



# International Medical Health Organization (IMHO)

## IMHO Year End Progress Update -2017

Dear Donors and Well-wishers:

The IMHO Board of Directors who are volunteers with a passion to serve the needy would like to take a moment to reflect on how far we have come together over the past year, and express our sincere gratitude for your thoughtful support of our mission and efforts. IMHO has supported relief efforts since 2004.

IMHO responds in times of crises and also works to strengthen health systems in underserved communities. Our efforts since our inception have resulted in over US \$5.0 million in financial and material support to various projects. The vast majority of these funds have benefitted underserved communities in remote villages like Sampoor and Paatalipuram deeply affected by chronic poverty and access to water and sanitation. The ongoing projects support educational, livelihood, water, sanitation, and healthcare needs across Sri Lanka with a greater focus on the remote areas of the North and East and the Upcountry region. The Reading Group Initiative in the Upcountry area funded by IMHO has tremendously improved the literacy level of children from 47% to 66% within six months while those with severe literacy deficiencies dropped from 35% to 17% according to our local partner, Empower for Development (E4D). Nearly \$ 435,000 has been spent on program expenses from January through end of October, 2017.

IMHO has also been at the forefront of raising awareness and improving care in the fields of mental health and chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease. Based on our extremely successful Jaffna Teaching Hospital Diabetic Center, a similar Center was opened in Batticaloa which is currently functioning well. IMHO is also supporting the establishment of another Center in Kalmunai for diabetic care and prevention. We are continuing to implement a number of projects including but not limited to the following:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost/Year (US\$)</b>
1) Special Needs Children Education	13,500
2) Diabetic Center, Kalmunai	15,000
3) Up Country Projects: Educational Initiatives for Children and Livelihood	12,000
4) Point Pedro Base Hospital Psychiatric Ward Building	30,000

The number of requests coming from trusted local care givers and nonprofit partner organizations in Sri Lanka has grown steadily in recent months. We need your support and sponsorship going forward in order to match the growing requests for these services.

IMHO has always been willing to lend a helping hand wherever there is a need. IMHO has also supported efforts in several other countries which includes an ongoing project in Ethiopia to help deaf children. We also responded to Mexico Earth Quake (\$2,500), Hurricane Harvey (\$12,000), and Hurricane Irma (\$2,500). Due to our vast network of reliable local partners, we can be assured that aid and assistance is being provided both efficiently and effectively. We also believe in providing a holistic set of services and support to help pull marginalized and struggling communities out of poverty to ensure that all people have the ability to lead a healthy and fulfilled life.

Our work is only possible through your support and generous contributions. As we begin a new year, please consider making a tax-deductible donation or gifts of appreciated property per consultation with your tax advisor. Your contribution to IMHO today will help create a new beginning for others in need with the recognition that the current admin cost is less than three percent which is covered by donations from the board members. 100% of your contributions therefore will be used to support the needy projects. It is also noteworthy that the IMHO Board of Directors are not compensated nor reimbursed for expenses in any way.

We take this opportunity to thank you again and wish you all a happy holiday season and New Year.

Best regards,  
Team IMHO





## IMHO Project to Supply Drinking Water to School Children in Six Schools - Paatalipuram, Trincomalee District

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with just  
\$1/day!**

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TODAY!**

With **just \$1/day** (or \$30/month) you can help save and improve the lives of persons in need in Sri Lanka and elsewhere around the globe. Please consider making a donation to IMHO today. You can **donate online via PayPal as a one-time or recurring donation** (the amount & frequency of which are up to you).

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

IMHO Treasurer  
P.O. Box 341466  
Columbus, OH 43234  
U.S.A.

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