

The Humanitarian Activities of Mata Amritanandamayi Math (MAM)

An NGO with Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

Humanitarian Aid

Disaster Relief

2001 Gujarat Earthquake Relief

- Reconstruction of 3 entire villages, including 1,200 earthquake-proof homes
- Medical aid, emergency shelter, food, and clothing

2004 Tsunami Relief

- M.A.Math initially pledged \$23 million US in tsunami relief aid. However due to higher than expected expenditures, especially in housing and the evacuation bridge, the amount actually given is more than double that.
- Emergency shelter and food for 4,100 homeless families
- Three meals a day for an additional 32,000 people
- Extensive medical care through AIMS Hospital
- Clothing for 90,000 people
- Cash for 16,000 families
- Rebuilding more than 6,000 homes of which, 4,500 were built as of September 2007
- 700 fishing boats, motors, fishing nets
- Job camps for 2,000 adolescents
- Vacation camps for 10,000 children
- Provisions for 10,000 families
- 10,000 children participated in educational camps

Flooding, Mumbai, 2005

- Medical care for 50,000 survivors and \$1 million worth of medicines
- Food, kitchenware, bedding, and clothing

Hurricanes Katrina & Rita, USA, 2005

- Donation of \$1 million, plus food, clothing, and other essential supplies

Earthquake, Kashmir-Pakistan 2005

- Volunteer relief team delivered food, blankets and supplies
- 3 villages will be rebuilt in one of the areas most affected by the quake

Floods, Gujarat, 2006

- Extensive medical care and supplies

Other Aid Projects

Home Construction for Homeless and Slum Dwellers

- Completion of 30,000 homes towards a goal of 125,000

Farmer Suicide Prevention

- Helping to end suicide among debt-ridden farmers through providing scholarships for 30,000 children of impoverished farmers and through providing 5,000 women from agricultural families the vocational training and start-up capital needed to begin small, home-based businesses.

Slum Improvement

- Apartments for 1,600 residents of slums

Free Food

- Meals for more than 2 million people each year in India
- 72,000 meals each year in the U.S.

Free Legal Advice

- Network of 1,000 volunteer lawyers work on human rights and environmental issues

Orphanage for 500 Children in Kerala

Pensions for 100,000 Destitute Women and the physically and mentally challenged

Four Care Homes for the Aged in South India

Medical Care

Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS)

- Not-for-profit 1,300-bed hospital provides free care to the poor
- From 1998 to 2006, 751,098 patients received free treatment
- 6 medical specialty institutes, more than 30 departments, and 10 specialty labs

AIMS Community Services

- Fully-equipped ambulances for remote areas
- Special outreach projects, such as diabetes prevention
- Telemedicine for hospitals and village resource center
- Four branch hospitals provide free care
- Training of hundreds of tribal villagers as healthcare workers
- Clinics and hospice for terminally ill patients
- Ayurveda clinic, hospital, and research centre
- Free health screenings and medical camps in remote areas of India

Education

Amrita University

- Deemed University Status, highest accreditation from government of India to private educational institutions
- Five campuses: specialties include engineering, technology, computer sciences, medical sciences, and management
- Amrita research labs engaged in developing innovative technologies in the fields of global communications, computer technology, medical and educational management, and affordable information technology
- In cooperation with the Indian Space Research Organization, Amrita University is connected by satellite with 20 leading universities in the U.S., including Harvard, Princeton, and the University of California

Higher Education

- Colleges for teacher training, industrial training, self-employment, and empowerment programs

Elementary and Secondary Education

- 53 schools, from pre-primary through high school
- Other schools for the special needs of hearing-impaired children, indigenous peoples, and orphans

Culture & Environment

Amritapuri Center in Kerala, South India

- Residential accommodation for 3,000 people
- Women educated as priests
- Centers also in other areas of India, Europe, U.S., Japan, Singapore, Brazil, Australia, and other nations

18 Temples

- Universal worship for people of all faiths

Integrated Amrita Meditation (IAM)

- Taught free of charge to help people reduce stress and improve physical and mental health

Greenfriends

- Ecological awareness programs
- Reforestation with 100,000 trees each year and planting of medicinal herbs

Youth Groups

- Participants learn yoga, meditation, and participate in service projects

Community Development

Institute of Peoples' Education – Jan Shikshan Sansthan in Kerala and Tamil Nadu

- Offers poor communities a literacy project, occupational courses, suicide prevention, and self-sufficiency programs

Amrita Development Activities in Kerala and Tamil Nadu

- Stimulates employment and environmental protection in rural villages
- Includes 3 medicinal plant reserves, high-density farming, a plant nursery, and 8 satellite-aided resource centers

Self-Reliance Employment & Empowerment Program (SREE) in Kozhikode

- Helping unemployed and deprived people start up their own small businesses

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