First dentist to visit Somalia refugee camps in Dadaab (Kenya)

I went from Bahrain to Kenya on October 2011. The area called DADAAB, it is a semi-arid town in the North Eastern Province in Kenya which contain the largest refugees camp in the world, more than 700000 refugees, 90% were from Somalia.

I was the first dentist from Bahrain, from Middle East even, who arrived there. So it was very hard to take a decision to go or not. Honestly it wasn’t a secure trip, because at that time a lot of terrorist threat happened in Kenya, and they were hardly looking for doctors, as very few organization that provide medical care exist there. ANYHOW, I take the challenge and risk and decide to go help and report that Dark area of the world.

I called it later The DARK CITY, because they live in 2012 without any source of electricity, they die there for a small battery; they live after 6 pm in the darkness. Sadly their situation unhealthy at all, their way of living don’t fit any human, not even animals!

I went there without any guarantee, took dozens of vaccines and went by myself to Nairobi (Kenya capital) and from there the representative of AID organization (Alliance of International Doctors) was waiting for me at the airport with other group of doctors from turkey. We rest overnight in Nairobi and moved all together to the refugees camp (DADAAB) early morning. The road was hard, humpy, and insecure so we drive morning time, and rest in evening. The road took two days to reach DADAAB.

We worked together in the medical camp, doctors from different specialty it was a simple medical tents with the basic medications. I suppose to do a dental care there, but then realize that nation they don’t have enough food and water to think after that about their Dental health, I bet if I will do a research there, will not find more than 10 toothbrushes for the more than 700000 refugees!!!!