

International Medical Health Organization (IMHO)

<u>Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief - Appeal for Contributions to</u> <u>Select Charitable Organizations</u>

Dear Friends,

Hurricane Harvey and the epic storm caused catastrophic destruction to the Texas coastal communities and surrounding areas including Corpus Christi/Rockport, Houston, Beaumont/Port Arthur/Orange. The relief efforts are underway.



Hurricane Harvey wreaks historic devastation in Houston, TX (ABC News Published: September 1, 2017)



Aerial views of North Beaumont, TX. (The Beaumont Enterprise Published: September 2, 2017)



Tropical Storm Harvey batters Corpus Christi, TX (The USA TODAY Published: August 28, 2017)

Charity Navigator reported the following about the charitable organizations:

"Hurricane Harvey made landfall on Friday evening, August 25th, as the first Category 4 hurricane to hit the United States since Hurricane Charley in 2004. Ahead of its landfall, many communities were ordered to evacuate, as fears arose that the hurricane could leave some coastal areas uninhabitable. The storm, which intensified over the Gulf of Mexico before hitting Texas and its surrounding states, brought with it heavy rainfall, damaging winds, and a

powerful storm surge. It has significantly impacted communities along the Texas coastline, including Houston, as well as other areas along the Gulf with wind and flood damage. Charity Navigator has compiled a list of highly-rated organizations. Based on this and a review of the potential organizations, IMHO has identified the following 5 organizations, mostly local to contribute.

Houston Food Bank
Convoy of Hope
South East Texas Food Bank
Houston Mayor's Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief Fund
Food Bank of Corpus Christi

For immediate relief, IMHO initially sent a total contribution of \$5,250 to Houston Food Bank and Convoy of Hope, and will continue to assess the needs and provide assistance as needed. Those who wish to donate, please send your contributions directly or if you prefer, send it to IMHO with a memo on which organization to send to.

The water supply has been cut off recently to the City of Beaumont due to the floods.SE Texas Food Bank was included since they provide supplies including distribution of water bottles to residents of Beaumont/Port Arthur in Jefferson County.

Thank you for your support. Team IMHO

Thank you Note from Houston Food Bank:

From: Carrie Grzelak <cgrzelak@houstonfoodbank.org> Date: Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 12:51 PM Subject: Thank you from the Houston Food Bank! To: "ramalingam0521@gmail.com" <ramalingam0521@gmail.com> Dear Murali,

Thank you so much for your generous donation from International Medical Health Organization to the Houston Food Bank at this critical time. We're committed to providing food, water and other supplies to the people who need it most. We know the community is depending on us to provide this essential assistance. The water has receded at our location, so we are now able to start distributing 1,000,000 lbs a day of much needed items out to the various shelters and agencies.

We know it's going to be a long road to recovery and we'll be there for the community. If you're in SE Texas, stay safe. We truly appreciate your support!

Carrie Grzelak Strategic Gifts Officer

Houston Food Bank 535 Portwall Street Houston, TX 77029 (tel) 832-369-9342 (cell) 585-738-1648 cgrzelak@houstonfoodbank.org www.houstonfoodbank.org Be the Difference. Save a Life with just \$1/day! DONATE 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.

All donations are tax-deductible (tax ID code #59-3779465)