



Lions Clubs International
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As we have now only three months to the end of this fiscal year, I wish to thank the 16 Clubs who have donated a total of US.\$ 6,199-68 to LCIF and look forward to the 32 clubs who have as yet not donated to do likewise as the needs worldwide are continuous with disasters, new epidemic's etc.

What LCIF has been involved with?



Here Reducing the Global Threat of Measles



“We are delighted that Lions Clubs International is becoming more involved in the fight against measles and strengthening routine immunization. With its worldwide outreach, Lions is an important partner in ensuring that safe and effective vaccines reach families who need them most.” –Dr. Walt Orenstein, Deputy Director, Vaccine Delivery, Gates Foundation

A partnership poised to defeat the disease

Although measles is a highly contagious viral disease, it is widely prevented in developed countries through routine vaccinations. However, the disease remains a heavy public-health burden in the developing world. Measles is also a major cause of preventable blindness, particularly among children. While the reduction in global measles mortality has been declining overall, UNICEF predicts that 1.7 million children could die from the disease in the next 3 years without further action. That's not a reality that Lions care to see come true.

LCIF and Lions are committed to fighting measles and its devastating side effects, including childhood blindness. LCIF joins a network of other humanitarian leaders through the Measles Initiative, a worldwide effort to protect children from measles and strengthen routine immunization services. UNICEF, World Health Organization (WHO), U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Red Cross, and the United Nations Foundation are among the organizations contributing to these efforts since 2001. The pilot year (2010-2011) involvement from Lions focused on three main areas: 1) advocacy at the local, regional and national levels; 2) direct involvement in social marketing; and 3) financial support. In addition to supporting vaccinations, of key importance to LCIF is strengthening immunization delivery systems to help ensure sustainability in combating the disease.

“The Gates Foundation is very proud to have been a partner in your early measles projects, and we’re excited to continue working together... If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. With Lions in the lead, there is no telling how far we will go together,” said Bill Gates, Sr., Co-chair of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

To support LCIF and the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative, please donate. Contributions are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition

LCIF’s commitment to disaster relief goes back to our beginnings, when we awarded our very first grant for flood relief in South Dakota, USA. Whenever and wherever disasters strike, Lions are often among the first to offer aid—and LCIF is right there with them, ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through Lions disaster relief programs. Working together, LCIF, local Lions and Lions leaders assess the urgent needs and quickly deliver the aid most required by victims. This grassroots model has proven effective in tragedies around the world, such as the Southeast Asia tsunami, September 11th and the Haiti earthquake. Lions know that disaster can affect anyone’s community, whether it’s halfway around the world or right at home. That’s why in the last 10 years, LCIF has provided more than US\$100 million for disaster relief programs worldwide.



LCIF Provides Emergency/Disaster Relief Grants in February 2015



When natural disasters strike, Lions are there to offer help and support. In times of need, Lions are able to rely on disaster relief grants and funds from [Lions Clubs International Foundation \(LCIF\)](#).

In February 2015, LCIF provided 7 emergency and disaster relief grants totaling US\$65,000.

Humanitarian Service

Humanitarian service is at the heart of LCIF and Lions' work. Working together, Lions identify the most crucial needs, and LCIF supports them in humanitarian efforts that transform lives of people around the world. Our partners are also key in addressing humanitarian needs in the most effective ways.

Empowering People with Disabilities

LCIF and Lions are helping people with disabilities to lead more independent, productive and fulfilling lives. Lions have built more than 1,000 handicapped-accessible homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. We also support people with disabilities through training and services they need to improve their education and job prospects, while enhancing their day-to-day lives and emotional well-being.

LCIF: Building a Foundation of Service



In fiscal year 2013-2014, Lions, our partners and friends generously donated US\$43.9 million to LCIF. The Foundation awarded **538 grants totaling more than US\$46 million.**

Because of your generosity and compassion, 83,000 people received cataract or trichiasis surgery, millions of children were vaccinated against measles and rubella, and 51,000 victims of natural disasters received emergency relief. Read **LCIF's Annual Report for 2013-2014** to learn how your donations continue to change lives and build our foundation of service.

All donations to LCIF can be directed to a particular area: - Measles, Disasters, Sight, Area of Greatest Needs etc, and can be earmarked towards a future Melvyn Jones Fellowship.

With your donation - Lions Clubs International Foundation will be able to help those in need.

Clubs who have not as yet donated this fiscal year, I Look forward to see being listed in the near future.

As mentioned previously a donation to LCIF is one of the requirements for an Excellence Award

Here are the banking details for our District and remember to inform Sandy that we may follow up with LCIF :-

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Best Regards

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Thank you for continuing to [fight against measles](#) to ensure all children everywhere receive life-saving vaccinations

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