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As we are almost six months into this fiscal year, I wish to thank the 12 Clubs who have donated total of US.\$ 4,074-18 to LCIF and look forward to the balance of our clubs to do likewise.

The needs worldwide are continuous with disasters, new epidemic's etc.

Herewith what LCIF has been involved with during October.

Mobilizing Support for Ebola Victims

In recent months, we have all watched as an outbreak of Ebola has gripped West Africa. The outbreak has taken more than 5,000 lives, and it is estimated that more than 4,000 children have been orphaned. A lack of health education and growing food shortages in these countries are proving to be a disastrous combination. Lions, I am appealing to you to join me in offering support.



We Lions have a long-standing history of helping those who need us around the world. At the Europa Forum, it was announced that **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)** will provide a US\$150,000 grant for **Ebola Aid**. Several countries, including Japan and Sweden, have already committed their support.

With 167 clubs and more than 8,000 Lions in affected countries, Lions and LCIF are pledging their support for those most in need. Please consider making a <u>donation</u> to LCIF's Ebola Aid campaign and bring hope to Ebola victims, their families and those affected by the outbreak

On October 12, a cyclone struck India in District 316-A, causing severe damage in the Visakhapatnam district in Andhra Pradesh. In response to this disaster, LCIF has awarded a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant (MCAT) to District 316-A for cyclone relief efforts in the wake of Cyclone Hudhud, which has brought heavy rains and excessive flooding. At present, there are 40 Lions Clubs working with local relief agencies to manage the most urgent needs among those displaced.

The LCIF Board of Trustees approved 56 grants totaling US\$4,404,033 during a meeting in October. Through these grants, Lions will provide vision screening equipment in the United States, expand an orphanage in South Africa, equip a home for the elderly in Portugal, and much more.

You can learn more about LCIF grant programs online or make a donation to support Lions' humanitarian efforts around the world. Thank you for your support!

As can be seen from the above article South Africa has been helped in expanding an orphanage.

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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