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Earth Quake and Flooding Disaster Relief

Addressing the needs of the victims in the disaster stricken areas in Amatrice, Italy after the recent catastrophic earth quake and Baton Rouge, Louisiana following the devastating floods was of paramount importance. IMHO responded swiftly with a contribution to the earth quake victims through Save the Children (\$1,000). In addition, a generous contribution of \$2,000 was made to two charities, Second Harvest Food Bank (\$1,000) and Save the Children's Gulf Coast Floods Children's Relief Fund (\$1,000) for supporting the Louisiana flood relief efforts in Baton Rouge and the surrounding areas.



Louisiana Floods



Amatrice, Italy Earth Quake

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Ethiopian Deaf Empowerment Project

Responding to a request to provide audio and speech pathology services at the Visions Model Deafness Center in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia, the IMHO board approved \$4,000 worth of equipment to continue the deaf empowerment project in 2016.

Project Updates

IMHO continues to work with local partners in Sri Lanka to provide practical solutions to humanitarian healthcare needs. Nearly \$245,000 has been spent on program service expenses through end of September 30 2016 to further healthcare development, support disabled health clinics, malnourished mothers and children nutrition, livelihood, housing and toilets for poor families, and poor student education. Please refer to the IMHO website www.theimho.org. The project updates include but not limited to the following:

1. Northern Province (NP) Ambulance Driver Training Program \$12,833



While a free primary and secondary care health service is available to beneficiaries at the point of care in Sri Lanka, lack of any pre hospital care services is one of the most glaring deficiencies in the NP health care system. The main problem identified was the absence of basic training to handle common emergencies for the ambulance crew consisting of a driver and an attendant. A training program was initiated with the help of UK instructors. For sustainability, twelve medical officers from across the province were trained as trainers followed by the 5 day Emergency Responder training program when they in turn trained 24 ambulance drivers and attendants. IMHO funded the course fees and the costs of the two trainers from UK and their stay in Jaffna. It is hoped that communities from NP will soon have access to a pre hospital care service that will reduce morbidity and mortality significantly. IMHO thanks Dr.D.C.Ambalavanar FRCS Ed with the Faculty of Medicine, Jaffna for his contribution in coordinating with the UK trainers and help with implementation of the program.

2. Spinal Cord Disabled People Healthcare Service/ Special Mobile Clinic \$1,180

A mobile clinic to help the spinal cord disabled people was held at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital in September, 2016. About 40 beneficiaries received treatment and other medical care which they did not have access to, due to difficulties in mobility and poor living conditions.

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3. Nutrition and Livelihood Program \$11,000

Nutrition has been identified as a major health concern for poor pregnant mothers and children under five. The ongoing nutrition project in helping the mothers' clubs which began in Jaffna is being implemented in the Northern Province. A similar program is being implemented by IMHO Canada in the Eastern Province. Under this project, supplementary nutritional food packets, locally termed "Jeevaposha" prepared using the locally formulated food portions including rice, black gram, green gram, sesame seeds, and peanuts and packed commercially are being provided to the malnourished pregnant mothers and children under five. This program also serves as a livelihood program for mothers who prepare, package and sell the food packets. In addition, IMHO will support provision of food to about 30 malnourished mothers attending the antenatal clinic at Divisional Hospital, Karainagar.

4. Viswamadu Water Project \$5,000

In order to overcome the difficulties in providing safe drinking water in Viswamadu and surrounding areas, IMHO board has approved the loan request from "Mu/Visuvamadu Farmers' Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Ltd. to establish a water purification center to distribute drinking water to the population at lower cost. This should help alleviate problems faced by the local communities' access to drinking water.

5. Ampara Special Needs Network (ASNN) Teacher Support \$6,500

There are about 300 plus mentally challenged and stigmatized kids ASNN serves. IMHO is helping ASNN pay for allowance to special education teachers and help the children.

6. Proposed Batticaloa Diabetic Center \$8,300

Based on the need for bringing awareness, screening and prevention of complications of newly diagnosed patients and initiating preventive strategies early, a new Diabetic Center for the Eastern Province similar to the one at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital has been proposed by the Endocrinologist. IMHO will support the Center which is planned to be in proximity to the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital for ease of operation. The funds will help establish the Center with additional staff, equipment, leaflets etc.

8. IMHO- RDHS Batticaloa Autism Spectrum Workshop, July-August, 2016

IMHO Advisory Council Members, Drs.Kaveri Sivaruban and Sumathy Pathy participated in a program in July- August, 2016 held in Batticaloa and Jaffna to promote Autism awareness. Various groups of audiences including medical students/ physicians, nursing students, teachers, community leaders, Department of Education and Health officials also attended. They visited Mathavam Autism Center in Jaffna along with IMHO Vice President, Dr.Rajam Theventhiran and provided recommendations to improve the operation. IMHO would like to thank Drs.Sivayokan and Judy Jeyakumar for organizing the events in Jaffna and Batticaloa respectively.

9. Sampoor Housing and Toilets \$35,000

About 500 plus families were displaced and returned back to their lands in the Trincomalee District facing several challenges including housing and toilets. IMHO funded initially to build 25 houses and 50 Toilets. About twelve houses and fifty toilets have been completed thus far. This project is being carried out with the help of a local partner Assist RR (ARR). Currently the families live in sheds and could face problems with the rainy season. IMHO programs have been and will be held to raise additional funds to help more families.

10. Up Country Needs for Poor Communities: Local Partners World

**Vision and Empower for Development (E4D)
Maskeliya \$10,000**

Funds have been approved by the board to help special needs children classroom furniture, destitute children continue their education, and Bloomfield TMV School water supply.

Classroom Furniture (\$1,000)

Sixty Destitute Children (\$5,000)

Water Supply (\$3,300)

Hatton \$10,000

The need is for 400 toilets per World Vision, the local partner. The board approved funds for 50 toilets but will initially do 25. The sanitation improvements are needed to help the poor families.

**Joint Academic Meeting of JMA & IMHO, July 29,
30 & 31, 2016**

The successful annual event took place on July 28, 2016 at JMC, Jaffna attended by physicians and faculty from Sri Lanka and abroad including several IMHO board members. The faculty expressed interest to help further development of medical education, build genetics as part of the departments, build Biomedical Engineering Department, improve cancer care services, expand research opportunities and expand post-graduate education.

IMHO Fall Meeting, Baltimore- Nov 19

IMHO FALL CONVENTION 2016

**Saturday,
November
19th**

6 to 10 pm



**Hilton Garden Inn
(White Marsh)**

**5015 Campbell
Boulevard,
Baltimore, Maryland
21236**

Details

**Speaker from Sri Lanka
to update on current
health care
developments**

**Relaxed Evening with
Super Singers**

Enjoy Dinner



**IMHO Columbus Fundraising Super Singer
Program- Nov 20**



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Nov 20th, Sunday

Venue: Westerville North High School auditorium, 950 County Line Rd,
Westerville, OH 43081. Time: 03:30 pm Onwards...

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