



## COMSTECH

COMSTECH the Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) was established by the Third Islamic Summit of OIC held at Makkah, Saudi Arabia in January 1981.

The President of Pakistan is Chairman of COMSTECH. The core mandate of COMSTECH is to strengthen cooperation among OIC Member States in science and technology (S&T), and enhance their capabilities through training in emerging areas, undertake follow-up-actions and implementation of the resolutions of the OIC, and to draw up programs and submit proposals designed to increase the capability of the Muslim countries in S&T.

COMSTECH objectives include, assessment of human and material resources, identification of S&T needs, capacity building, enhancing cooperation and coordination, and creation of an effective institutional structure in OIC states.

[HTTPS://WWW.COMSTECHE.ORG/](https://www.comstech.org/)



## Al-Shifa Trust

Al-Shifa Trust was established in 1985. President of Pakistan is the patron in chief of the trust. It is a non-governmental, non-political, charitable organization. The aims and objectives of the trust are prevention and control of blindness by providing standard and sustainable eye care services that are accessible and affordable, human resource development through training of doctors, nurses and paramedics, creating awareness about eye diseases in the general public through camping activity and establishing facilities for research in ophthalmology.

Al-Shifa Trust comprises of four tertiary care eye hospitals and a research center to conduct high-impact eye research.

Al Shifa has a teaching and training arm by the name of Pakistan Institute of Ophthalmology which runs post graduate courses for Ophthalmologists, Master in Public Health, Bachelors degree in Optometry and Orthoptics and various other paramedical courses.

[HTTPS://WWW.ALSHIFAEYE.ORG/](https://www.alshifaeve.org/)



## COMSTECH - Al-Shifa Trust Capacity Building and Research Collaboration in Ophthalmology

*A Partnership to End Preventable Blindness  
in the OIC Member States*



## Research Collaboration in Ophthalmology

COMSTECH in partnership with Al-Shifa Trust wish to invite research collaborations in the following domains from OIC member states:

1. Ocular Epidemiological Studies
2. Ocular Imaging
3. Ocular Genetics
4. Data Analytics
5. Cytokines and Biomarkers for ocular pathologies
6. Clinical Trials
7. Clinical Studies
8. Ocular Therapeutics



## Observerships and Clinical Fellowships

COMSTECH in partnership with Al-Shifa Trust is pleased to offer observerships of 4-12 weeks duration and 1-year fellowships to candidates from OIC member states in the following sub-specialities:

1. Cornea and Refractive Surgery
2. Vitreoretinal Diseases
3. Glaucoma
4. Orbit and Oculoplastics
5. Pediatric Ophthalmology

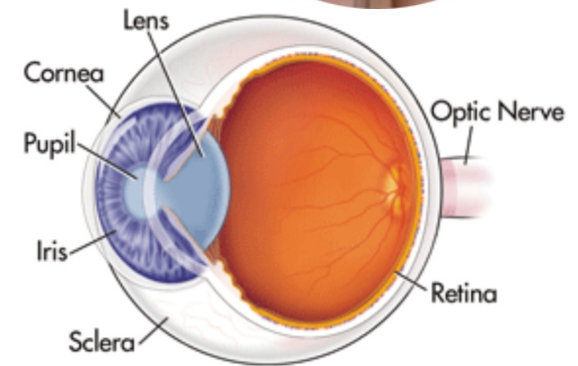


## Eye Surgery Camps for Cataract in OIC Member States

COMSTECH in collaboration with Al-Shifa Trust is delighted to extend its help to fight preventable blindness in OIC member states by sending delegations of highly qualified and experienced surgeons to undertake a surgical camp for Cataract, train young surgeons of the host countries, as well as perform advanced surgical procedures for disease of:

1. Cornea
2. Glaucoma
3. Orbits and Oculoplastics
4. Vitreo-retina
5. Pediatric Eye Disorders
6. Ocular Oncology

First two camps are planned in Kampala, Uganda and Niamey, Niger.



### CONTACT

**Programme Manager, COMSTECH**  
Email: [ikramabbasi@comstech.org](mailto:ikramabbasi@comstech.org)

**Dean, Pakistan Institute of Ophthalmology**  
Email: [drwajidalikhan@yahoo.com](mailto:drwajidalikhan@yahoo.com)