

MCS MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION LTD

The Association being very conscious of the fact that pursuing economic interest needs to be balanced with social and environmental responsibility, has set up a CSR Foundation to address its CSR obligations. Essentially, CSR is the deliberate inclusion of public interest into corporate decision-making, and the honoring of a triple bottom line: People, Planet, Profit. It is now compulsory that profitable organisations must spend at least 2% of their profits chargeable to income tax, derived during their preceding year on CSR activities where 1% needs to be spent on one or any of the four priority areas like:

- absolute poverty and community empowerment,
- social housing ,
- welfare of children from vulnerable groups and
- prevention of non-communicable diseases.

Main CSR activities undertaken by Mutual Aid as at April 18, 2012 include :

1. Construction of walkway from Shell Filling Station towards Victoria Bus Station(Rs 2.0m).
2. Sixty eight scholarships have been awarded to needy students for degree course at University of Mauritius as at today(Rs 4.3m). In addition to a yearly grant of Rs 20,000, a new laptop was also given to each student. The scholarship is a recurring feature each year

3. Landscaping project at the Guy Rozemont Garden Square in Port Louis to uplift and embellish the environment in this strategic part of Port Louis. The contribution of the Association is to the tune of Rs1m.
4. Adoption of the paediatric ward at Jawaharlall Nehru Hospital at Rose Belle. It involves donation of specialized medical equipment and upgrading of the ward generally. Total expenditure is Rs8m. The equipment supplied include two ultrasound Nebulizers, six pulse Oxymeters, two baby incubators, two composite bedside monitors, ten electronic syringe pumps, one TV set, one DVD Player, one Refrigerator, ten overbed tables, ten drip stands , three Airconditioners, one micro-wave ,twenty nine Open cots with mattresses, one electronic weighing machine, etc. The general upgrading works include supply of new curtains, old doors replaced by new aluminium doors, renovation of toilet, bath room, new name plates, etc.
5. Donation of Rs 100,000 to Lady Sushil Ramgoolam SSS Triolet for upgrading of library.
6. Renovation of toilet block at the cost of Rs 350,000 at RCEA School, Riviere Coco primary school in Rodrigues.
7. Donation of Rs 100,000 to Les Association Enfants D'Abord for purchase of musical instruments.

8. Donation of Rs 150,000 to Brindaban Multi-Purpose Educational Association to promote education of ICT.
9. Renovation of house of Mr S.Tookya at Brisee Verdiere – Rs 85,000.
10. Purchase of LCD TV for Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Rodrigues-Rs 36,928.
11. Donation of Rs 200,000 to parent of Baby Keshavamurthy Thylamay to partly meet the cost of surgeries.

Other CSR activities that will be implemented in FY 2011/2012 include:

- the construction of low cost housing for vulnerable groups – Rs14.6m .
- donation of an ambulance to Moka Eye hospital costing Rs1.3m.
- Donation of several equipment to Paediatric Ward of Flacq Hospital for the sum of around Rs 1.3m.
- Implementation of Rain Water Harvesting project at Terre Rouge school in Rodrigues – Rs600,000 has been budgeted.
- Supply of a Digital Video Colposcope at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Rodrigues-Rs 400,000.