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## Transforming Lives- Ongoing Project Updates in Sri Lanka and Ethiopia

IMHO works with local partners operating worldwide particularly in Sri Lanka to provide innovative and practical solutions to humanitarian healthcare needs. Health on a comprehensive, global scale must address a broad range of concerns including livelihood of the needy. **About \$259,000 has been spent on program service expenses through end of August in 2015 to further healthcare development and support poor student education in remote areas.** IMHO's recent efforts include education, nutrition, and hospital development, among other concerns, detailed below.



## Proposed Stroke Rehabilitation Unit, Jaffna District

The Steering Committee for Stroke Rehabilitation in Jaffna has proposed the establishment of a Stroke Rehabilitation Unit in the Jaffna district. According to the Sri Lankan government's Annual Health Bulletin, stroke is a leading cause of morbidity and disability, and the fifth leading cause of hospital deaths in Sri Lanka. **Currently there is no stroke rehabilitation center in the Jaffna District.** IMHO, in conjunction with the Steering Committee for Stroke Rehabilitation, is currently in the planning stages to develop a dedicated stroke and neuro-rehabilitation center in the Jaffna district at the Chavakacheri Base Hospital, with an estimated completion time of May 2017. While the land is available, the building needs to be constructed and equipment provided in several phases due to funding requirements. To this end, **IMHO respectfully requests donations, however small they may be, to support this project and provide relief to the stroke victims and their care givers. One hundred percent of dedicated donations will go toward the project to build the Stroke Rehabilitation Unit.**

## OMF Unit Renovation, Jaffna Teaching Hospital

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The renovation of the Oral and Maxillofacial (OMF) Unit at the Teaching Hospital in Jaffna was recently completed. The OMF unit provides basic facilities for the comprehensive treatment and care of maxillofacial disorders. Previously, OMF patients at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital were forced to share the orthodontic room, resulting in long wait times and discomfort for patients. The establishment of the OMF unit greatly reduced wait times, as well as increased patient comfort. The IMHO contribution to this project was about **\$20,000**. The opening ceremony for the OMF unit took place in August, 2015 featuring Dr. Jeyasundara Bandara (Deputy Director, Ministry of Health, Colombo) as the chief guest.



**Cafeteria Construction in Progress, Tellipalai Base Hospital**

The need for a satisfactory cafeteria to serve the increased number of patients and staff in recent years cannot be over emphasized. IMHO partnered with the office of the Regional Director of Health Services in Jaffna to establish a cafeteria at the Base Hospital in Tellipalai. The availability of food will greatly increase the quality of experience at the hospital for patients, families and staff. The construction of the building at an estimated cost of **\$26,000** is ongoing and is expected to be completed by the end of 2015. The proceeds from the cafeteria will support further hospital development.

## Ongoing NP Maternal & Children Nutrition Program

In response to the high malnutrition rates among post-conflict resettled populations in the Northern Province, IMHO is currently developing a supplemental nutrition program specifically addressing the needs of mothers and children in the area. This project would function in addition to the government's local level nutrition intervention project, which provided a locally produced nutrition mix to pregnant women, new mothers, and their children less than two years of age. The government's project showed significant improvement in the nutrition level of the target group, and IMHO predicts that this supplementary nutrition project will further improve the health of vulnerable groups in the region. This project with IMHO contribution of **\$25,000** would provide both the raw materials of the nutrition mix, as well as the storage and production materials (including grinders, scales, steel storage cabinets, and electricity connections for grinders) that will help pregnant and new mothers learn the skills necessary to produce their own nutrition mix.

## Student Education and Empowerment Center, Viswamadu, Killinochchi



More than 500 poor and vulnerable students in this remote area need educational assistance with science and math classes. Recently IMHO supported the establishment of an Education and Empowerment Center at Viswamadu, in conjunction with the Killinochchi Education Development Trust. The center constructed with the IMHO contribution of about **\$17,000** provides educational services to students in need, and the network of local students taking advantage of the programs is increasing since the recent inception of the Center.

## Renovated Stroke Rehab Center, Batticaloa

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At the newly renovated stroke rehabilitation center in Batticaloa, clients continue to use the outdoor fitness equipment as part of their rehabilitation process. In addition, differently abled children are taking part in the day services in physiotherapy and speech therapy, and many families have visited both the neurology and psychiatry services made available through IMHO's contributions.

## Ethiopia Deaf Youth Education and Empowerment

More than 70 deaf youth (ages 3-18) registered at the three schools in Bahir Dahr in 2015. The employment of teachers to help students improve their Ethiopian Sign Language skills and abilities is significant. Funds provided by IMHO for a Deaf teacher (\$3,600/ year) which along with the employment of 3 other Deaf teachers and one preschool teacher so far had a great impact in helping the students perform better in their school subjects.

## 2015 IMHO Fall Meeting, Seattle, WA

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**WHEN:** Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 4:30 PM  
**WHERE:** MEYDENBAUER CENTER,  
11100 NE 6th Street Bellevue, WA 98004

More information: [www.theimho.org/convention](http://www.theimho.org/convention)

**Tickets: Adults: \$50, Children (5-17): \$25, Family (2 adults, children): \$150**

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**\*Hotel Room Rates available at the Bellevue Marriott\***

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### MHO 12th Annual Convention Gala

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