consumption

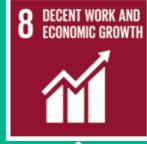
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We are proud of sevral

opeartional innovation







to 64 differently abled peoples.

REDUCED

employeement oppurtunity

We have provided

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The water that is consumed in GCC operation comes from desalination. We implemented water optimisation measures to reduce GHG emissions.

We have undertaken several waterconservation measures and saved 17% of water at Aster Oman





Corporate Goverance

Over the last three decades, Aster has inculcated trust amongst its stakeholders through accountability, responsibility, non-discrimination, and transparent disclosure practice and work culture. Our Code of Conduct and policies help guide our activities that enhances stakeholders trust in Aster.

Code of Conduct.

Aster has laid out the Code of Conduct (CoC) for all its employees, which acts as a standard professional guidebook. It outlines the Company's expectations with regards to appropriate workplace behaviour and makes them responsible and accountable for their actions with regards to the Company. The CoC is a reflection of Aster's vision, values and policies

Our employees are our biggest and the most valuable assets, and therefore, we seek to provide a work environment that will attract and retain highly talented people and help them achieve their full potential. Each of us is responsible for creating a climate of trust and respect, and for promoting a productive work environment. We encourage open communication by being receptive to the ideas and concerns of others, and we offer and receive feedback constructively.

We promote diversity within our workforce and have an inclusive environment that helps each of us to fully participate and contribute to better delivery of medical services every day and to Aster's success. We have zero tolerance policy towards unethical dealings with vendors and customers. We are committed to meeting or exceeding customer and regulatory requirements regarding the delivery of our services. Our customers include patients, consumers, health care professionals and government agencies.

Performance Management Policy.

Aster DM Healthcare is committed to a effective performance management system for employees to have a clear understanding of the work expected from them, to receive ongoing feedback regarding how they are performing relative to expectations, to distribute rewards accordingly, to identify development opportunities, to address performance that does not meet expectations and to obtain a view of their overall career management



Anti Discrimination Policy.

Aster DM Healthcare is trying to create a working environment which is free from discrimination and harassment and where all members/staff are treated with dignity, equality, courtesy and respect. We have implemented training and awareness raising strategies to ensure that all employees know their rights and responsibilities.

Anti Sexual Harrassment Policy.

Aster DM Healthcare is an equal employment opportunity company and is committed to creating a healthy working environment that enables all employees to work without fear of prejudice, gender bias and sexual harassment. The Company also believes that all employees of the Company have the right to be treated with dignity. Sexual harassment at the workplace or other than workplace if involving employees is a grave offence and is, therefore, punishable.

Whistle Blower Policy.

The Whistle Blower Policy was formulated and amended to meet the requirements of the revised Companies Act, 2013. The Policy has been formulated to provide a mechanism for employees of Aster DM and its subsidiaries to approach the Vigilance & Ethics Officer / Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Company with genuine concerns which affect the Company.

Employeement Benefit Policy.

Employement Benefit Policy is to enable employees to carry out their job in a better manner with the relevant benefits. This also encourages loyalty, engagement and promotes a sense of belonging towards the organization. This policy details the various employee benefits, eligibility and guidelines for all employees in GCC to avail these benefits in the course of their employment with the organization.

Our Stakeholders

We engage proactively and continuously with our stakeholders, using formal and informal approaches such as performance reviews, meetings, surveys, feedback system, media, events etc.

We have mapped our internal and external stakeholders, their feedback forms the basis of our business plan and strategies.

We have also sought their expectations in terms of sustainability disclosures and have used it to inform the content of our first sustainability report.



Regulators & Accreditation Body

Ministry of Human Resources & Emiratisation

Federal Authority of Nuclear Regulation

Joint Commission International

Civil Defense

Ministry of Health

Dubai Health Authority



Society

Environment Health and Safety Philantrophy



Outsourced Processes

Valet - Oscar Security - 911 Security Call center - Intelnet Laboratory - Proficiency IT - Datamate Solutions Maitenance - ABC center



Stakeholders

Management Team

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Partners & Suppliers

Medical and Surgical
Treatment
Diagnostic (MRI, CT, XRAY)
Emergency Services
Cosmetic and Medical
Aesthetic
Cath Lab & Sleep Lab



Owners & Investors

Banks Shareholders



Suppliers

JKR International Invotec Medical Equipment Medical Innovation Trading

Partners & Suppliers

Payor/Insurance Companies
Pharmaceutical Companies
Government Agencies
Government Hospitals



Defining What Matters

Materiality Assessment

A plethora of risks and opportunities are presented by the shift towards a sustainable transformation journey of any corporate. Sustainability in the healthcare sector has several complexes, multi-dimensional, and also interconnected issues. We have developed a robust understanding of what issues are material to our operations, the environment and communities. This has helped us in mitigating the risks and maximizing the opportunities for growth..

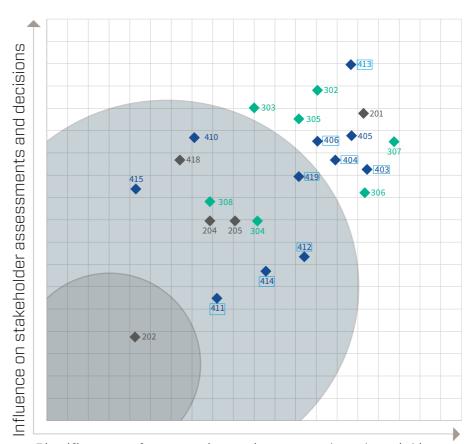
We have adopted GRI Standards materiality assessment framework to identify and report material topics in the context of the healthcare sector, our business model, environmental and social impacts and stakeholder expectations.



develop a long list of KPIs

- O Stakeholder feedback
- Peer review
- O Referred to the UNSDGs and standards like GRI, Dow Jones sustainability index
- O Applicable regulations and industry-specific frameworks like JCI

goals, strategies and priorities. Using this information a formal materiality matrix is developed which is then approved by the management.



Significance of economic, environmental, and social impacts

Economic

GRI 201 : Economic performance

Social GRI 413: Local communities

GRI 405: Diversity and equal opportunity

GRI 404: Training and education

GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety

GRI 406: Non-discrimination

Environmental

GRI 302: Energy

GRI 303: Water

GRI 306: Effluent and waste

GRI 305: Emissions

GRI 307: Environmental compliance

WE HAVE AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO OUR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Social Responsibility

Dr. Azad Moopen, founder chairman and managing director of Aster DM Healthcare, believes that profit is a by product and not a purpose in health care. Social responsibility is of utmost importance to the way we do business at Aster. Our social responsibility begins internally with providing equal employment and growth opportunity to all, irrespective of gender, ethnicity or nationality. We invest in training and skill enhancement of our employees to keep us ahead of the curve considering the fast pace of advancement and innovation in the healthcare industry.

For us maintaining a safe environment within our operation is a means to demonstrate compassion and vigilance for the patient and employee welfare. Our hospitals are accredited with JCI and NABH to ensure that the quality of our services is best in the industry.



Drawing inspiration from our Chairman, we set up Aster Volunteers in the year 2016 as our philanthropic arm. We have been working with communities to provide healthcare facilities to the underprivileged, supporting them in natural calamities and disasters, and ensuring education for the needy. Our community outreach program is quite robust, and we take pride in having touched over 1 million lives through Aster Volunteers.



Our Employees Our Strength

19,698 Employees at Aster from 72 Nationalities

Aster DM Healthcare's employees are known to make patients their priority and uphold high standards of care all through the year. They play the most important part in having a functional, healthy and happy community. Hence, making sure that they are taken care of is our responsibility.

We value and foster the contributions of our employees, and as a result, we grow and flourish together. Having a healthy workplace and happy employees is of paramount importance for enhanced productivity. Regular communication from the leadership forms a significant driving force for employee engagement. The employees are regularly updated about any new activities, ventures, accolades, changes to the management via newsletters, emails and town hall meetings.

We regularly take feedbacks from our employees to improve our operations. Employee satisfaction surveys are conducted annually, and the results are used to formulate strategies for the next year. In our effort to keep our employees abreast with the latest technological trends, we provide training programs and support them for continued medical education.



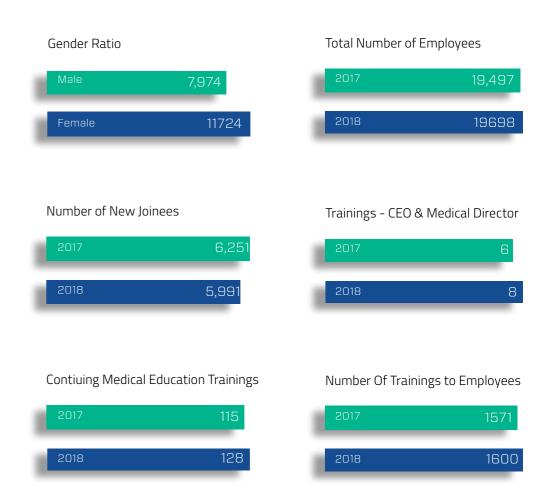
Aster strives to be an equal opportunity employer. We understand that every employee needs a proper working environment which motivates every stakeholder contributing to company growth. Company is gender sensitive and provides more opportunities to women employees. We also have targets defined to increase Emiratization and employee people of determination.

Aster DM healthcare workforce is quite diverse. The company employs across the continents covering 72 nationalities in its team. People from far-east countries to the Middle East and Central Asia, Africa, North America, and Latin American countries are employed in its various offices.



Below is the graph showing figures of total numbers of employees, Gender Ratio. Number of new joinees, Number of trainings to employees in financial year 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Figure 2: Employee data



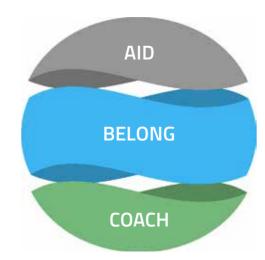
Aster Volunteers

Aster Volunteers was established in 2016 as the CSR arm of Aster DM Healthcare. While different group CSR entities have been working with specific mandates for the past 20 years, these diverse vertical initiatives have now been consolidated under the larger umbrella of Aster Volunteers. This short but deeply fulfilling journey of 2 years has helped impact the lives of 927,568 people, with just 8318 volunteers. And we're just getting started.

Operating under a two-fold approach, Aster Volunteers encourages members from its internal group entities to personally take up and see through as many initiatives as possible to give back to society. On the other hand, we are working to build a combinedvolunteer force consisting of Aster employees and members of the public, who are willing to utilise their time and energy to make a meanigful impact in society.

The Aster Volunteers' Framework

There are various avenues through which we can create a positive impact in the communities we function within. The Aid-Belong-Coach framework identifies and definesthese channels



Includes all our initiatives that are aimed at sharing and reducing the financial burden of healthcare.

Includes initiatives that drive us to participate in the lives of the community and take measures to improve life's health and happiness.

Includes initiatives that help increase opportunities for employment and income generation.



THE ABC OF ASTER VOLUNTEERS

The activities mentioned in the framework are indicative and not exhaustive.

Aster Volunteers Treatment Subsidies

Aster Volunteers provides financial and healthcare support worth millions of dollars every year to patients, who cannot afford the cost for advanced treatment, including complex surgeries. The organisation has always believed that quality healthcare shouldn't be an exclusive domain of the privileged and no needy individual should find healthcare inaccessible.

An efficient and effective mechanism is in place for assessing and extending subsidies/ support to eligible patients for treatment at Aster DM Healthcare facilities in India. Patients, who are found to be in need of support, are often provided treatment free of cost.

Aster Volunteers Medical Camps

Since the parent organisation has a legacy of providing quality health-care for decades, Aster Volunteers has worked extensively on development projects with qualified medical doctors and other health-related professionals. These skilled professionals in medical and health services are often deployed to conduct medical camps where free consultations and treatment are dispensed to the local population in the identified communities.

As on 31st May 2019, some 3,500 Aster Volunteers in over 15 diverse specialities have impacted more than 200,000 lives across the Indian subcontinent and West Asia. Medical camps is the cornerstone of Aster Volunteers and is conducted periodically across 21 hospitals and 7 countries.

Aster Volunteers Dialysis Programme

Aster Volunteers established a first of its kind "StandaloneCommunity Dialysis Centre" in the state of Kerala, India. It's focus is on improving the quality of life of kidney patients, who cannot afford the recurring treatment or surgical expenses and need regular hemo-dialysis for survival. Similar facilities were established across the state by like-minded people with the support of Aster Volunteers. These centres receive technical support of Aster MIMS, Multi Specialty Tertiary care Hospital, Calicut, India.

This initiative has become an inspirational model for others to establish many number of dialysis centres across the state.

Aster Volunteers Village Adoption

Villages are where the true heart of India lies. Transforming them is a unique challenge, and Aster Volnuteers believes that it needs an innovative model which will enable families, communities, and villages to thrive and prosper. Keeping this mandate in mind, Aster Volunteers has established the Moopen's Institute for Local Empowerment (MILES) as a role model Village Adoption Project in Kalapakanchery, North Kerala, India. MILES conducts regular activities for education and socio-empowerment which is a great impetus for the village folks to aim for a higher standard of life. Similarly the Healthcare Village Adoptions Model, implemented successfully in the Malabar Region at Karadu has received appreciation from the Health Ministry of Government of Kerala, India.

Aster Volunteers Famine Support in Somalia

150,000 Food Packets Distributed

Partnered with Government of Dubai's Awqaf and Minors Affairs Foudation (AMAF) Famine has turned Somaliland into one of the worst humanitarian crises in modern history. As a part of our 'Year of Giving' initiatives, 150,000 Salma food packets were distributed among the famine-affected people in Somaliland on 26th August 2017. Asterians played their part in the humanitarian effort by contributing money with the help of Al Hayat Islamic foundation.



Aster Volunteers joined hands with Al Hayat Foundation humanitarian workers in Somalia, to support the ongoing relief efforts and aid in the safe distribution of over 150,000 meal packets to the famine affected and displaced Somalis at Buraco in Somaliland, in the presence of their regional Vice Governor Mohammed Hayd.

The initiative is part of the 'Aster Volunteer' global programme for Africa for the disaster support as part of "Aster@30" initiatives commemorating Aster DM Healthcare's 30th anniversary year. Aster partnered with Government of Dubai's Awqaf and Minors Affairs Foundation (AMAF) earlier this year as part of Aster's ongoing Give Back Initiative (GBI), to provide humanitarian aid and support the relief efforts in famine-affected areas of Somalia, channelled through its 'Aster Volunteers' programme.

The foods packed through Salma Humanitarian Relief Programme is an initiative pioneered by the Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre and managed by AMAF, ensured safe delivery and efficient distribution of the food packets. The distribution was supported by six Aster volunteers, who travelled to Somalia. The ground handling was organised by Al Hayat Islamic Foundation - an NGO in Somalia that Aster has partnered through AMAF and its associated Dubai Charity Association (DCA).

Aster Homes by Aster Volunteers

Aster Homes, a project initiated by Aster Volunteers to partner in rebuilding Kerala, was formally announced on Oct 1, 2018. The Aster Homes initiative is a part of our Aster Volunteers Global Program in our effort to rebuild and repair houses damaged in the flood affected area. Under this program we are building new houses and retrofitting partly destroyed ones. 125 Million INR has been earmarked for this initiative through Dr. Moopen's family foundation and Aster Employees contribution.







Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services

The mobile clinic was launched in strategic partnership with Dubai Government entities like Dubai Health Authority (DHA), Dubai Corporation for Ambulance Services (DCAS) and Road and Transport Authority (RTA).

The main idea of the mobile medical service was to provide healthcare to the people not covered under the insurance policy and having inadequate resources to avail quality healthcare service. An additional purpose was to create awareness and reduce lifestyle diseases and educate people on BLS (Basic Life Support) Awareness, Quit Tobacco and Road Accident Preventions through various campaigns. The well-equipped mobile clinic with the services of 2 General Practitioners, 2 staff nurses and a driver travels across the country providing free primary care among various communities. Since the inception, the mobile clinic had a 360-degree approach covering people from all walks of life with a special focus on the blue collared workers.

The mobile clinic also arranges Mega Medical Camps with the support of internal and external Volunteers. In the mega medical camps, we provide services of specialized doctors for advanced diagnoses and treatment.

The people are provided with services like blood pressure, blood sugar, BMI and at time cholesterol or ECG checks. The mobile clinic team also provides health talks on various topics in different languages educating people on various health matters.

Figure 3: Benificiaries of Mobile Medical Services

Total Number of Patients Covered







Quality and Safe Operations



Along with commitments from the top leadership and vigorous process assessments and improvements, evolving a safety culture is at the center of Asters efforts to endorse dependability across all its verticals. We are persistently focused on quality and safety.

Aster endeavors to achieve continuous excellence and live up to its promise of treating everyone well. We encourage all our employees to report any incidents of any event, or situation that has the potential to cause harm or injury. Reporting "near misses" provides us with the opportunity to improve practices, formulating effective and enduring solutions and prevent impending errors.

Keeping patient safety in consideration, Aster focuses on preventing complications, hospital-acquired infections, and falls. Asters focus on reducing complications including surgical site infections has yielded strong and sustained results. A 33% reduction in surgical site infections was achieved in the last one year.

Aster enforces all national safety requirements designed for health care establishments to provide fire safety and to reduce any unhealthy exposures to its patients and employees, including those related with toxic cleaning chemicals and latent allergens such as latex.

Aster also has a formal Quality and Safety department charged with the implementation and monitoring of Environmental Health and Safety management activities across Asters facilities. In addition, each hospital maintains written management plans that address the "Environment Health and Safety" based on management structure and individual needs. The leadership regularly reviews and assess the need for changes to safety policies, equipment, procedures, training and other activities.

Aster is committed to address quality in all areas of the organization. All quality improvement and patient safety efforts are aligned with the hospital's vision, mission and core values. The Quality Department conducts itself on a platform held by the most important 3 pillars;

- Customer Feedback
- Incident Analysis
- Internal Audits

Figure 4: Safety Performance

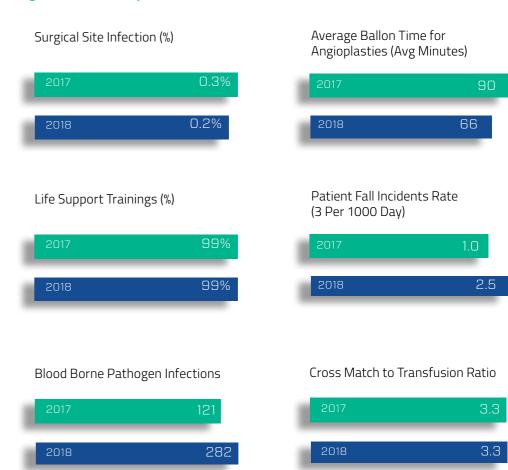
The number of infection has increased

from 2017 to 2018 as the result of growth in our hospital segment

wherein new hospitals has become

operational and the number of patients treated have also increased

exponentially.





Innovation



First of its Kind Gastrointenstinal Surgery

Aster Al Qusais, administered the Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery (SILS) Anterior Resection. SILS is a minimal invasive technique in which the surgeon operates almost exclusively through a single entry point. The surgery involves advanced keyhole surgery with a single cut, leaving minimal scarring. Allowing the patient to leave the second day after the operation, the surgery is life-changing for those suffering from acute gastrointestinal and colorectal diseases and require major medical intervention. The technique enables quicker recovery, less cosmetic damage and more efficient treatment with excellent patient satisfaction. In this particular case, following this advanced laparoscopic technique, the patient was then put on an enhanced recovery program and discharged on the second postoperative day.

First Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery

Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery, MSICS was an innovation by Bluementhal et al in 1992. Manual small incision cataract surgery (MSICS; also SICS or SECCE) is a low-cost, small-incision form of extracapsular cataract extraction (ECCE)The first such surgery was performed at Aster Mankhool on 2nd July 2018, after explaining in detail the procedure to the patient, whose cataract was a grade 5 Brunescence cataract. The postoperative result was excellent with full recovery of vision. The patient feedback was very appreciative of the hospital.

Early Disease Detection and Cancer Screening Centers

Aster has established a number of Early Diseases Detection and Cancer Screening Centers (EDDCs) in association with Aster DM Foundation. These centers receive technical and medical support from Aster Healthcare facilities in Kerala. The initiative utilizes Early Diseases Detection and Cancer Screening Application to monitor and screen the population. The centers work to create awareness among people about cancer and the need for early detection by providing comprehensive checkup. All the services are provided free for the economically marginalized section of the society or at a highly subsidized rate.

Aster sets up first-of-its kind Diabetes and Hypertension home monitoring system

Aster and one of the Middle East's telecommunications service providers, have set up a home monitoring system for their diabetic and hypertension patients to easily keep track of their own glucose and blood pressure levels called Aster – My Health. Aster access to this novel technology will enable patients to monitor and track their daily glucose and blood pressure levels, and for doctors to receive this information instantaneously and remotely. This enables both doctors and patients to remotely monitor and track vital readings and ease the burden on managing the information.





Innovation



Tele-Medicine and Tele-Radiology

Aster introduced Teleradiology services in their hosiptals to reduce the report turnaround time. Teleradiology is the transmission of radiological patient images, such as x-rays, CTs, and MRls, from one location to another for the purposes of sharing studies with other radiologists and physicians. This helped Aster to reduce radiology report turnaround time, faster diagnostics, Saved time and cost of physically transporting images and reports (on CD) between reporting center and remote clinics. The report turnaround time achieved from on average 2 days to 4.25 hours and this empowered clinicians to make more informed decisions through real-time image access and study comparison from multiple patient encounters on a single screen view. Tele medicine is also in practice across several geographies.

Aster Online

Aster becomes the first pharmacy in the UAE to go online by introducing Aster Online, one of the many firsts in the healthcare and wellness space that Aster is known for over the years. Aster Online was created because of our constant endeavour to improve ourselves and the services we bring to the customers.

Aster Online is a robust e-commerce healthcare platform that brings to its customer's fingertips more than 10,000 products being offered through 11 main categories. The products range from curative and nutritive products, baby products, lifestyle, wellness and rehabilitation products, FMCG products, cosmetics, personal and home care products.

The platform lets the customers compare products by way of price, brands and offers, therefore helping the customers make informed decisions before purchasing them and getting them delivered to the doorstep.

Centralized Electronic Medical Record systems

Aster established centralized Electronic Medical Record Systems for providing accurate, up-to-date, and complete information about patients. Centralized EMR systems helped Aster to improve the quality of care provided to their patients and reduced the usage of paper.

Laboratory Information System Integration Technology

Aster established lab & laboratory information system integration to provide the lab result in real time, to save time, focus on critical reports and to eliminate human error.

Patient Portal

Aster launched patient portal which is a secure online website that gives patients convenient, 24-hour access to personal health information from anywhere with internet connection. Using a secure username and password, patients can view health information . The patient portal has been used to send test results to patients quickly and securely and also Improves patient engagement. It also reduced number of phone calls for test result queries.

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Environmental Stewardship

We are committed to reducing energy, water, waste and carbon intensity of the services we provide. At Aster, we believe that we are only successful when we provide the best possible medical care to our people while conserving the natural resources with which we've been entrusted. The environmental challenges that the world is facing can only be overcome when governments, corporates and individuals all take up the responsibility, to live, operate and develop an environmentally responsible manner.

The need to promote improved business and environment interactions is ever pressing, which also applies to the healthcare sector and our operation. We have identified the significant environmental impacts of our operation and have identified key areas of our focus which includes the following:



Energy Optimisation



Supply chain sustainability



Water rationalization



Promoting circular economy



Climate action

We are committed to reducing energy, water, waste and carbon intensity of the services we provide in order to reduce our environmental footprint. We strive to integrate sustainability into our daily operations as well as in our long term plans and strategies.

We have taken several measures to optimize energy consumption, increase water consumption efficiency, reduce GHG emissions, cut down on waste generation and procuring equipment and services with reduced environmental impact. These efforts are in coordination with all the verticals of Aster DM Healthcare and across all geographies where we operate.



Hospital are our energy hotspots.

Energy audits have been undertaken for all of them

Significant reductions have been achieved



The UAE Energy Strategy 2050, the Agenda for Sustainable Development 2030, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement have emphasized the need for all industry sectors to measure performance, set reduction goals and track progress towards the energy as well as GHG emission targets. The UAE Energy Strategy 2050 seeks to increase consumption efficiency of corporates by 40 %.

Our assets largely consist of the built environment and the medical infrastructure. Our major energy consumption happens in the form of electricity consumption for running our offices, pharmacies, clinics, and hospitals. We also consume a small fraction of diesel and gasoline to run the company-owned vehicles as well as diesel generators for back up power.

We keep track of both electricity and fuel consumption across our operations. The hospitals we operate are our major energy hot spots, due to their size and nature of the operation as compared to our clinics, pharmacies and offices.



We operate eight hospitals in the GCC region and have undertaken energy audits for all of them. The energy efficiency measures have been identified and classified into short and long term implementation categories. We have already implemented several of these measures at six hospitals and are witnessing substantial energy as well cost optimisation at all of these hospitals.

Further, in order to reduce fuel consumption from transportation, Aster provides shuttle and vanpool services to its employees. We actively motivate our employees to opt for these alternative modes of transportation and avoid use of single occupant vehicles to reduce fuel consumption.

Our continuous efforts towards having energy efficient hospitals have shown remarkable results. Various measures have been taken to reduce energy consumption, and the resultant reductions are depicted in figure 1.

Figure 5: Energy Consumption(MWH)- Aster Hosiptals in GCC



Water Conservation

Our water optimisation efforts are aligned with UNSDG 06 Clean Water & Sanitation

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Availability of clean and safe water the heart of sustainable development. It is critical for socio-economic development, food production, healthy ecosystems and for human survival itself. Water is also at the core of adaptation to climate change, serving as the crucial link between the society and the environment, special in the Middle East region it has greater significance as it's a scarce resource and is being produced through desalination which is GHG intensive.

Water has also become a rights issue, with increasing global, there is an increasing need to balance all of the competing commercial demands on water resources so that communities have enough for their needs. Keeping the above issues in mind we initiated our water optimization program, wherein we looked at our major water consuming assets. Our large hospitals are the assets that consume significant water across our value chain.



We started with monitoring the quantity of water we are consuming at our hospitals: this was followed by conducting water audits to identify the areas where we can improve consumption efficiency. Several of these water-efficient interventions have already been implemented, whereas some are in the pipeline.

The Figure below demonstrates the reduction of water consumption at several of our Hospitals as a result of the optimization measures we undertook.

Figure 6: Water Consumption (KL)- Aster Hosiptals in GCC





Waste Management

Our waste management efforts are aligned with UNSDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production Waste is a growing environmental concern; we produce an astonishing 3.6 million tons of solid waste each day. With rapid population growth and urbanization, annual waste generation is expected to increase by 70% from 2016 levels by 2050. Managing waste properly is essential for building sustainable and livable cities.

As a responsible healthcare services provider, we understand the significance of medical as well as general waste management. All our pharmacies, clinics and hospitals operate under a defined waste management framework. We have developed a comprehensive risk register that has identified the risks associated with waste generation, storage, and disposal. Segregation and disposal of waste are carried across our value chain in accordance with industry best practices and local regulations.

We also believe in the principle of the circular economy. We segregate and recycle the recyclable waste from our waste stream with paper and carton being the two significant categories of waste that are recycled.





Figure provided below are the Data on Medical waste generated in Aster Hospital in GCC Region along with the amount of cardboard & paper recycled and percentage of Compliance with waste Management Audit.

Figure 7: Waste Data - Aster Hosiptals

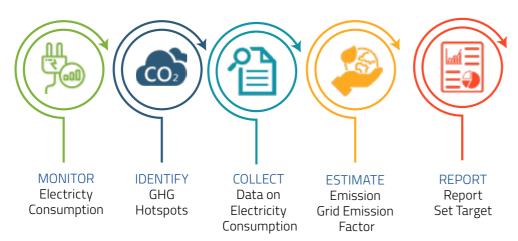


Carbon Footprint Management

Our GHG Emission Reduction efforts are aligned with UNSDG 13 Climate Action The Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Agreement have reinstated that development cannot continue without tackling its effect on climate change and boosting environmental sustainability. Low carbon and climate-resilient transformation path need to be chosen. We understand that this will require significant investment, innovation and, more importantly, a shift in the way corporates like us make decisions.

We believe that the need for innovative solutions in the areas of climate change mitigation and adaptation is an opportunity for us to expand and optimize our services. The major Green House Gas emission source within our operation is the emission from electricity consumption followed by emissions from fuel consumption in company-owned vehicles.



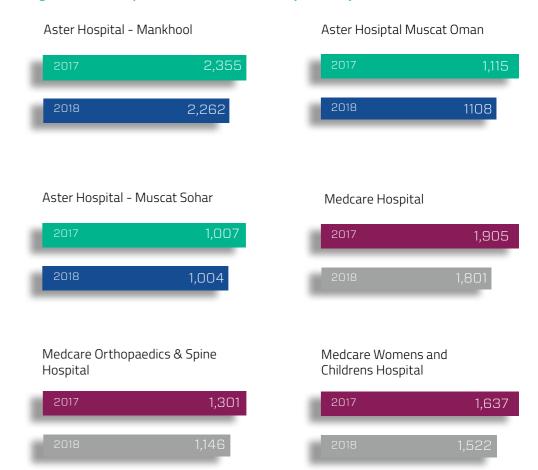


Over the years through energy, water and transport optimization, we have been able to reduce our carbon intensity. The major contributors to our GHG reduction program are provided below:

- 1. Energy efficiency interventions
- 2. Water efficiency interventions
- 3. Provision of car-pool and a van-pool option for employees
- 4. Procuring energy efficient biomedical equipment.

The carbon footprint for our operations has been estimated using the Green House Gas Protocol's Corporate standard. The scope one emission from company-owned vehicles for the year 2018 is 1,104 tCO2e. The Carbon footprint estimation from transportation was initiated last year; therefore previous year performance data is not available. The Scope two emissions from our operations have been provided below.

Figure 8: Scope 2 GHG Emissios (tCO2e)



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