

The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles

WORLDWIDE HUMANITARIAN SERVICE OF THE SRI CHINMOY CENTRES INTERNATIONAL



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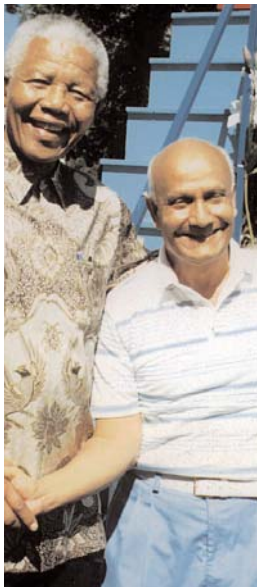
Mission and Vision



“Our humanitarian service is not our self-motivated condescending act of charity to the poor and needy. It is a gigantic opportunity to feed, nourish and strengthen our own poor brothers and sisters so that they can side by side march along with us to proclaim the world-oneness-victory of God the Creation.”

- Sri Chinmoy

Who We Are

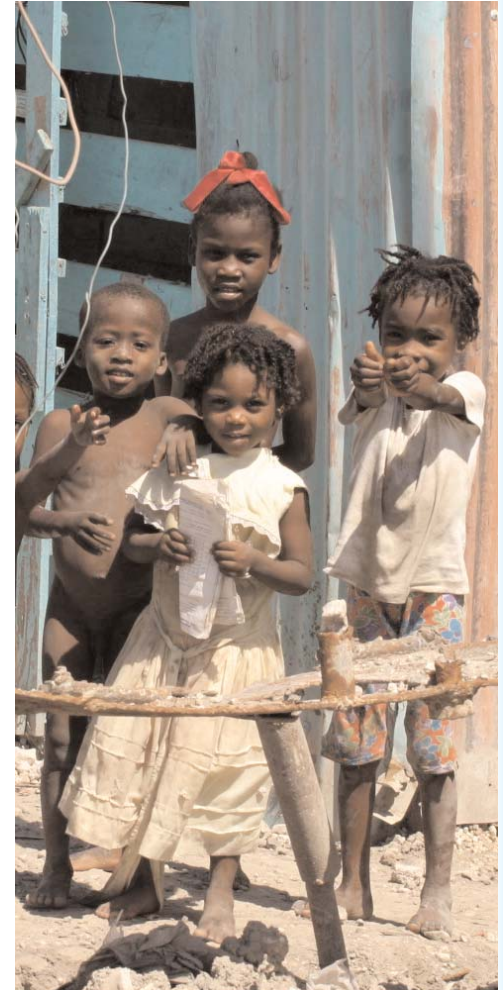


Founder Sri Chinmoy
with President Mandela
at the Presidential
Mansion, South Africa.

Founded and led by visionary humanitarian and international harmony leader Sri Chinmoy, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** is a network of dedicated volunteers of many different nationalities and faiths with a mission to serve communities in developing nations in health care, education, sports and development, economic recovery and leadership training, often through unique methodologies involving international partnership and cross-cultural dialogue, with an eye to sustainability and community ownership of projects.

Inspired by the philosophy of Sri Chinmoy, each project has built into it an aspect of oneness among peoples, irrespective of race, socioeconomic conditions, creed or nationality. A goal of each project is to experience with the population served a sense of mutual inspiration, joy and gratitude in the spirit of true global sustainability—based on the inherent equality of every inhabitant of this planet.

The organization is politically neutral in the purest sense; it is not affiliated with any government nor does it accept funding from any government, NGO or foundation. In fact, all of the members of **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** are volunteers who provide their service in the spirit of self-giving. No one receives any form of salary.



“The greatest mistake in life is to remain indifferent to the world situation.” - Sri Chinmoy



Global Reach



With branches in over 20 nations, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** is uniquely positioned to mobilize rapidly to effectively address urgent issues.

Through its members, a number of whom are professionals with experience in international development and the management of multi-partner projects, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has not only served in a coordinating role for multi-stakeholder initiatives, but has also used its knowledge base to create a number of innovative programmes directly linking people from around the world, often from nontraditional demographics, in a spirit of oneness.

Volunteers of **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** are all members of the Sri Chinmoy Centres International.

Founded in 1991 by Sri Chinmoy in specific response to a personal request from Raisa Maximovna Gorbachev to send chemotherapy support to Russian children suffering with leukemia, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has since worked directly with a number of Sri Chinmoy's personal friends: such luminaries and leaders as President Nelson Mandela, the late Mother Teresa, UN Under-Secretaries-General Anwarul Chowdhury and Professor Ibrahim Gambari, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, among a host of NGOs at the vanguard of international development.

"No life should remain an unexplored reality." - Sri Chinmoy

Friends and Supporters



"There are not many people in the world who are so sincerely dedicated to the ideals of love of fellow human beings, peace and understanding and who are so self-giving in their actions."

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev
(speaking about Sri Chinmoy)
President of the USSR (1985-1991)
Nobel Peace Laureate, 1990



"I keep you in my prayers and I count on your continual support through your prayers and sacrifices that we may do God's work with great love for His greater glory."

Mother Teresa
Founder, Missionaries of Charity
Nobel Peace Laureate, 1979



"Your untiring efforts and continuous travels worldwide to spread the message of peace and the oneness of humanity are indeed admirable, my brother, and we offer all our support and encouragement for your peace initiatives ... Know that in all that you do to promote peace in the world, you have our full support."

Nelson Mandela
President of South Africa (1994-1999)
Nobel Peace Laureate, 1993

"We must all trust the infinite power of our self-giving life."
- Sri Chinmoy



Friends and Supporters

"Please accept my best wishes on behalf of the United Nations along with the hope that the cause of peace will become a reality."

Kofi Annan
Seventh UN Secretary-General
Nobel Peace Laureate, 2001



"Looking on all the spiritual work that you do for peace here in the United Nations and in other parts of the world, God smiles saying, 'Thank you! You are vindicating me!'...Sri Chinmoy, thank you so very much for all you mean for God's world and God's children. God bless you richly."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Nobel Peace Laureate, 1984



"I will never forget and the people of Angola will forever appreciate the enormous humanitarian assistance which you and your organisation provided Angola during the country's hour of need."

Professor Ibrahim A. Gambari
UN Under-Secretary-General and
Special Adviser on Africa



"To be sleeplessly self-giving is to reach the summit of all virtues." - Sri Chinmoy

Messages of Appreciation



"Thank you for all you are to God, for the beautiful work you have done for the glory of God and the good of souls. I keep you in my prayers and I count on your continual support through your prayers and sacrifices that we may do God's work with great love for His greater glory."

Mother Teresa

27 June 1997



"All that you are doing for the world is for the Glory of God and the good of people! Pray for me, as I pray for you and for all of your many projects for world peace. Your works of love are works of prayer, and your works of prayer are works of God."

MOTHER TERESA, 27 AUGUST 1997

Last telephone conversation between Mother Teresa and Sri Chinmoy on the date of their shared birthday.

"We were overwhelmed by the shipment of goods that arrived at Philani. Apart from the generosity of spirit shown by all concerned, the logistics of coordinating the donations from all over the world has just blown us away. A huge truck arrived at our Centre creating great excitement for our staff and children and for the bystanders in the community. Boxes and boxes of goodies were off loaded amidst shouts of enthusiasm as the labels were read out. What a wonderful collection of things - from the very practical, like milk powder, kitchen equipment and computers and stationery to loads of toys and bicycles. The most touching of all were the hundreds of hand created dolls made by children all over the world. What a splendid project! " with thanks from all your friends at Philani

PHILANI NUTRITION PROJECT

2006



Messages of Appreciation

“In 1991 when only 7% of children with leucosis were cured in Russia and other kinds of tumors such as brain tumor and other grave diseases practically could not be cured at all. The difference between Russia and other Western countries with better financial conditions was 10 times: 70% and 7%... Our doctors and nurses learned from specialists of Europe and the USA how to cure patients and then when they came back they introduced these methods in Russia...Before 1986, in Soviet and post-Soviet time, there was no special financing for our patients. We had to prove that we could get results; and already by 1996 we did get results comparable to those of the Western countries.

It all happened due to the support of philanthropists and benefactors. And one of them is the initiator of this particular action in Russia, Mr. Sri Chinmoy, an outstanding cultural figure, a writer, poet, artist, composer, a man who devotes himself to the spiritual life of people. He was one of those who helped and supported us during these years.

Imagine this kind of situation: I was working in my office when suddenly somebody came in. “Hello, I am Dr. so-and-so, I have just come from Austria. There is a trailer at the hospital gate, there is 16 tons of cargo in the trailer. Welcome!”

“Where is it from?!” “Sri Chinmoy... We went down with the hospital staff and unloaded the trailer. There were all kinds of essential things there. Nothing was unnecessary; everything was selected with great love, from children's toys to very high-class medicine one ampule of which costs over \$1000-the latest achievements of science. There were all kinds of equipment, facilities, consumable, catheters for children, pajamas, linen, washing machines and so on...”

PROF. ALEXANDER GRIGORYEVICH RUMYANTSEV, DOCTOR OF MEDICINE,

RUSSIA STATE CENTRAL CONCERT HALL

GALA CEREMONY OF THE HUMANITARIAN ACTION “HEALTHY CHILDREN - HEALTHY WORLD”

28 MAY 2004

“Sri Chinmoy, we express our profound appreciation to you for the humanitarian support you have sent to the people of Ghana through your humanitarian organisation, The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles.”

Hon. Felix K. Owusu-Adjapong & Hon. Alban S. Bagbin

Majority and Minority Leaders of the Parliament of Ghana

“During my years of service at the Gorbachev Foundation, Sri Chinmoy's aid was the most significant humanitarian assistance to the children's leukemia project in Russia.”

Mrs. Irina Malikova

Director of the Humanitarian Aid Project of the Gorbachev Foundation 1993-2002

“Through Sri Chinmoy's outstanding humanitarian works over many years, Ghana has received important humanitarian assistance, including for the current outbreak of buruli. In recognising Sri Chinmoy, we bring to the fore our own choice blessings of goodness and nobility which are ready and eager to tirelessly serve our fellow citizens of West Africa and the world.”

Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas

Executive Secretary of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

“The goods are a God-send and could not have come at a more opportune time.”

Mrs. Irina Malikova

Director of the Humanitarian Aid Project of the Gorbachev Foundation 1993-2002

Projects



Supporting the economic recovery of rural populations in Sri Lanka and providing more than 100 fishing boats to communities devastated by the 2004 tsunami.



Providing much-needed support to women and children of communities stricken by HIV/AIDS in South Africa.



Linking children from over 35 nations through individually prepared educational support packages, made by children for children.



Supporting women's cottage industries in South Africa.

"Every self-giving effort of every human being is needed to change the face of the world." - *Sri Chinmoy*



How It Works

Partnership Creation and Development

Utilizing its network of members, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has developed a mobile knowledge base of human resources and has used this wealth of information to create long-lasting relationships between NGOs, corporations and governments. **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** is adept in creating and managing multi-stakeholder projects with a clear strategy to developing relationships between the stakeholders. In many instances corporations and NGOs have continued their relationships with recipients long after **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** project has concluded.

The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles links like-minded and like-hearted entities with the view of creating and nurturing fruitful ongoing collaboration between them.

Partners have included (partial list):

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Philani Nutrition Centres
Graça Machel and the Foundation for Community Development (FDC)
King Sinoehoen Pakoeboewono XII of Indonesia
Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity
President Mikhail Gorbachev and Raisa Maximovna
President Nelson Mandela and the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund
Tegla Loroupe and the Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation

ADRA
Al-Thawrah Hospital in Taiz, Yemen
AmeriCares
Angola, the Prime Minister of
Associacao de Apoio ADL Defucentes
Cabrini Health, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,
Austin Health and Dentsply
East Timor, the Office of the President
Gift for a Smile
Gorbachev Foundation
Government Health Ministries (dozens)

Hammer Forum E.V
International Committee of the Red Cross
International Organization for Women and Development (Niger)
Meerim, an International Charitable Foundation for local Kyrgyzstan doctors
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Hospital, New York
MJF Foundation (Sri Lanka)
National Director of Child Health and Reproduction (Gambia)
Research Institute of Pediatric Hematology, Russia
SOS Children's Villages
The First Lady of Ghana and Mother and Child Community Development Foundation
UN Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa, Professor Ibrahim Gambari
UN Under-Secretary-General Anwarul Chowdhury
UNICEF
UNDP
UNMIL (Liberia)
Vanuatu Office of Foreign Affairs



*"The more the heart can do, the greater the life becomes."
- Sri Chinmoy*

Case Study: Angola



Maria Abarantes presents Sri Chinmoy with the “Friends of the Children of Angola Award.” On the right is Under-Secretary-General Professor Ibrahim Gambari.

Case Study: Angola—Supporting and Sustaining Harmony

More than 40 years of civil war in Angola came to an end in April 2002 with the historic signing of a peace agreement. Soon after, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, Professor Ibrahim Gambari, made an urgent request to Sri Chinmoy to help strengthen the peace by sending humanitarian assistance to the country. Immediately, Sri Chinmoy Centres worldwide—through **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** humanitarian service—began sending large amounts of pharmaceuticals, medical and surgical supplies, food, clothing and other needed items to Angola.

To date, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has delivered millions of dollars of assistance from 13 countries in a pioneering project to the country that UNICEF has called “the worst place in the world to be a child.” When the project began, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** was told by most other organizations that it was too dangerous to send aid to Angola and also too expensive, due to government-imposed taxes.

After months of networking with NGOs in the country and pleading with many Angolan ambassadors and other government officials, the Prime Minister of Angola directed that 21 sea containers sent by **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** were to be let into the country with no duties or other taxes added, a significant achievement for the entire NGO community.

The containers included the following items:

Large quantities of crutches and wheelchairs from 13 countries for the many landmine victims of Angola

14 tons of prenatal vitamins from the United States

130,000 packages of protein powder, weighing 2.3 tons, from Australia

20 tons of new clothing from Japan

28 tons of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, food, clothing and children’s gifts in nearly 1,300 boxes from Austria

1,000 children’s gift bags, prepared by hundreds of schools in Europe, America, New Zealand and Australia, which contained school supplies, personal hygiene items and toys, as well as messages and drawings from schoolchildren

Three 40-foot sea containers of clothing, medical supplies, household items and school supplies from Canada

Angola Friendship

Sri Chinmoy initiated the Children’s Blossoming Friendship Programme in the spring of 2002 to foster friendship, understanding and oneness between the children of Angola and children of other nationalities, cultures and faiths worldwide. Thousands of schoolchildren in Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand prepared individual gift bags containing school and art supplies, and a small toy, as well as their own drawing and message, destined to a child in Angola.

This project has helped to foster global friendship among the youngest world citizens. It was extremely popular and successful with both the children offering the gift bags and the Angolan children who received them. For most of these young Angolans, this was the first toy of their life.

A complete curriculum of self-giving for humanitarian service and global harmony has been published for elementary schoolchildren.

“The heart-tears of every human being are so beautiful and precious.” - *Sri Chinmoy*



Case Study: Russia

Case Study: Russia—Leukemia

Summary: In 1992, the Gorbachev Foundation, the International Foundation for Socio-Economic and Political Studies, was formed, with President Gorbachev as its leader. Later that year, President Mikhail Gorbachev sent a personal request to Sri Chinmoy for assistance in treating Russian children with leukemia.

With inspiration and guidance from Raisa Maximovna Gorbachev, the primary health project selected for the Gorbachev Foundation was the amelioration of the then desolate conditions for Russian children with leukemia and other blood diseases. At that time, there were no modern treatment facilities for children with leukemia. Practically no chemotherapy was available for them. The recovery rate from acute leukemia was only 4-5 per cent, compared to 70 per cent in Western countries where chemotherapy is the treatment of choice.

Methods: Between 1993 and 1996, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** sent more than 2.5 million USD worth of chemotherapeutic drugs and other pharmaceuticals, plus support equipment, to treat children with leukemia at the Research Institute of Pediatric Hematology in Moscow.

Projects involved sending modern diagnostic and treatment equipment, including a flow cytometer, sonogram machine, cardiovascular instruments, ventilators and more, with a total value of 1.9 million USD; shipping 400,000 USD of Vumon, a drug used to treat children with leukemia; sponsoring two Russian doctors to come to New York's Memorial Sloan-Kettering

Cancer Hospital for training at the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit as part of their Visiting Fellowship Program; and offering regular and large numbers of blood donations for the Research Institute for Pediatric Hematology in Moscow and the Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic in St. Petersburg.

Key results: The plight of children with leukemia changed dramatically with the establishment of the first modern bone marrow transplant within the Research Institute of Pediatric Hematology. By sending large amounts of chemotherapeutic drugs, as well as multi-million dollar diagnostic and treatment equipment, Sri Chinmoy and **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** have assisted the Research Institute of Pediatric Hematology to improve the recovery rate of the afflicted Russian children to 70 per cent, the same as in Western developed countries. At the invitation of President Gorbachev and the other members of his new charitable organization, Sri Chinmoy became an honorary board member of the International Gorbachev Trust for Children's Health Care in 1995.

Next phase: The Raisa M. Gorbachev Childhood Hematology and Transplantology Center, located in St. Petersburg, will provide prevention and treatment of leukemia and other blood diseases in children for the northwestern region of Russia. **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** is assisting in equipping the clinic with the most advanced medical technology.

"To help others go in the right direction, we must go in that direction first." - Sri Chinmoy

Education



The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles is dedicated to enriching educational infrastructure in developing nations with a focus on rural communities, and also responding to urgent needs created by disasters.

Projects have ranged from re-equipping damaged or destroyed schools and supporting education in severely underprivileged communities to conducting ongoing programmes of leadership training through dialogue among children.

To date, support has been sent to more than 20 nations with most shipments filling entire sea containers. Many shipments included enough material to equip schools for an entire year, in addition to computer equipment for long-term use. Financial assistance for scholarships has also been included, in some instances, as part of this humanitarian service.

Key countries have included:

Angola

Summary: In response to a request from UN Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa Professor Ibrahim A. Gambari, numerous projects were developed by **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** including the delivery of school supplies.

Key results: 1,000 education kits sent from Australia, New Zealand, UK and USA.

Implementing partners: UN Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa Professor Ibrahim A. Gambari and the Prime Minister of Angola.

Grenada

Summary: Following Hurricane Ivan in 2004 which displaced fully two-thirds of Grenadines (60,000), UN Ambassador Lameul A. Stanislaus made an urgent television appeal to New Yorkers for assistance.

Key results: Because of the close friendship of the Ambassador and Sri Chinmoy, The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles mobilized immediately a shipment of 200 boxes of computers and educational equipment to Grenada.

Liberia

Summary: In response to a request from UN Under-Secretary-General Professor Ibrahim A. Gambari, numerous projects were developed, including the delivery of school supplies.

Key results: In August 2004, 3,000 wind-up radios were sent in response to a specific request from the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) for distribution to the villagers, giving them vital access to up-to-date news, as well as information about relief programmes. The radios continue to be in use for educational support. In March 2007, a sea container with medical equipment and 4,500 Kids to Kids packs was sent. The medical supplies were distributed to JFK Hospital in Monrovia.

Implementing partner: UNMIL

Mozambique

Summary: In response to a request from Mrs. Graça Machel and her Foundation for Community Development (FDC) in Maputo, Mozambique, a major force in increasing literacy and schooling in Mozambique, numerous projects were developed by The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles, including the delivery of school supplies.

Key results: A shipment of school supplies and 210 computers and 105 monitors were sent in the summer of 2005.

Implementing partners: Graça Machel and FDC



Founder Sri Chinmoy personally distributing goods to children in Solo, Indonesia



“Self-giving is the sacred secret of our happiness-life.”

- Sri Chinmoy

Education



An orphaned child in Honduras receives a new toy.



Children in Angola receive their first toys.

Toy Drives

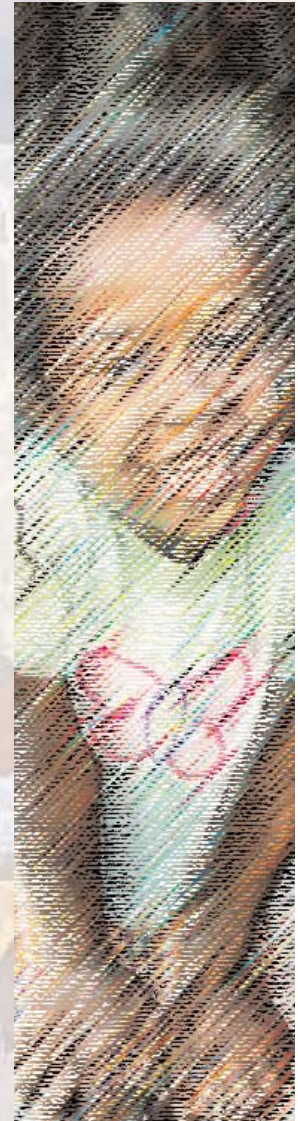
Children in many developing nations do not have access to simple toys, leaving a terrible void in their psychosocial development. Research carried out by an international team led by Professor Sally McGregor of University College London's Institute of Child Health concluded that programmes using basic toys could boost educational achievement of 200 million developing world children not reaching their potential.

In response to this critical need, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has organized unique toy drives in dozens of nations.

Toys have been sent to children in:

Albania
Angola
Indonesia
Bangladesh
Belarus
Cambodia
Cape Verde
Croatia
Dominican Republic
Ghana
Guatemala
Guinea Bissau

Honduras
Jamaica
Malawi
Malaysia
Mozambique
Russia
Samoa
Sao Tome and Principe
South Africa
Sri Lanka
The Gambia
Tonga
Venezuela



"We believe that children are a positive resource. They have a sense of fairness that is unique and when they have reactions and engagement that lead to activities for a better world, we have hope. No one can do everything but everybody can do something."

KJERSTI FLØGSTAD, DIRECTOR OF UNICEF, NORWAY, 19 MAY 2005

"The joy a self-giving heart embodies can never be matched."
- Sri Chinmoy

Education



Filippino children engrossed in their new books.

Kids to Kids

Kids to Kids creates and nurtures dialogue between children, with a focus on those from different demographic groups, such as between children in developed nations and children in developing nations or between children of the same nationality but disparate socioeconomic groups. The basic aims of **Kids to Kids** are: to aid in development through the support of education, sports and the arts; to inspire harmony between different populations of children; and to contribute to children's awareness of global issues, thus helping them to become conscientious leaders and international ambassadors of good will.

Children prepare care packages consisting of requested supplies (educational materials, sports equipment, musical equipment). In most cases, packages are divided into individual parcels with a note or gift, such as a toy or a drawing, from the child who prepared it, often along with a photo of the child. The children who prepare the packages follow a specially prepared curriculum through which they learn about the culture, history and socioeconomic condition of the recipient population.

Recipient groups are provided with a curriculum through which they learn about the culture and history of the children who have sent the packages, and the reciprocate through letters and artwork or poems that express their gratitude.

Impact: Thousands of children in more than 30 nations have participated as givers, most notably in an international effort to support the children devastated by the December 2004 tsunami. Over 20,000 individually created pieces of art, voicing messages of love and support, were delivered to child-victims in Indonesia and Sri Lanka. Hundreds of Kids to Kids packs were distributed to orphaned children in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. After the earthquake in May 2006, we delivered a large shipment of Kids to Kids packs to the affected areas in Yogyakarta, Bantul and Klaten. Ten thousand school packs with school supplies were distributed in partnership with Khalsa Aid. These projects provided comfort and joy to countless children in the aftermath of these two natural disasters.



A sample pack from the shipment to Sri Lanka.



Our volunteer clowns deliver Kids packs and bring joy to village children in Sri Lanka.



Tsunami orphans in Indonesia receive great joy from drawings and messages of love and friendship.

"Friendship is the soil where happiness proudly grows."
-Sri Chinmoy



Service to Orphans



Children in the SOS Children Village in Botswana with their new balls.



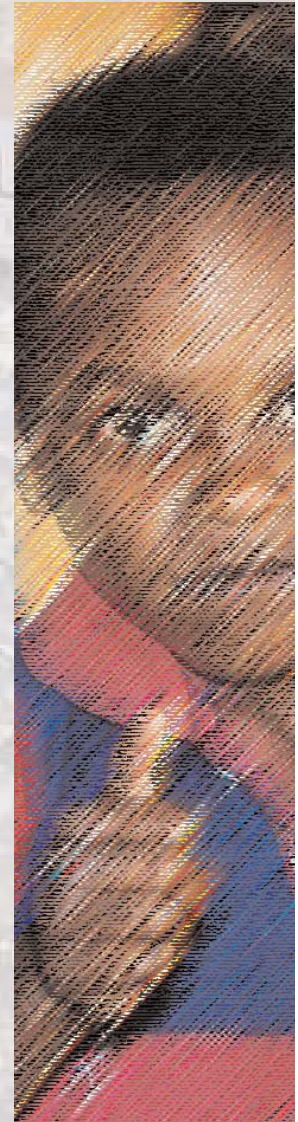
Children receiving support in an orphanage in Azerbaijan.

The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles has developed numerous relationships with orphanages worldwide, many of which have been neglected by governments and whose regional NGOs are unable to offer the desired level of support due to lack of funds and support.

For example, through an organization in Russia, *Children's Health – World's Health*, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has supported children at the *Way to Home* orphanage, whose orphans have been abandoned twice, once by their biological and once by their adoptive parents. Through *Children's Health – World's Health*, we have helped to establish a unique programme in Moscow has been instituted whereby students and their parents collect supplies for the Morozov Hospital which cares for sick orphans.

Selected service to orphanages around the globe:

Azerbaijan (orphanage; vitamins)
Bangladesh (orphanages; educational supplies, toys and clothing)
Bosnia and Herzegovina (orphanage; educational supplies, shoes, clothing and toys)
Botswana (SOS Children's village; sports equipment)
Burkina Faso (orphanage; school furniture)
Chad (AIDS orphanages; school supplies and school uniforms)
Croatia (SOS Children's Village for homeless children; school supplies, toys and food items)
Ethiopia (AIDS orphanage, institution for poor children; food and school uniforms)
Italy (home for abandoned children; toys)
Malaysia (orphanage; educational toys, school supplies and sports equipment)
Myanmar (orphanage; medicine for the treatment of malaria)
Rwanda (food, water and school supplies for homeless orphans living on streets; assistance in the publication of 700 books for 800-900 children; supplies for building loam cottages that provide shelter for children orphaned by AIDS or civil war)
Serbia and Montenegro (orphanages; clothing, food, hygiene care items and toys)
Sri Lanka (orphanage; school equipment, books, clothing and food)
Sudan (an association that provides education for homeless street children; educational supplies)
Swaziland (school for orphans and vulnerable children; school supplies, planting supplies, sports equipment)



"Hope is the strongest pillar that protects the entire world."
 - Sri Chinmoy

Disaster Relief



The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles has supported disaster relief efforts as part of a larger framework by supplying targeted humanitarian service. Usually in response to a personal request to Sri Chinmoy, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** rapidly mobilizes its resources to quickly address needs. In addition to efforts during the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami, other recent projects have included:

India

Summary: In January 2000, massive quakes struck Gujarat, India, killing thousands.

Key results: Large quantities of bottled water (valued at 10,000 USD) were delivered to people stricken by the Gujarat Earthquake in January 2001 via the Indian Medical Association of Ahmedabad.

Implementing partner: Indian Medical Association

Pakistan

Summary: In October 2005, a devastating earthquake took place in Northern Pakistan.

Key results: The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles responded immediately with emergency shipments. A 40-foot container and a 20-foot sea container with medical equipment and clothing were sent from Austria and medical supplies and blankets were sent from the United States.

Implementing partner: Prime Minister Earthquake Relief Center

Indonesia

Summary: Since 2004 Indonesia was hit by a tsunami, earthquakes and a flood.

Key results: Three Sri Chinmoy free medical clinics were set up by the Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles and have been actively serving hundreds of victims of these disasters on a daily basis since the tsunami. Many shipments including a 40-foot sea container were sent from our Austrian office to provide these clinics with medical supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals. Antibiotics and medical supplies were also distributed to six village clinics. In addition, our team has been distributing food and household items to the disaster victims.

Implementing partner: The Chairman of Indonesian Parliament, local hospitals, Peradah and other organisations.

“I know that you too strive to ease unnecessary suffering and indeed, have helped many, many people... I thank you for your generosity of spirit and send to you my heartfelt best wishes.”

PRINCESS DIANA IN A LETTER TO SRI CHINMOY, 21 JULY 1997

“When you offer something to anybody, do it with both hands wide open.” - Sri Chinmoy



The Prime Minister of India, Atal B. Vajpayee, sent personal thanks to Sri Chinmoy for relief assistance in 2000.



A plane of goods from the Czech Republic leaves for Sri Lanka.



One of the free medical clinics set up in the affected area by the Sri Chinmoy Centre.

Economic Recovery



Members of our group in Germany sent a sea container with water pumps and building supplies for the villages to help reconstruct the country after years of civil war.



Local artisan in South Africa.

The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles has participated in several small-scale projects to encourage economic rehabilitation in devastated areas and is assisting the development of several novel projects to aid in the economic recovery of small populations, thus promoting development through focus on the strengths of a demographic. Recent projects include:

Sri Lanka

Summary: The December 2004 tsunami killed more than 30,000 people in Sri Lanka and displaced more than 500,000. Entire communities were devastated. The sea swept away boats and nets and destroyed the already fragile infrastructure of the small rural fishing industry.

Key results: 100 boats were donated to fishermen who lost all of their implements, allowing them to begin fishing, thus making an immediate economic impact on the lives of their families and communities.

Implementing partner: MJF Foundation

Mozambique

Summary: Severe flooding struck Mozambique in 2000, damaging 90 per cent of the country's irrigation infrastructure damaged.

Key results: Water pumps and agricultural equipment were sent to aid in agricultural reconstruction.

Implementing partners: Graça Machel and FDC

Sao Tome and Principe

Summary: As in many developing nations, women struggle in Sao Tome and Principe to provide for their families, especially in cases where other working members of the family are jobless. Often, women use culturally traditional skills to make handicrafts or other goods for sale.

Key results: Sewing machines and fabric were sent to aid women's cottage industry efforts.

Projects are currently in pilot phase with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Philani in a unique partnership with several NGOs that promote rural artisanry in Capetown, South Africa.



“Sri Chinmoy, thank you so very much for all you mean for God’s world and God’s children. God bless you richly.”

ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU, 17 MARCH 2004

“Who says gentleness is not real strength?” - *Sri Chinmoy*

Healthcare



The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles has served numerous communities whose health-care infrastructure had either been severely damaged by disaster or was lacking the ability to provide basic or specialized care.

Numerous shipments, ranging from advanced treatment equipment to basic surgical supplies and medicines, have been sent by **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** to aid hospitals and health clinics in developing nations in providing the highest quality healthcare to their constituency. Projects have included treatment of specific diseases and viruses, advanced procedural training, operating theatre support, assistance to specialty clinics, health-related public relations and advocacy, and serving facilities providing basic healthcare.

Nations served include:

Albania	India
Angola	Indonesia
Bangladesh	Jamaica
Bosnia Herzegovina	Kiribati
Cape Verde	Kyrgyzstan
China	Latvia
Dominican Republic	Liberia
East Timor	Mozambique
Ecuador	Papua New Guinea
Fiji	Russia
Georgia	Samoa
Ghana	Sao Tome and Principe
Grenada	Sri Lanka
Guinea Bissau	Uzbekistan
Guyana	Vanuatu
Haiti	Vietnam



A child in Georgia receives support.



An ambulance donated to Vanuatu.

*"We all have the freedom to build our own future."
- Sri Chinmoy*



BURULI ULCER

Healthcare



A shipment being prepared for Ghana.



Specialized equipment for Angola.

Case Study: Ghana- Buruli Virus

The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles served the Mother and Child Community Development Foundation, a humanitarian organization led by the First Lady of Ghana, together with the leaders of Parliament from several parties and local NGOs, in a unique and fruitful partnership between national government and civil society with a focus on treating Buruli, a terrible disease that affects tens of thousands of children in Ghana and other parts of western Africa. The disease destroys the skin and soft connective tissue of the body and causes unimaginable suffering to the patients as well as their families.

The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles implemented findings from the World Health Organization's latest study concerning the treatment of Buruli; shipments of large amounts of the two antibiotics recommended for treating the disease, rifampicin and streptomycin, were sent.


The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles also sent four large containers full of medical and surgical supplies to serve needy communities in Ghana.

Case Study: Angola- Marburg Virus

The Marburg virus is transmitted through extremely close contact with blood or other body fluids and broke out in Angola in the spring of 2005 requiring immediate international mobilization to assist the war-ravaged nation to bolster its fragile national healthcare infrastructure.

At the request of the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Gaspar Martins, in 2005 **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** delivered these medical supplies to the Deputy Minister of Health of Angola, the Hon. Jose Van Dunen to help control the spread of the Marburg virus.

These medical supplies were sent from branches of The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles in five countries: Australia, Czech Republic, Switzerland, the United States and China (Hong Kong).



"Widen your heart to include the four corners of the globe in your own life." - Sri Chinmoy

Healthcare



Anaesthetic machine that was sent to Cape Verde along with other valuable medical devices.



Container bound for Cape Verde.

Shipments to Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity

Because of the close association between Sri Chinmoy and Mother Teresa, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has developed a strong association with the Missionaries of Charity worldwide. Beginning with Mother Teresa's personal request in 1994, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has sent large shipments of critical medicines, clothing and food to India for distribution to children in her orphanages. **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** branches from 16 countries has sent shipments to the Missionaries of Charity Mother House in Calcutta, including antibiotics, vitamins, medical supplies, school supplies and clothing.

In addition, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has offered large amounts of humanitarian assistance for distribution by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in 40 countries. These include: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Central African Republic, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Macedonia, Madagascar, Mexico, Mongolia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States.

Cape Verde

Summary: As in many developing nations, large numbers of people in Cape Verde lives in poverty, with limited access to health care.

Key results: In 2005 and 2006 The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles sent a 20-foot and a 40-foot sea containers to Cape Verde with specialized medical devices and equipment. The goods were distributed to the hospitals in greatest need.

Implementing partners: the Associacao de Apoio ADL Defucentes



Sri Chinmoy with Mother Teresa.



Sri Chinmoy with goods outside the Missionaries of Charity in New York.

"Judge nothing. You will be happy. Forgive everything. You will be happier. Love everything. You will be happiest." - Sri Chinmoy



Sports and Development

Sri Chinmoy is a pioneer in the field of sports and development. In 1987, he founded the World Harmony Run, which has grown into the longest and largest relay run for international harmony, linking thousands of schools in a spirit of togetherness. Through a specially created curriculum, including hands-on participation in the Run, children develop skills to communicate with others and to better understand the nature of the world as a global community.

In this spirit, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has organized numerous athletic events for children with a focus on both healthcare and education, using the races not only as a means of providing participants with exercise and fun, but also as vehicles to increase awareness as well as to raise funds and collect goods for underprivileged communities.

Russia

To foster a healthy lifestyle among children, many short-distance races and other athletic competitions have been organized by the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Izhevsk, Chelyabinsk and other Russian cities. In St. Petersburg, special attention was given to children from orphanages and boarding schools, as well as hearing-impaired children who participated in "Self-Transcendence" races. To date, there have been twelve running competitions, a table tennis round robin and a mini soccer tournament.

Samoa

In early July 2005, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** New Zealand branch provided 45 boxes of goods, including sports equipment, to be distributed in several different locations in Samoa.

The Gambia

The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles of Great Britain sent a sea container with a variety of items that children need, including sports equipment. It also included a machine for administering anaesthesia from our Austrian Office.

Bangladesh

New running shoes valued at 12,000 USD (179 pairs) were donated by *Run and Become*, a top running store in London, and were sent from New York to Bangladesh in two shipments, in September 2004 and November 2005. Mr. Sayeed Ur Raab of the Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation, which organizes national athletic competitions, distributed these professional quality shoes to athletes who show great promise but cannot afford to buy their own shoes.

Kenya

In conjunction with world record holder marathoner Tegla Loroupe, the Kids to Kids initiative in Switzerland has raised thousands of dollars to fund the construction of a school for impoverished children in Kenya. Through races, children in Switzerland have raised funds as well as awareness for their support of rural education in East Africa. Members of **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** are working with Sigi Milchberger, a dedicated Austrian national who retired to Nairobi to work with homeless street children in the country. His goal is to involve homeless or poverty-stricken children in activities that will give meaning to their lives. Towards this goal, Sigi has formed 40 boys' soccer teams and 25 girls' teams. He also organizes soccer tournaments for the teams. We have supplied these teams with many pairs of shoes, soccer balls and other sports equipment.



"Just one smile immensely increases the beauty of the universe." - Sri Chinmoy

Consultancy



Medical Training

As **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** is a network with many professionals, a number of members have gone into the field, providing assistance and education to NGO partners and partner governments (when necessary), offering training services in project management, the establishment of relief infrastructure, as well as specific professional and technical consultancy services. Past projects have included:

Sri Lanka: A team of three doctors and nurses was assembled to visit and serve camps for displaced people in the Matara and Galle districts and offer food and medical care. Powdered milk for children was also provided by this team.

Yemen: The German branch of **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** provided sutures and suture needles, valued at over 30,000 USD, to the German relief organization Hammer Forum E.V. This organization is providing doctors to offer medical care to poor children in the Al-Thawrah Hospital in Taiz, Yemen.

Policy Consulting Services

Vanuatu: In October 2004, two members of **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** traveled to Port Vila to initiate discussions with Vanuatu authorities. Their work resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** and the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu to develop a coordinated, effective and transparent means of delivering humanitarian goods to the people of Vanuatu. The Vanuatu Office of Foreign Affairs established the Vanuatu Humanitarian Services Task Force Committee, headed by Mr. George Maniuri, to coordinate activities of the organization across all levels of the Vanuatu government.

In addition, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has also been instrumental in facilitating contact between Australian and Vanuatu medical personnel.



A team of doctors and nurses offer medical service to the survivors of the tsunami in Sri Lanka.



Vila Central Hospital, Vanuatu.

"The vision that has no determination cannot be manifested here on earth." - Sri Chinmoy



Empowering Women

The 50th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women considered the following areas:

Enhanced participation of women in development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account the fields of education, health and work.

Working closely with women's rights NGOs in developing nations as well as champions of women's rights in national and local governments, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has been able to make a measurable impact on the lives of women. Projects have included:

Indonesia

Summary: Rural healthcare in developing nations has tremendous difficulty in providing long-term care and assistance for patients with cancer. In addition to economic impediments, many social and cultural barriers exist preventing care and treatment of such diseases in women.

Key results: At the request of United Nations Ambassador Makarim Wibisono of Indonesia, many boxes of pharmaceuticals, medical and surgical supplies were given to the Women's Cancer Clinic in Surabaya.

The Gambia

Summary: In developed nations, between ten to fifteen per cent of births are performed via Caesarean section. In developing nations, physicians do not have access to proper surgical equipment or anaesthetics, making such operations extremely dangerous with a very high rate of mortality for both mothers and children.

Key results: In May 2005, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** branch in Austria sent an air shipment of surgical instruments for use in Caesarean sections valued at 1,200 USD to equip the operating rooms of three hospitals in The Gambia.

Ghana: Please see section on Buruli virus.

Rwanda

Summary: In Rwanda, as a result of the civil war, many women lost their husbands and many children became orphans.

Key results: In June 2004, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** provided supplies for building loam cottages that serve as housing for widows who are willing to care for up to ten children, including their own, as well as other children who have become orphans.

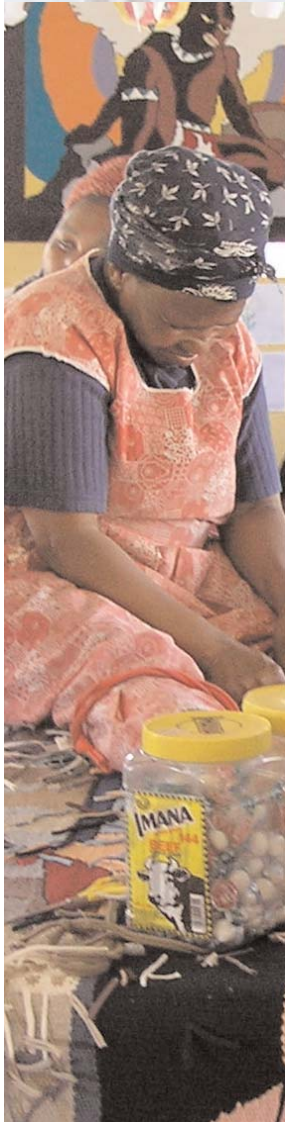


Widows with orphaned children are sheltered in these loam houses.



*"May constant self-giving be the guiding principle of my life."
- Sri Chinmoy*

HIV/AIDS



Women sewing at the Philani Centres.

The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles supports programmes that empower communities in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Through healthcare assistance, education, economic recovery and community advocacy, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** practises a comprehensive approach, addressing both the needs of the individual as well as the needs of the community. Projects have included:

Kiribati

Summary: HIV/AIDS is a serious problem and social issue in small island nations that lack modern medical support and whose cultures have inherent taboos against sexually transmitted diseases.

Key results: Working closely with the Kiribati HIV/AIDS Task Force and the Kiribati Ministry of Health, **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** has been able to supply medical equipment and office supplies to the HIV/AIDS Task Force in Kiribati, as well as materials to promote World Aids Day in Tarawa. "They were a little hesitant to believe someone would actually send these things; most donor agencies that we have found will not pay for shipping, which can be the limiting factor. I just wanted you to know that what you are doing is rare and highly appreciated." Lauren Kandt - HIV/AIDS Taskforce volunteer, 11 February 2005, Kiribati

South Africa

Summary: About 50 per cent of the people of South Africa, including an estimated 75 per cent of the children, are living in dire poverty. Poverty and AIDS are the major problems facing all South Africans, particularly youngsters. Therefore, there has been special concentration on projects that serve the children.

Key results: Medicines, food and clothing have been sent to several orphanages with AIDS-afflicted children. In conjunction with the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, school supplies, blankets, clothing and toys have been sent specially for programmes that serve tens of thousands of children. Large quantities of educational supplies have also been sent to Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Child Welfare Society.

Case Study: South Africa- Philani

Since its inception in 1979, the Philani Project has worked to empower and uplift underprivileged communities. They now operate a development centre, six nutrition rehabilitation centres, outreach centres in nine informal settlements, seven pre-schools, seven skills training centres and a craft centre. In addition, an HIV/AIDS education, care and support programme forms an integral part of all Philani activities as many members of the community have been affected by HIV/AIDS directly or indirectly. Archbishop Tutu is a patron of Philani.

In August and September 2005, over one ton of urgently needed powdered milk and new clothing was sent from **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** branches in Europe, New Zealand and North America to Cape Town for children in the Philani Centre.

In November 2005, two members of **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** spent several weeks in the Philani Centres to meet the staff and begin a skill-training program in sewing for the mothers of the malnourished children. **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** sent six sewing machines as part of an economic recovery programme. **The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles** supplied 500 African baby dolls for these little children through the **Kids to Kids** programme. Schoolchildren and children's service groups from around the world made the cloth dolls that were sent to the Philani Project.

"Only humility knows how to appreciate and admire the good qualities of others." - Sri Chinmoy

Highlights of The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles

World Humanitarian Service Branch of the Sri Chinmoy Centres International

Russia

- 58 tons of food and clothing and 13 tons of baby food in 1991.
- Over USD 5 million worth of chemotherapy and medical technology, as well as several tons of pharmaceutical, medical and surgical supplies and modern diagnostic and treatment equipment, to treat children with leukemia.

Angola

- 21 sea containers containing pharmaceuticals, medical and surgical supplies, food, clothing, school supplies, tools and building supplies.
- 20 tons of clothing, 14 tons of vitamins, 28 tons of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment for hospitals, 130,000 packs of protein powder weighing 2.3 tons, 2000 Kids to Kids kits.

South Africa

- A sea container filled with 17,000 toys and 6,000 items of art supplies for disadvantaged children, 15,000 balls for the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund Christmas Celebration in 2003.
- Supplied large quantities of toys for the Nelson Mandela Children's Day 2003
- Four 20-foot sea containers carrying bicycles, school supplies, educational materials, toys, food and vitamins and 500 hand-made African baby dolls for the Philani Nutrition Project children in the Cape Town area.

Mozambique

- Six sea containers of medical supplies, educational materials and supplies computers, pharmaceuticals and toys.
- Medical and surgical technology for the urology department of the Maputo Central hospital in 2003.

Liberia

- Four double (40-foot) sea containers of medical equipment and surgical supplies for hospitals in Monrovia.
- Computers, 3,000 wind-up radios to broadcast health programs and educational programs in remote villages.

Indonesia

- Medical supplies for Women's Cancer Centre, Surabaya.
- Surgical instruments and supplies worth USD 17,000 presented to the King of Solo to serve the needs of local citizens.
- 22,000 "Drawings of Love" and messages of support to the 8,000 orphans of the tsunami from children in 30 countries. (year?)
- The contents of two air shipments, two sea containers-one a double container carrying 22 tons of medical supplies, 10,000 cans of food, beds and educational supplies, including 10,000 school packs -distributed immediately to the victims of the 2004 earthquake.
- Sri Chinmoy Free Medical Clinics established in Yogyakarta and Bantul in the heart of the site of the 2006 earthquake.
- Continuing humanitarian service provided to earthquake victims on a daily basis.
- Thousands of cans of food distributed in Jakarta in January 2007 to victims of severe flooding.

Pakistan

- Two double sea containers carrying approximately 1,000 boxes of warm clothing and medical supplies after the earthquake in Northern Pakistan in October 2005.
- Over USD 43,000 personally donated by members of the Sri Chinmoy Centres International for victims of the Pakistan Earthquake via UNICEF.

Sri Lanka

- Over USD 44,000 personally given by the members of the Sri Chinmoy Centres International to the MJF Foundation to purchase 100 fishing boats and rebuild/re-equip several schools following the 2004 tsunami disaster.
- Air shipments of medical supplies and/or pharmaceuticals sent from Austria, Australia, Canada and Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands and New Zealand, Slovenia, Switzerland and the USA.
- Twenty tons of clothing sent from our Japan team.
- Our team in Sri Lanka distributed food and set up a medical clinic on weekends in the disaster areas.

Ghana

- Four sea containers of hospital beds, medical supplies, educational materials, computers, medical technology sent between 2004 and 2006.
- Large air shipments of antibiotics streptomycin and rifampicin sent to the Mother and Child Community Development Foundation in Ghana to treat Buruli Ulcer.

The Gambia

- Sea container carrying medical and educational supplies sent from Great Britain.
- Anaesthetic machine and three sets of surgical supplies and instruments critical for survival of caesarean section patients.

Kenya

- Organized fund-raising race that provided over USD 20,000 for the Tegla Loroupe Academy, which includes a school and a medical dispensary.
- Sent a sea container of medical and educational supplies and children's gift packs.

Guinea Bissau

- A sea container of medical and educational supplies sent to the Minister of Health.
- Kids to Kids packs distributed in the most poverty-stricken areas.

Cape Verde

- A double sea container of medical equipment sent.
- A second container of medical and educational and kids packs sent to hospitals and schools.

Grenada, Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic

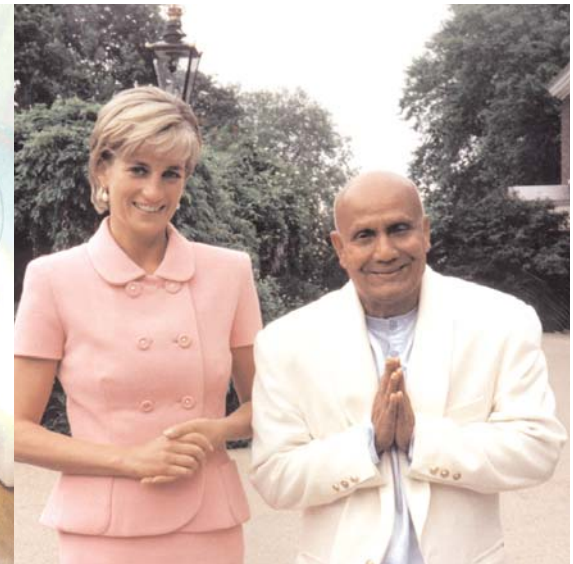
- Sent air shipments and/or sea containers of emergency supplies in the aftermath of flooding and of cyclones.

14 Oceanic Countries

- Medical and school supplies, as well as two new ambulances and medical equipment, sent to Vanuatu.
- Service to other countries, including Samoa, Niue and Solomon Islands.

Global Service

- Sent school supplies, nutritional supplements, athletic equipment and toys in Angola, Botswana, South Africa, Swaziland, Suriname, Zambia, Lesotho and Ethiopia to various AIDS orphanages and schools-according to their requests.
- Provided food, clothing and medical supplies and toys for orphans, the homeless and AIDS patients at Missionaries of Charity in 40 countries.



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