



ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING (AGAM)

Initiative Globale pour la Santé et le Développement

Venue: 200 Route de Ferney, Grand Saconnex

Date: 20 March 2020, Time: 18:00- 21:00

Meeting minutes

Due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions, a virtual meeting was organized on skype.

Participants: Mr Fabio BERTO, Mrs. Chaza KANAWATI, Mrs. Asha GOPALAKRISHNAN, Ms. Athira ANAND, Mr Mahesh SUGATHAN, Dr Kenneth WONG & Dr Rosa VALLENAS BEJAR DE VILLAR

Objective: To brief the General Assembly about (a) the activities undertaken by GIHD in 2020; (b) new developments in funding in 2021; and opportunities for fundraising and projects.

Agenda item	Discussion	Decisions taken
1. Welcome	Ms. Asha GOPALAKRISHNAN welcomed the participants.	
2. Presentation of the activities of GIHD for 2020 and proposed activities for 2021	Ms. Asha GOPALAKRISHNAN explained the activities conducted in 2020. Draft Annual report for 2020 was presented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The General Assembly appreciated the voluntary work done by Asha, and asked Ms Asha to finalise the draft Annual Report.
2.a	<p>In December 2020, Ville de Meyrin Committed to provide CHF30,000 to support poor children in Kerala, India by providing notebooks and smartphones. The funding arrived only in January 2021, and hence the implementation will be done in July/August 2021 under the direct supervision of Ms Asha GOPALAKRISHNAN.</p> <p>The proposal was presented to the Council of Ville de Meyrin. GIHD appreciates the support provided by Ms Lucy Mshana to make the presentation of the proposal in French. Ms Lucy is an individual donor and supporter of GIHD.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As agreed with Ville de Meyrin, CHF27,250 will be spent to purchase tablets with SIM card or television to support online education organized by the Ministry of Education, Government of Kerala. The remaining CHF2,750 is allotted for administrative expenses. This includes travel from Geneva to Kerala and travel within Kerala to monitor the implementation of the project. It will also be used for updating the website. Criteria for selection of beneficiaries was agreed with Ville de Meyrin. Accordingly, Ms Asha has already contacted the schools in the area. Will directly monitor the implementation by visiting Kerala in July/August 2021. Ms Asha also to explored working with



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		credible local non-profit organizations to implement the project. However, all of them would take 10-15% administrative costs. Hence decided to directly implement the project.
2.b	Implementation of Ville du Grand-Saconnex unrestricted funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In December 2020, Ville du Grand-Saconnex provided a flexible funding of CHF1000 to GIHD. This unrestricted funding will be used to take care of
3. Financial status of GIHD	<p>Ms Asha GOPALAKRISHNAN explained the financial status of GIHD for the year 2020 and presented the draft audit report.</p> <p>General Assembly thanked Asha GOPALAKRISHNAN to finalise the audit report.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit report has been drafted by the Director of Finance GIHD to explore also to prepare project based financial statements, which will help in future while there is more funding.
4. Approval of the Association's budget 2021	<p>Ms Asha Gopalakrishnan explained that hopeful of mobilizing further resources through private donations, and organising fundraising and charity events, sale of paintings by children etc. Further, good joint proposals will be developed with the partners.</p> <p>Ms Asha explained that proposals were sent to several potential donors in Geneva on COVID-19 response. So far only Ville du Geneva and Ville de Meyrin have provided a positive response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The budget for 50,000 Swiss Francs for the year 2021 (attached) has been approved. <p>Other suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The General Assembly asked Ms Asha Gopalakrishnan to do further research on the potential partners and potential donors. Ms Asha also to explore funding opportunities, especially for COVID-19 response.
5. Miscellaneous issues	<p>General discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website of the Association www.gihd.in has been renewed for 10 years. www.gihd.ch will be renewed on an annual basis. 	(a) To keep the website updated on a regular basis.

A Genève, 21 March 2021

Signed

President: Ms. Athira ANAND
Date: 26.03.2021

Secretary: Mr. Kenneth WONG
Date: 23.03.2021