



Annual Report of 2010 - 2011

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Canadian Health, Immunization and Learning Development Foundation

Operational Highlights

(September 2010 to September 2011)

The last 12-month period was an exciting period in the life of CHILD Foundation, when the organization moved closer to fulfilling its dream and the vision. More specifically, the Foundation achieved the following milestones:

Construction of the Maya Devi Charitable Hospital:

Maya Devi Charitable Hospital is now a reality. At 6,450 square feet, 3-storey, it is one of the largest building in the village and has been built to very high standards of construction. It is the only building in the village with granite floors, running tap water, and modern electrical connections throughout. The 20-bed facility has been designed and constructed to last a century.

After some delays due to flooding caused by monsoon rains in August and September 2010, the construction got started in early October with the “Land Worshipping Ceremony” held on October 9th, and concluded on August 22nd, 2011 with the delivery of keys of the building. During this time, an estimated 65 trade labours such as masonry workers, labours, carpenters, electricians, painters, glassmakers, etc. worked on or off the site. At any time, there were about 12-15 workers present at the site. Workers included both women and men, but no children.

While the local purchase of construction material was maximized, some material was also purchased from Delhi. Considering that the local wage is only about \$100 per month on an average, the economic spin-off benefit of \$100,000 construction activity was quite significant.

The local community supported the project enthusiastically and gained a sense of pride. From the day of laying foundation to the handing over of keys, the community was fully engaged in the project and contributed in its own way. For example, the community provided accommodation to skilled trades, some of whom were brought in from Delhi. Local vendors provided material at cost. Community organizers also secured inventory and protected it against theft or damage.

The opening ceremonies were held on October 2nd, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the Nation’s Father. An estimated 300 people attended the ceremonies. While

the cost of opening ceremonies was about \$3,000, the CHILD Foundation contributed about \$1,100 towards the cost.

Some other statistics about the hospital are as follows - it is the only building in the village with:

- running tap water throughout,
- western-style washrooms,
- high quality granite floor throughout,
- adequate wiring for electricity throughout,
- a plan for 24/7 power

Staffing of the Hospital:

The hospital has been staffed with a wife-husband team (Dr. Pragya Saroha and Dr. Kapil Saroha) who got their B.A.M.S. degree in 2007 and has been working since. Prior to their appointment at Maya Devi Charitable Hospital, Dr. Pragya Saroha has been working in a government hospital as a Gynaecologist and Dr. Kapil Saroha had his own private general practice in a different town. However we were able to attract them to work for CHILD Foundation.

Staffing the hospital with qualified doctors turned out to be more challenging than we thought. Staffing a rural hospital in India is even more challenging than in Canada because the living is very hard with no running water, poor education, and inadequate supply of electricity for 4-5 hours/day. Search had been underway for over six months with a preference for someone with at least M.B.B.S. degree. Advertisement in selected newspapers and in medical colleges did not result in any applicant for the job. In parallel, search was also conducted through the medical community at large which led us to three potential candidates, all with a B.A.M.S. degree. The wife-husband team of Drs. Saroha was deemed to be the most suitable for our purpose. Considering that no surgery is permitted at the hospital, I am confident that Drs. will perform very well. Moving from “a barber providing health care services” to “Drs. Saroha providing services” is a quantum step change.

We have also retained full-time service of two nurses, one of which has 20+ years of experience in the area of delivery and the other has been in-charge of neo-natal nursery for just over 3 years in a private hospital.

Medical Equipment:

On March 26 from 2:30 to 5:00 PM, we conducted a fundraiser to enable purchases of medical equipment locally in India. While the event raised about \$6,000, it was far shy of our target of \$27,000. The event was not well attended which led to disappointing outcome.

Due to limited resources, we have furnished the hospital with basic equipment which includes furniture, beds, essential diagnostic tools, and supplies including medicine. We have spent about Rs. 250,000 (or about \$ 5,300) on basic equipment. We have also committed to spend about \$900 on securing “inverter” which is a bank of backup batteries to supply critical power when supply is interrupted.

Service Update:

Since opening the hospital for service, the number of patients has continues to increase from 12 on Oct 2nd to about 70 on Oct. 11th. The ratio between children to women is about 2 to 1. It is expected that the number of patients will continue to increase in coming weeks.

The hospital also had its first case of assisting in a delivery. Since we don't have 24/7 power, we made a decision not to offer delivery service at the hospital just yet. But when a lady in labour came to the hospital, the doctor decided to transport her, in her own car, to a city hospital where she gave birth to a healthy boy.

Canada Revenue Agency – Charitable Status:

The Foundation was granted the coveted “Charitable Status” by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) on June 10, 2011. Our sincere efforts, with the assistance and guidance of our lawyer, culminated into this achievement.

As part of this process, we changed the “Objectives” of the Foundation in consultation with CRA, filed a judicial application which was approved by the court, and then filed an application with Alberta Registry. A similar process was followed to make the “Articles of Association” acceptable to both the CRA and Alberta Registry.

Another requirement which had to be met was to file T2 tax returns from 2001 to 2010. Even though the Foundation was not active from 2001 to 2009, CRA asked that those tax returns be filed.

Health Camps in the Village of Sarurpur:

The CHILD Foundation collaborated with its partner in India, MOTHER Foundation, in organizing two health camps in the village of Sarurpur as a preview of health services to come. These camps were wildly successful from two perspectives: firstly, the demand for services was exceptionally high and it surpassed our expectations and, secondly, the local Janhit Sewa Samittee (Public Welfare Volunteers Committee) was established and it performed very well. For many people in the Committee, it was their first chance in life to volunteer and contribute to the society in a tangible and visible manner.

The first camp, held on March 27th, 2011, was a health screening camp for men and women over 50 years old. Two doctors and a three lab technicians volunteered their time to examine patients, take blood and urine samples, and do analysis right at site. The main goal was to do diagnosis of life-threatening diseases such as high blood pressure, high blood sugar, diabetes, and other diseases. While it was estimated that about 100 people would be served, a total of 175 patients were provided service. The demand was so high that many clients had to be turned away because the consumable supplies like needles were exhausted and doctors and technicians had to travel back to their homes.

The second camp, held on July 3rd, 2011, focused on children under five years old who face an astounding 12% mortality rate. A paediatrician, MD, volunteered his services for the day and examined 45 children, conducted tests on site, and provided free medicine. This was also an overwhelming success.

Community Initiative Program Grant:

In June 2011, the Foundation applied to the Government of Alberta's Community Initiative Program for a matching funding grant of \$21,000. While no decision has been made, preliminary indications from Ms. Jackie Switzer are positive. We will learn about the funding decision in October.

As part of this process, Ms. Jackie Switzer requested that the Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial submit its final report for the funding it received in support of the construction of the hospital. The final report was sent to Ms. Switzer in September and her questions were addressed to her satisfaction.

Ms. Switzer also raised the issue that the Foundation was new and had not been active for more than two years. The issue was addressed by Peter McKenzie-Brown's glowing recommendation letter to Ms. Switzer. Thank you Peter for your assistance.

Our Mid-term Challenges:

Equipment Challenge

We need to urgently purchase about \$10,000 worth of medical equipment, including an ultrasound and an autoclave. These are “must” to purchase in the next two months. These equipment, along with backup power supply and a 24/7 onsite nurse, will allow us to perform deliveries at the hospital.

Other equipment which are “wants” are simple ambulance and 24/7 power (either a large number of backup batteries or solar power). Cost of these would be about \$35,000.

Staffing Challenge

We are still seeking a MBBS doctor, and a 24/7 nurse who can stay at site, to complement the current contingent of medical staff.

Budget Challenge

We need to provide for equipment and our share of operational expenses. This is estimated to be as follows for the next two years:

Must:

Dr. Pragya	Rs. 35 K/month x 24 months	= Rs. 840 K
Dr. Kapil	Rs. 20K/month x 24 months	= Rs. 480 K
Two nurses	Rs. 11K/month x 24 months	= Rs. 264 K
Mr. Satish	Rs. 10K/month x 24 months	= Rs. 240 K
Medicine	Rs. 10K/month x 24 months	= Rs. 240 K
Total		= Rs. 2,064 K
		~ \$ 46,000
Plus “must” medical equipment		~ \$10,000
TOTAL “MUST”		~ \$56,000

Additional “Wants”

New MBBS doctor	Rs. 100K/month x 18 months	= Rs. 1,800K
New 24/7 nurse	Rs. 15K/month x 18 months	= Rs. 270 K
Total		= Rs. 2,070 K
		~ \$ 46,000
Plus “want” equipment		~ \$ 35,000
Total “WANT”		~ \$ 81,000

Our current Resources

Cash	= \$16,000
CIP Grant (potential) in 2011	= \$15,000
Pledge – 2012	= \$5,000
TOTAL	= \$36,000