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Message from the President



GIHD had an exciting second year. We were able to touch the lives of a number of poor and needy people through small, but important contributions.

In 2018, GIHD expanded its partnership basis and engaged in challenging new initiatives. Contribution to the Government of Kerala, India in response to devastating floods in Kerala, India was a good gesture worth-mentioning. When Kerala faced one of its worst floods in hundred years, we felt that it is our responsibility to respond by contributing as much as we can. We have also developed funding proposals and approached potential donors to mobilize additional financial resources, which we hope will be fruitful soon.

In 2019, we hope to mobilize additional financial resources and expand to new areas of work. We learn from our humble beginnings and will work together to implement our vision.

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Athira Anand

January 2019

Activities in 2018

Partnerships

In 2018, GIHD has partnered with four Organizations to provide support to poor patients. In addition, GIHD supported the Government of Kerala State, India for flood relief. One-time donations to Vasavya Mahila Mandali (VMM), Vijayawada and Sparsh Hospice, Hyderabad (both Andhra Pradesh State, India), and to Palliam India, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala State, India were made with a view to enable positive health and development outcomes by helping people in need.

Flood relief Kerala

In August 2019, Kerala, southern State of India has faced one of its worst floods in hundred years. Damage to infrastructure, houses, agriculture, livestock, and other properties is estimated at 3 billion US dollars. Over 450 people died in the floods and incessant rain. More than 8 million people over 5 districts were badly affected by the floods; over 1.2 million people became homeless and were at 7000 relief camps. Those include more than 150,000 children, and 300,000 women. Many poor people lost their houses, and children are not in a position to attend schools due to poor housing, lack of facilities etc. Almost all of the 44 rivers in the State were overflowing, and the shutters of 35 out of 39 dams in Kerala had to be opened at once.

To support the Government of Kerala state, GIHD organised charity sale events, and mobilised donations from individuals. The money generated through the sales and individual donations was remitted to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund, a credible pool of fund managed by the State Government and used for supporting the poorest of the poor people who were displaced and have suffered due to the devastating floods.

In addition, direct financial support was also given to four poor families affected by floods in Aranmula village, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala.



Cataract surgeries to poor people

Through one-time donation to Vasavya Mahila Mandali, a local NGO based in Andhra Pradesh State, India, GIHD contributed to support poor elderly people in difficult situations to undergo cataract surgery.

The Vasavya Mahila Mandali (VMM) was founded forty years ago with the Gandhian ideology as a non-profit lay voluntary organization. It operates in rural and urban areas of Andhra Pradesh. VMM works with a vision to promote global social, economic and political development for vulnerable women, children and youth, empowering communities in Andhra Pradesh to improve their quality of life and build a better civil society in India.

Sparsh Hospice

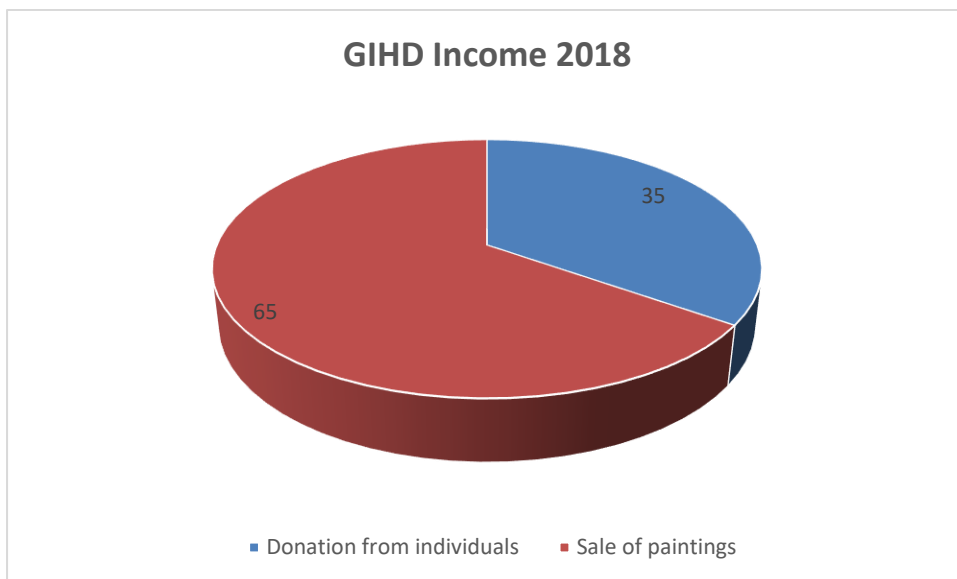
Sparsh Hospice, established in 2011 by the Rotary Club of Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, India is a Centre for Palliative Care for terminally ill cancer patients. It takes care of about 15 terminally ill cancer patients at a time by providing accommodation, pain relief, palliative care and food. GIHD provided a one-time donation to support food and medicines for 15 cancer patients in their final stages of life.

Shalom Sadhan, home for the disabled Bed-ridden patients

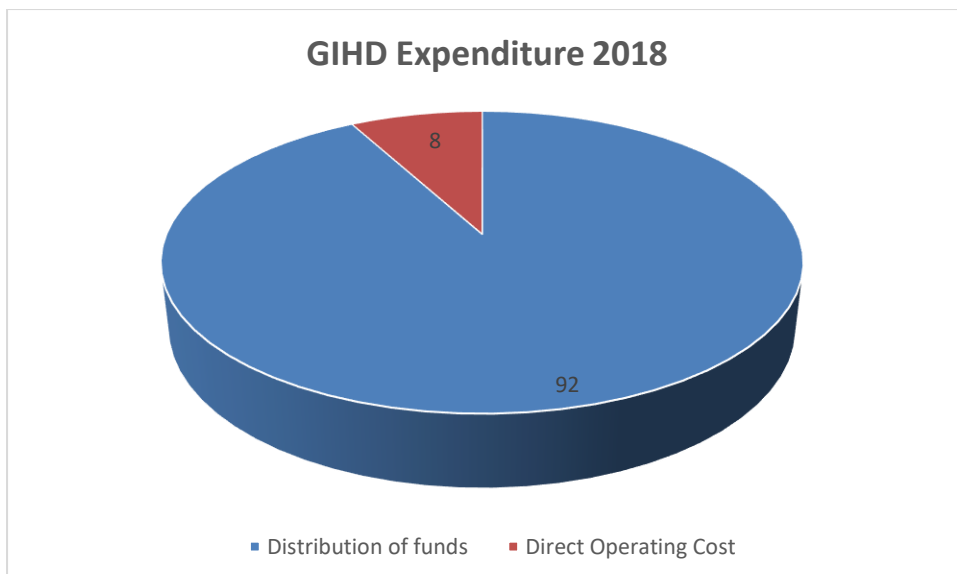
Shalom Sadhan, Kerala, India is a Home for the bedridden differently abled patients. With a one-time donation, GIHD took care of food, medicine and other needs of 15 differently abled bedridden patients for a month.

Financial Review - 2018

GIHD's revenue in 2018 came from individual donations and sale of paintings. Over 65% of the revenue was from sale of paintings, whereas the rest came from individual donations.



In 2018, the GIHD focused on establishing partnerships for project implementation in India. 92% of the expenditures were distributed to the partners and individual beneficiaries, which were used for the program's implementation. Only 8% was spent on direct operating expenses.



About GIHD

In January 2017, a few like-minded people came together to form an organization whose vision is to promote positive health and development outcomes by helping people in need to help themselves. Following reflections, the Global Initiative for Health & Development (GIHD) was established in April and registered under Article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code.

GIHD works in partnership with local non-governmental organizations, civil society groups and government institutions / organizations, educational institutions and philanthropies, as well as the mobilization and engagement of women, children and young people using participatory approaches. In particular, it will promote:

- Education and skills development of orphaned and vulnerable children;
- Health and nutritional support to orphaned and vulnerable children in need; and,
- Care, support and legal advice for girls and women who are victims of violence.

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