

**Project Background:**

This Global outreach project is being orchestrated through the Great Valley Rotary club in partnership with various Rotary clubs in Rotary District 7450. In this effort, we are liaising with the Embassy of Sri Lanka (Washington, DC) and a medical charity outfit in the U.S called the C.U.R.E organization.

**C.U.R.E:** This charitable organization is based in Colorado. It has a 6 major distribution facilities, including one in West Grove, Pa . Hospitals & Major Medical Centers throughout the U.S send their excess unused medical supplies and minimally used medical equipment to the C.U.R.E warehouses. These are processed in the six distribution centers and with the help of 20,000 volunteers (such as the Rotary) send supply shipments to various third world countries.

**The Embassy of Sri Lanka:** The Embassy is thrilled to have Medical Equipment & Supplies being sent to needy Major Hospitals in Sri Lanka. The embassy has specifically identified two major Medical Centers as having an urgent need for such supplies.

**Hospital No. 1 profile: Name: Avissawella base hospital.**

**No. of patients treated (per year): 321,641**

Outpatients clinic: 198,039

Intensive care unit: **68,182**

Major surgeries: 5372

Minor surgeries: 19,198

**Avg. Income per month of patients: \$3** (80% of patients earn under \$3)

Typical length of stay: 2 days

No. of Physicians on staff: 3

No. of Nurses on staff: 325

**SRI LANKA (CEYLON):** Is an island at the southern tip of India. Size: 200 miles by 150 miles. Population: 23 Million. (By the way Australia is the size of the U.S It's population : 25miliion ).

Major Religion: Buddhism (70%). Hinduism (20%). Exports: Tea and Precious gems.

**My background:** I attended an American Jesuit Middle school+High school and received a scholarship to the U.S to study at St. Joseph's University on City Line Ave Philadelphia. After grad studies, I joined the U.S Pharmaceutical industry and worked for 33 years both in the U.S and Switzerland and retired. My wife (of 40 years) and I moved to West Chester 18 months ago.

**Project Implementation:**

The Embassy of Sri Lanka has identified 2 major Medical Centers and the names of the heads of the institutions. In addition, the Embassy has contacted the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance and ensured the C.U.R.E "containers shipped" will **not be levied any customs charges/fees/taxes**. In addition, they will **ensure all import protocols are expedited to ensure the rapid transfer of the materials to the hospitals.**

**Collaboration with Rotary in Sri Lanka:**

We are collaborating with the Rotary club- Colombo West in Sri Lanka in executing this project. (Note: K. Ravindran -a former Rotary Worldwide President from Sri Lanka is a member of this club.). The Colombo West club will assist with the travel and accommodations of the auditors

from Project C.U.R.E to conduct the needs assessment work at the hospital.

**Project implementation + Costs for project:** Needs assessment team trip to Sri Lanka (\$4000) plus Cost of shipping per container (\$20,000).

Once we collect the initial \$4000 project C.U.R.E will send an individual to do a “Needs Assessment” at each hospital. They will work with the hospital chief administrator plus the doctors and nurses to establish EXACTLY what is needed and the necessary specifications. The needs assessment report will be submitted to the C.U.R.E headquarters in Colorado. Once C.U.R.E provides the OK to the report, the distribution center in West Grove, Pa will pack a container and send it for shipment.

**In Closing:** C.U.R.E has sent supplies to Sri Lanka previously and are familiar with all the paperwork & protocols related to Freight/ customs & shipping protocols to get the shipment to Sri Lanka. With the efforts of the Rotarians in District 7450 plus the helping-hand of the Sri Lanka Embassy, we are confident this humanitarian project will provide much needed relief to the poor & needy.

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