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1981 - 2015



**IMRC**  
INDIAN MUSLIM RELIEF & CHARITIES

# 2015 in Review

December 2015



You'll be surprised how far a \$1  
can stretch in India.

You gave more. We did more.  
Together we impacted more.

## **Our Mission**

Help India's Muslims & minorities achieve security, freedom and equality  
- Their rights as citizens of India.

## SUMMER VOLUNTEER

Volunteering abroad is a great way to immerse yourself in the culture while learning and giving back at the same time. IMRC's Summer Volunteer Program came back this past summer with four girls from the US who gave up their time from summer plans with friends, shopping at the mall or hours of filling college apps; instead to find adventure through meaningful travel abroad. Here's a summary of one girl's experience.

### Life Beyond the Fundraiser

by Marwa Abdulhai

My trip to India this summer was the best decision I have ever made in my life. As a youth volunteer for IMRC in the US for the last three years, I have been involved in programs raising money for the unfortunate in India affected by poverty, and natural disasters. Going to India, however, to meet the underprivileged families whose lives IMRC was striving to change was something I had wished to do later in life due to my hectic life as a high school junior. Whatever hit me to put others before my own needs and not wait for the most opportune moment was the fate of luck. So, with a group of three other girls - Zaymee, Yusra, & Sania - I prepared myself for the two-week trip with no idea what was in store for me.

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a complete eye opener – free consulting sessions for desperate families, the immense trust needed to survey slums for health-issues, and the swift decisions made to treat those unable to pay. We saw men as young as 28 undergoing four-hour long dialysis sessions four times a week for less than 13 dollars. I saw the smile upon the face of a man, after watching a live surgery that healed his broken ankle. I witnessed the happiness a financially constrained family of eight felt after scheduling a cataract surgery for their ailing father. I truly realized then that our small efforts in the States were bringing families back to life here, in India.

Our experience in Moinabad – a two-day visit to the IMRC Girls Orphanage held an entirely different worth. A stream of wide-eyed angels rushing to welcome us was not what we were expecting. With their plaited hair, checkered uniforms, and dimpled smiles, you would never know that many had endured painful pasts of parental death, abuse or abandonment. What the pictures at the fundraiser didn't tell me was how fast they could run, the pride they took in their barely furnished rooms, and their knowledge of current events involving Malala Yousefzai. Our normal expectation of an orphanage was that we would see a somber place with kids sitting in corners lost in deep melancholy. But here, they were all laughing with one another with every child possessing a deep and fiery spirit to give back to her community. Khaja, a 10-year-old girl, wants to be an engineer and build robots, while little Afiya dreams of being a pilot and soaring the skies of India. Ghouse was the only boy at the orphanage, brought in at the age of two after having seen his mother buried in the ground and spending the next 13 months at the hostel scratching the earth in



Our first stop was a suburb of Hyderabad to visit the IMRC Indo-US hospital, responsible for providing medical aid to the underprivileged. What I knew before were mere numbers on paper; over 2500 dialysis sessions, over 19,000 patients treated but what I experienced on the ground was



The 1st graders at the Challenger Girls Hostel.



Gearing up to watch knee surgery at Indo-US Hospital.

search of her. Now as a six year old, he dreams of becoming a police officer to protect the people of his community. It's not every day you meet kids as hopeful and uplifting as these beautiful souls. I wouldn't trade anything in the world better than the experience of getting to know them.

We visited villages in Kashmir that were in a dire situation – utterly destroyed by the recent floods that left millions homeless and without drinking water. Living in tents provided by IMRC to survive the upcoming winter, the locals toiled all day long creating the most expensive carpets in the world but being paid less than \$5 a day. I could go on about the things I saw or the realizations I had come to, but there was one thing that stood out to me: we have short attention spans when it comes to fighting the injustices of this world. A moment of silence, a day of grief, a weekend of raising some dollars, but then we lose the fire and that desire to change the world until the next disaster strikes. Deaths have become mere numbers, and natural disasters only mean a dozen pictures that we share on Facebook or Twitter. This trip has been a life changing experience for me not only because it has given me a clearer insight into my role as a volunteer, but because of the deep sense of gratitude I have now for my parents in providing for the life I live today. Perhaps one day – Khaja, Ghouse or Afiya can provide a similar future for their children.

*On behalf of IMRC I would like to thank you all, especially Br. Abdul Hai under whose guidance the trip was planned and executed successfully. This is the first time that the volunteers after coming back not only submitted the report but presented it very professionally in power point format along with solutions. It's great to see that they've taken up a project on their own. This shows not just the commitment but the passion you all have for our needy community.*



*Once again many thanks to these young girls Yusra, Marwa, Sania & Zaynee.*

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## NEXT STEP: KASHMIR BORE-WELLS

After returning from the IMRC Trip, Marwa and her team have created a campaign to raise funds for the people of Kashmir who at present are unable to access clean drinking water. In the aftermath of the floods, the locals have become dependent upon impure muddy water sources that are used for cleaning, drinking, showering, and cooking. They are at serious risk of not only dehydration, but also at risk of contracting water borne diseases.

The youth group has launched a campaign, to expand IMRC' titled the Kashmir Bore-Well Project, to raise money for the construction of 50 bore wells in mosques across the villages of Kashmir.

Help these girls in their quest to bring Kashmir and its people back to life, one village at a time.

## INDIA HEALTH INITIATIVE

**9,869 PATIENTS**  
**TREATED DURING**  
**INDIA HEALTH INITIATIVE**

JANUARY 26TH - FEBRUARY 14TH, 2015



**800 patients**

The average number of patients treated each day at each camp.

Dr. John Rosenberg, who has been volunteering for the health camps since IHI inception, says the experience is satisfying. "It's quite chaotic, requires a lot of energy, but at the end of the day you feel a sense of satisfaction and sense of accomplishment, that we are making some difference to the people here."

In many cases, those living in rural and slum areas do not have access to treatment and/or cannot afford to be seen by a doctor. For the past 6 years, IMRC has assembled a team of doctors from the United States to volunteer at health camps in India established by its sister organization, Sahayata Trust. These doctors volunteered their time and provided medical care to economically poor patients, who otherwise would not be able to afford the high cost of treatment.

This year, six doctors attended the program: Dr. Farida Ghogawala (Gynecologist), Dr. Irfan Moin (Geriatrics), Dr. Jerome Stephanko (General Surgeon), Dr. John Rosenberg (ER Physician), Dr. Mustafa Abu Alkheir (Surgeon), and Dr. Yamin Ali Javed (Pediatrician). They provided their expertise across four medical camps each in Hyderabad, Bijapur, and Bangarpet in Bengaluru.

Qader Shariff, an old man with diabetic problems, from Shaheen Nagar in Hyderabad, said, "Before coming here I also went to some other hospitals but they don't do the kind of check-up which doctors here are doing for free of cost. At other hospitals they charge a lot of money but do not treat us properly."

### Next Trip in 2016!

If you're a medical professional, join the next India Health Initiative Program! **February 22nd - March 12th 2016!**



Dr. Irfan Moin examines a patient.



Dr. Farida Ghogawala examines a patient.

**THE VOLUNTEER DOCTORS**  
**GAVE THE EQUIVALENT OF**  
**OVER \$66,000**  
**WORTH OF TIME**

(Calculated by the US Dept. of Labor that calculates the wage estimate of a physician at \$93/hr.)

## INDO-US HOSPITAL

# 13,400

## PATIENTS TREATED

## AT INDO-US HOSPITAL

JAN - OCT. 2015

PERFORMED

## 473 CATARACT SURGERIES

## 182 WERE FREE OF COST

## 1854 DIALYSIS SESSIONS

## 46 SURGERIES (ORTHO & NEURO)



**522 TOTAL EYE  
RELATED SURGERIES**



**13,917 PATIENTS SCREENED AT  
FREE EYE CAMPS**



Indo-US Hospital was founded with the primary intention of serving patients who could not afford costly treatments with diabetes or its related illnesses. We have established this hospital based on our experience in handling a 20 bedded hospital which we ran for over 6 years. This has helped us expand into a 65 bed hospital which provides state of the art services for various types of medical complications.

### Departments offered:

Emergency  
ENT  
General Surgery  
Internal Medicine  
Ophthalmology  
Orthopedics  
Urology

### Plan to open by Jan. 2016!

Cardiology  
Gastroenterology  
ICU  
Laparoscopic Surgery  
Neurology  
Neurosurgery  
Obstetrics

We also provide preventive healthcare, educational services and curative approach. It's important to us that we not only provide treatment, but access to information in improving and educating the community.

**Adding ICU by December 2015!** We ask for your continuous support to keep the hospital supplied with up-to-date equipment, especially in the ICU unit. Regardless of the size of your contribution, we are grateful for your gift. Visit our website for other items you can donate towards.

**Now looking for doctors who can visit the Indo-US Hospital and provide their expertise for the poor! Give a few days to a week of your time for the needy.**

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## WATER WELL PROJECT

# 312

## WELLS BUILT

(APRIL 2013 TO YEAR-END NOV. 2015)

ON AVERAGE OVER  
**120,000 PEOPLE**  
BENEFIT PER DAY

**COSTS ABOUT \$3 PER PERSON**  
TO PROVIDE WATER FOREVER

In India, 100 million people lack access to safe drinking water. Before these wells were built, women would spend hours fetching water by foot from a community well which could be several miles away. Sometimes a village would still face an acute water shortage for two to three months every year due to change in weather and rainfall patterns.

Alhamdulillah, these communities now enjoy the luxury of flowing water, locally. Thanks to your generous support, of sponsoring a well, 312 villages are able to have access to potable water.

These wells are specifically built centrally in a village to give access for the entire community, regardless of anyone's faith. At one village, a hindu sarpanch was so happy about a regular supply of clean water, throughout the year that he made the electricity free for operating the pump.

The opportunities for dawah, assisting the needy and reaching out to needy communities are endless. InshAllah with your continued support we can build for more communities.

*The Prophet, peace be upon him, said: "The best charity is giving water to drink." (Ahmad)*

Water is so much more than just a drink: it's needed to cook food, water crops and livestock, wash hands and cooking pots to stop diseases spreading. Each bore well along coastal India at REED sites now costs approximately \$1,800. Help a community drink safe water by sponsoring a well today.



THE WORLD BANK ESTIMATES  
**21%** OF COMMUNICABLE  
DISEASES IN INDIA  
ARE RELATED TO  
UNSAFE WATER

## PROJECT REED

RURAL EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**NOW AT 83  
LOCATIONS  
SUPPORTING A NEW  
COMMUNITY EACH MONTH  
\$20,000 GIVES A  
COMMUNITY A NEW PLACE TO  
PRACTICE THEIR DEEN,  
RECEIVE AN EDUCATION,  
HAVE ACTIVITIES &  
BELONG TO AN ISLAMIC COMMUNITY**

Project REED (Rural Education & Economic Development) has a goal to continue to expand to nearby villages and build one masjid/school per month. Alhamdulillah, with your continued support this project has proven to be successful each year since we first began in 2009. We are now at 83 locations and have a goal to build up to 100.

Each location has given the Muslims in the area a sense of belonging to a community. These 83 villages used to worship idols due to lack of education and access to Islamic knowledge. Now these same communities are praying in jamaat and have children reciting Quran with tajweed. Alhamdulillah!

Adults and children take pride in attending the daily prayers, Jumah, halaqa, quran lessons and receiving an education. You can tell there was a thirst for knowledge in which they didn't have any access to before. Alhamdulillah, we are fortunate to assist these communities in need.

**We ask for your continuous support to cover costs for running each location with salaries for the imaam/teacher, books, literature and other maintenance. Inshallah with your generosity, we can continue the operations at all locations and many more, inshallah. May Allah reward you immensely! Jazakh Allah khair!**



## RAMADAN PROGRAM

Across 19 states of India and with a supporting staff and volunteers of 235, IMRC was able to carry out its annual Ramadan Feeding Program. This program would not be possible without the generosity of its supporters across the US who generously gave for the needy in Ramadan.

**2 MILLION**  
**MEALS IN GRAINS**

**OVER 300 TONS OF**  
**GRAINS DISTRIBUTED**  
**15,000 FAMILIES**  
**RECEIVED FOOD**  
**GRAIN PACKAGES**  
**108,000 BENEFICIARIES**

## QURBANI PROGRAM

**OVER**  
**4,700 QURBANI**  
**PERFORMED**

One of the best acts we can perform alongside those men and women who go for the annual Hajj is the 'Qurbani' - the sacrificing of an animal in the way of God where the meat is distributed among the deserving living in poverty. Each year IMRC seeks rural villages and remote areas where communities are impoverished and/or do not have access to large city Qurbani programs offered. In many cases our teams have to travel by rickshaw and by foot to deliver the packages. Jazakh Allah khair for your support in helping us continue this program and truly provide for the needy.



**86,000 COOKED**  
**MEALS SERVED**



**30 TONS OF FITRA**  
**DISBURSED**



**398 VILLAGES**  
**SPONSORED WITH**  
**IFTAR**



**74 DISTRIBUTION**  
**CENTERS**



**OVER 560,000**  
**QURBANI BENEFICIARIES**



## EMERGENCY RELIEF

IMRC provides children and families with disaster relief when emergencies strike. With each case poor children and women are the most vulnerable to falling into poverty and abuse if relief isn't delivered immediately.

### WE RESPOND TO:

- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Hurricanes
- Tsunamis
- Riots

### IN 2015, WE RESPONDED TO:

- A 7.8 magnitude Earthquake in Nepal
- Kashmir's Floods
- Fire of West Bengal
- Freezing Weather across India (Blanket Drive)
- Assam Floods
- Bengal Floods

## \$144,000 IN RELIEF AID WAS SENT FOR THE VICTIMS

Relief items such as food, medicine, hygiene kits, grains, tarp, shelter supplies, and health camps were provided based on need.

Jazakh Allah khair for your support. Without your contribution and support we couldn't have responded as quickly with the much needed supplies. Our goal every time we provide relief is to have our team on site within 24 hours of the calamity for assessment and immediate action.



A volunteer doctor at a free health camp assists a victim of the Assam flood.

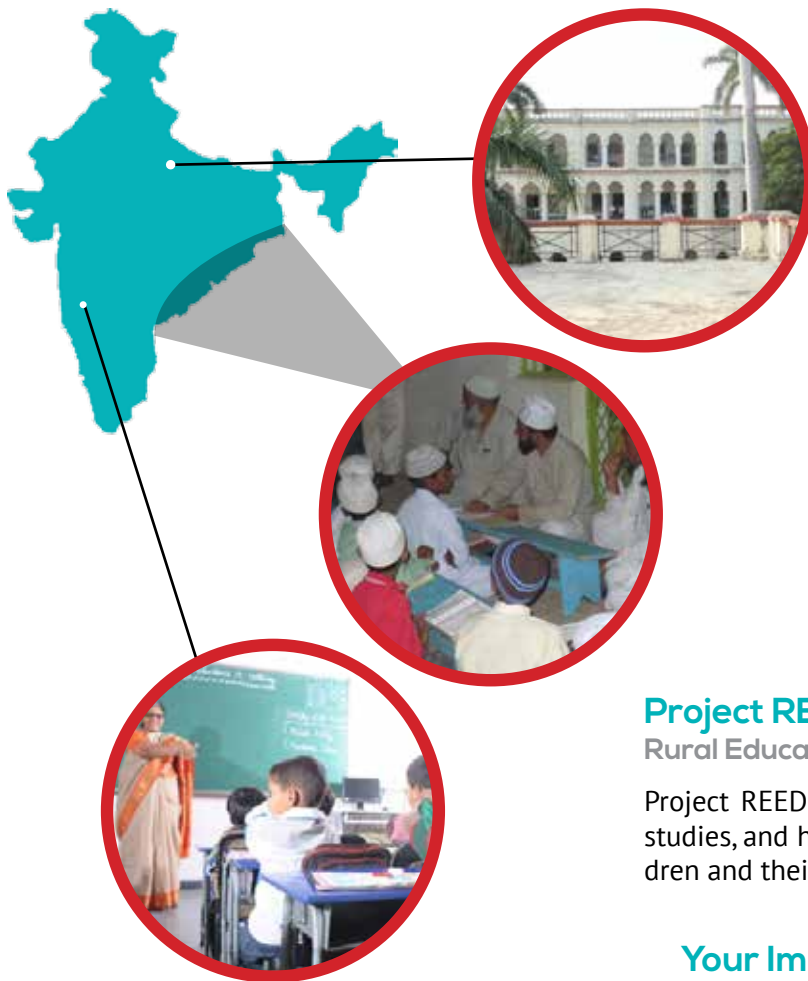


West Bengal flood victims receive shelter supplies, clothes and grains.



A family traveled by boat across the flooded area to be seen at a free health camp and receive medicine.

## EDUCATION



### JIT

Jahangirabad Institute of Technology

JIT provides an excellent and affordable educational opportunity utilizing India's human and financial resources and leveraging them with the support of international communities around the world.

**Current student body: 550**  
(B. Tech - 483 MBA - 67)

#### JIT Projects in progress:

- Planning College of Education
- Building a Girls Hostel Bldg.
- Build 2nd Boys Hostel Bldg.
- Expand into College of Business
- Expand Media Certificate program to a Bachelor's and Master's program.

### Project REED Schools - 83 locations!

Rural Education & Economic Development

Project REED schools provide access to education, Islamic studies, and halaqa programs at coastal REED sites for children and their families.

**Your Impact** { Over 1,000 children attend  
Approx. 4,000 adults attend

### CIS

Challenger International School

A school which provides quality and purposeful education using innovative methods through the expertise & vast experience of our highly talented staff.

**Current student body: 645**

Some activities on campus life include: Field trips, Student Empowerment Program, Environment Rally, Sports Day, Awards Ceremony, Science Fair and much more!

#### New programs started this year:

- IIT foundation for grades 3-9.
- Digi Smart Classes for all subjects to provide students with a better understanding to digital curriculum.



## EDUCATION



### FOR QUALITY EDUCATION WE MUST:

#### Provide Scholarships

To eliminate cost barriers which prevent children from attending and completing school we provide scholarships.

90% of JIT's students receive financial aid  
30% of Challenger's students receive financial aid  
30 orphans enrolled at Challenger receive full scholarships

#### Identify Children

We identify children not in school and encourage them to enroll locally. In many instances, children from abandoned parents found on the streets, slums, or from relief efforts are supported through IMRC's Education program. We provide children with supplies, uniforms and access to school.

#### Build more facilities

We seek neighborhoods in poor & slum areas where children aren't in school to specifically build schools in those areas.

We also focus on building institutions to promote higher education beyond elementary school; thus the reason for JIT, Challenger Jr College and College of Education at JIT.

We look to expand and equip each campus with state-of-art equipment, qualified instructors and proper facilities to have them ready beyond a student life after they graduate.

## IMRC has focused on education since its inception in 1981

Developing societies have proven that the most powerful instrument for reducing poverty and inequality has been education. IMRC knows too well, that the cycle of poverty continues from generation to generation unless there's a break in the system. Providing children with basic education is a start, however, it must continue to higher education. When a child becomes an adult he or she is equipped with the tools to become self-sufficient and can support not only themselves, but their family, their community, and back to society.

**A child's demographics shouldn't determine his or her chance at attending school. This year we began two new projects; Indo-US Public Schools (building schools in slums areas) and the 1000 Orphan Support Program.**

### INDO-US PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Inshallah, our goal is to build and support 50 schools in slum areas across India over the next five years. We currently have four schools each of which cost \$35,000 to build. Through your support, we can invest in the future of these poverty struck children and help prepare them for success, InshAllah.

Support schools in slum areas to truly tackle the education system amongst minorities & Muslims.



One of the new schools that has opened in the slum areas.

### 1000 ORPHAN SUPPORT PROGRAM

There are approximately 30 million orphans in India. One at a time we can make a difference in a child's life, and that one child can change many other lives. Through your support, we can invest in the future of these children together. Your \$50/month can support an orphan with food, clothing, and quality education. It's important to go beyond the minimum and give extra to uplift their situation and eventually break the cycle out of poverty.



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*Please do not discard and  
share it with a friend!*

**100%** OF YOUR DONATION IS  
DELIVERED TO ITS CAUSE

IMRC works with a dedicated team, visionary leaders and over 100 organizations in India to improve social structures and economic opportunities so minorities & Muslims in India can have the opportunity to reach their full potential, contribute to society, have a voice in decisions that affect them, and live and work with dignity.

**Whether you decide to give now or make a pledge to be paid over a period of time, there are several ways to give:**

**Online:** Donate at [www.imrcusa.org](http://www.imrcusa.org)

**Mail:** Fill out the enclosed envelope and mail it to us with your check or credit card information.

**Phone:** Call us at 650-856-0440 and we can process your gift.

**Pledges:** By spreading payments over a period of time, you may make a larger commitment and fulfill the pledge at a comfortable pace. Please contact us for personal assistance.

**Stock and wire transfers:** Contact us to receive specific instructions for initiating the transfer and to let us know your gift is on the way.

**Matching Gifts:** You may be able to double or even triple the amount of your gift through your employer's matching gift program. Request a Matching Gift form via your company or access their online matching gift request form.

**Endowment:** An Endowment can be a one time donation of stocks, property, portion of your retirement pension, 401k or a portion of the assets in your will. The impact of your investment multiplies as your wealth is reinvested yearly and the income supports the poor and needy.  
**Qualifies for Sadaqa Jariya.**

