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## IMHO AGM and 14th Annual Convention -2017

Kudos to our supporters and well-wishers in Georgia and volunteers from IMHO Florida for a Successful 2017 Convention! Over 200 Volunteers, well-wishers, and donors attended the 2017 14th Annual IMHO Convention on Saturday, June 17 at the Lanier High School, Sugar Hill, Georgia. The Keynote Speaker was Dr.V.Sarveswaran with Assist Resettlement & Renaissance (ARR), a registered NGO in Sri Lanka who spoke about the need to support the resettled families with shelters and livelihood in Sampoor in the Trincomalee District. The program also included a presentation by Dr.S.Raguraj, President, IMHO International Board, on the projects completed thus far and the current needs with an emphasis on uplifting the marginalized communities including the underprivileged in the Upcountry area , Saree Auction, Bharatha Natyam and fusion dances culminating with the dinner, music and entertainment. The Junior Leadership Program (JLP) held in the morning was attended by nearly 40 students and industry professionals. They participated in many round table discussions addressing educational career and advancement, professional and social networking needs. A concluding panel discussion also included contributing to IMHO projects.

The event raised over \$110,000 including a contribution by a matching donor. The funds raised will help support several projects including but not limited to Sampoor housing and livelihood, Upcountry community humanitarian needs, Palliative Care, Autism Centers, Disabled Toilets, provision of livelihood opportunities and other urgent needs.

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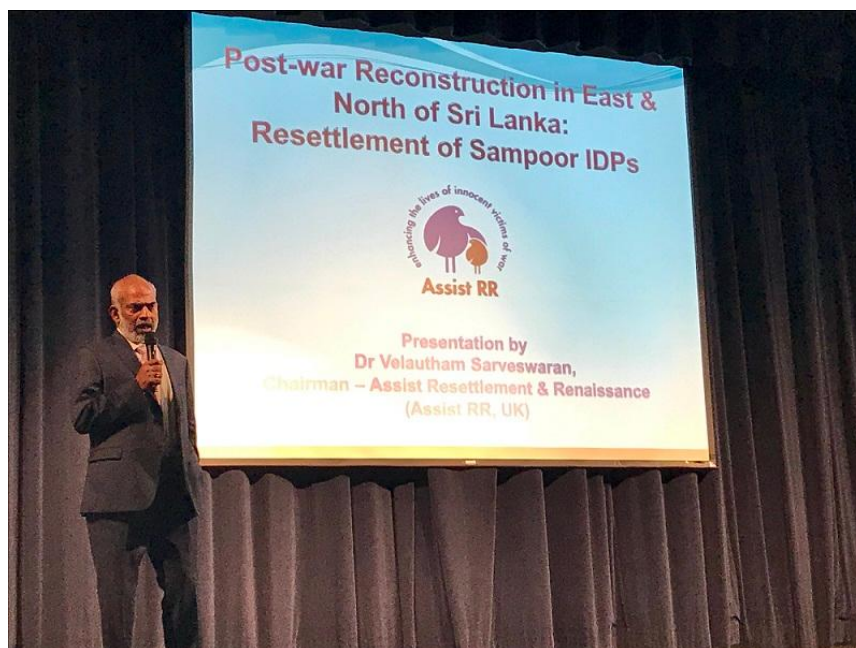
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On behalf of IMHO, we sincerely thank all the attendees, donors, volunteers, well-wishers, cultural dancers, local artists, and the musicians who made the program successful.

[Please click here to download the 2017 14th Annual Convention Souvenir in PDF format.](#)

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## Sri Lanka Flood Disaster Relief

Intense rainfall in May sparked widespread flooding and landslides devastating the south-western parts of Sri Lanka. IMHO partnered with Assist Resettlement & Renaissance (ARR), a local NGO whose staff delivered relief supplies to the affected communities especially in Ratnapura and Kalutara. Based on the needs assessment, school supplies to children were also hand delivered. Items were bought and distributed to about 1,200 affected children from five Ratnapura schools. Initially the volunteers distributed emergency relief items such as water, bread, milk powder etc. in Kalutara. IMHO contributed \$5000 for this relief effort.

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## Addressing Health & Wellbeing at Local Level

The core strength of IMHO is in filling critical gaps to provide holistic set of services and support to enhance patient care. IMHO's recent efforts include support for resettled families, sanitation improvements, kids with special needs, nutrition, education, and hospital development among other concerns as detailed below:





**Promoting literacy and reading habits by forming Children reading groups in the Upcountry region, Maskeliya (Funded by IMHO)**



**Small saving groups of woman and men formed to encourage saving and lending to encourage self-reliance, funded by IMHO with the help of E4D**

Upcountry Video (in Tamil) link:

[https://youtu.be/\\_l6G9\\_Jcm0Y](https://youtu.be/_l6G9_Jcm0Y)

Sampoor Website Video (in Tamil) link:

<https://youtu.be/Sd9q5jtnUns>



## Sri Lanka Project Updates

The Program Expenses for the named regions for period Jan-March 2017 are as follows:

### Northern District-Jaffna, Kilinochchi:

Autism Center	\$3,333
Diabetic Center	\$1,600
Hospital Development	\$3,333*
Spinal Injuries & Paralyzed	\$1,106
Point Pedro Emergency Ward	\$21,577
Neurology, Jaipur Center, Palliative Care	\$1,927
Interns & Speech Therapist Salary	\$4,100
Livelihood Project	\$5,400

\*Moolai Hospital Multi Para Monitor Donation. Procurement coordination by Dr.S.T.Ramachandran,Oncologist, AZ, during his volunteer service at the hospital is appreciated.

### Eastern District:

Sampoor	\$25,000
Ampara Special Needs Network	\$7,500
Batticaloa Autism Center	\$3,333#
Building Renovation-Access Valaichenai	\$1,000
Pre-Intern and Staff Salaries	\$1,333

#The Autism Center "Theeraniyam" was recently opened, thanks to the Brothers of Charity providing the space and building which was renovated. The Center, first of its kind to the district will bring enhanced awareness and assistance to the local community.

### Upcountry (Maskeliya, Hatton):

Care Hands Project (Destitute Children)	\$2,940
Sanitation (Toilets)	\$6,667
Water Supply Project (Local Schools)	\$1,735

**Total Program Expenses through March, 2017:  
\$115,295**

Additional fund raising will help complete the ongoing and new projects. Moving forward, IMHO board has approved \$50,000 for building 60 additional shelters in Sampoor and also initially giving 5 (out of 10) boats and nets to help the fishing families for livelihood. Additional educational projects including Reading Groups for children, Saving Groups for the estate communities are also being planned for the Upcountry area in Maskeliya with the help of Empowering For Development (E4D) in addition to the contribution for toilets working with World Vision in Hatton.

**IMHO Fall Fund Raising Meeting, October 28, 2017**

Please save the date. IMHO will hold it's fall convention on Saturday October 28th, 2017 ( Last Saturday of the month) from 5 to 10 pm.

**Venue:**

Hilton Garden Inn,  
5015, Campbell Boulevard  
White Marsh / Baltimore  
MD 21236.

Please show your full support by your participation. Admission is free, speakers from Sri Lanka will give an update followed by dinner and Super Singer's musical program.

**Amazon Smile and IMHO**

Amazon has a program known as "Amazon Smile" that would support a designated 501 (c) (3) public charitable organization at no cost to the customer. According to the site, The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the value of eligible products purchased to a chosen charity. IMHO can be designated as the recipient of this program.

**The procedure is very simple to enroll:**

After shopping at Amazon/Amazon Smile site, and before checking out, it asks you whether you want to enroll in their Smile program. On the right side of the checkout page, if you search for International Medical Organization, it will automatically pick IMHO.

It only takes a minute to enroll. You have to do it only once. It will automatically designate IMHO for the Amazon Smile Program with subsequent purchases.

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You can also **donate via mail** by sending a check made out to "IMHO" to the following address:

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