# Global Initiative for Health & DevelopmentInitiative Globale pour la Santé et le Développement

# Annual Report 2021



## Global Initiative for Health & Development

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# Message from the President

GIHD has entered its fourth year of existence. 2021, although challenging due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions, was a year of growth year for GIHD in terms of obtaining substantial funds for implementing programmes.

COVID-19 pandemic has affected the lives of millions of people across the world. It has touched all aspects of life of people- social, economic and cultural. In 2021, GIHD focused on mobilizing additional resources to respond to the social and economic challenges faced by the people due to COVID-19. To this effect, we approached several local donors with specific proposals. We are extremely grateful to the benevolent funding from Ville de Meyrin and Ville du Grand-Saconnex to provide support poor children for online education.

2022 will be an exciting year for GIHD. We look forward to learning from our experience of implementing the projects.



Athira Anand

March 2022

*Activities in 2021*

*COVID-19 response in Kerala, India*

In January 2021, GIHD received substantial funding from Ville de Meyrin to provide smart phones, laptops and televisions to poor children in Kerala to facilitate online education organized by the Government of Kerala. With the funding over 123 poor students were supported in two districts in Kerala (Pathanamthitta and Wayanad). Wayanad district is one of the poorest districts in Kerala state.

*Support to nursing education in Kerala*

As COVID-19 has created havoc across the globe, and the relevance for nursing education to deal with the health crisis has increased. Hence, with the funding from individual donors, GIHD has provided one time donation to poor students in Kerala for nursing education.

*Support to poor children in Kerala*

GIHD provided hearing aid for five children in the institute for autistic children in Kerala, and provided wheelchair to three children. In addition, GIHD also provided funding to two people for surgery (one for cancer related surgery, one related to liver cirrhosis), and one poor family to construct toilet.

***Financial Review - 2021***

GIHD's revenue in 2021 came from Ville de Meyrin and a small unrestricted fund from Ville du Grand-Saconnex received inJuly 2021.

***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:

o Education and skills development of orphaned and vulnerable children;

o Health and nutritional support to orphaned and vulnerable children in need; and,

o Care, support and legal advice for girls and women who are victims of violence.

To know more about GIHD or to get involved, please write to: info@gihd.ch