

# Medical Mercy COVID Update

It has been a particularly challenging time, with the spread of COVID-19 across the globe, affecting everyone in one way or another. With travel restrictions put in place due to the pandemic and the nature of the virus and its high infection rate, MMC was forced to cancel scheduled development project trips to Ukraine. Nor were visits made to those projects located along the India/Myanmar and Thai/Myanmar borders this year. However, MMC has been coming up with ways to ensure the health and safety of its international projects even though they have not been able to travel, as well as to help locally.

Earlier in the year, MMC was able to send thousands of PPE to affected areas in Ukraine in the form of surgical masks, exam/sterile glove, and isolation gowns. The items came at a crucial point just before the pandemic hit hard in these areas and have been a huge help since.

Locally, MMC has been committed to carrying out its long-time mandate of helping the most marginalized populations. We've been supporting agencies that work with groups and individuals who have lived experience with homelessness, disabilities, and other health and welfare challenges. When supplies were low in our city during the early days of the pandemic, we provided PPE, including nearly 40,000 surgical masks, to support agencies who were in urgent need. With the help we have provided abroad and locally we have exhausted the supplies in our warehouse.

MMC extends a huge thank you to our donors and volunteers who helped make all of this possible, and a special thanks to the essential workers who put themselves out there every day. We also give thanks to the Calgary community in doing their part to curb the spread and stay safe during these trying times.

Despite all your greatly appreciated support the regions where MMC have development projects still need assistance and we are committed to putting funds to the best use. We understand that these are incredibly difficult times for everyone. However, any help you can provide is vital to MMC and, more importantly, those we assist locally and abroad.

We encourage you to please donate at the link below and explore other ways you can donate under the GET INVOLVED tab above.

Please continue to care for, and share with those in need

# Medical Mercy “Fund A Need” social media copy

**Fund A Need Announcement post:** In the Spirit of the giving season, MMC has officially launched the “Fund A Need” campaign. This initiative gives you the opportunity to directly donate to a need you wish to support. Some of these include salaries for doctors, nurses, and lab techs to treat displaced persons along the India-Myanmar border, providing special education to disabled children in the Thai/Myanmar region, and vital renovations for the Kovel Tuberculosis Treatment Centre in Ukraine. You can also designate a donation to a project of your choice or give a general donation and MMC will allocate the funds to where they are most needed. Funding any of these needs is a great way to get into the spirit of giving and helping the causes you care about.

**Newborn & Childcare post:** Along the India-Myanmar border, malaria is a serious problem for refugee children, and delivering a baby safely is often a challenge. For the small cost of \$65 you can help save lives by ensuring a healthy newborn is delivered safely or provide malaria treatment for a refugee child at a cost of \$25. You can also donate any amount, or alongside 9 others, donate \$100 each to reach MMC’s target of \$900 to provide the necessary medical care for these children.

**Providing Special Education post:** Social Action for Women (SAW) is a shelter located along the Thai/Myanmar border region that provides women and children the educational support and care they desperately need. Only \$200 a month provides a special education teacher for disabled and often orphaned children. Please help MMC achieve its target of \$2,400 to provide a full year of education to those children most in need. You can support this cause by donating \$200 alongside 12 others or any amount of your choice.

**Providing Windows and Doors post:** Providing Many remote schools, medical, childcare, and geriatric facilities need replacement doors and windows to keep them warm in the harsh Ukrainian winters. This helps the elderly, children, patients and students keep warm and not get seriously ill. The cost per replacement door or window is \$300, but \$3000 in total would provide the necessary renovations to help keep these people safe and warm. You can donate any amount, or alongside 10 others, help reach our target.

**Providing Clean Water posts:** Throughout the regions in which MMC has projects there is often a great need for an adequate, safe, and clean water supply. Clean water is essential for community washing centres, homes, and especially for providing safe drinking water for impoverished and displaced people along the Myanmar borders with India and Thailand. You can donate any amount, or alongside 10 other people, donate \$200 individually to help us reach our target of \$2,000 (10 Units)!

All of these included this at the bottom: Follow the link <https://www.medicalmercycanada.org/> to visit the “Fund A Need” campaign and see other ways you can make a difference today!

# Medical Mercy Giving Tuesday email copy

## **December 1st, 2020**

Medical Mercy Canada is proud to be participating in the 8th annual Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday is about giving from the heart to support the causes that matter to you by caring for and sharing with those in need.

## **How You Can Get Involved**

- Donate
- Volunteer
- Become a Member
- Spread the Word

## **Ways to Donate**

Please make your tax-deductible donation (BN 86989-0541):

- Online by clicking the link below
- Cheque: Send to Medical Mercy Canada, Bay 6, 1216 - 34th Ave NE Calgary, AB, Canada, T2E 6L9
- Email [admin@medicalmercycanada.org](mailto:admin@medicalmercycanada.org) or Call (403) 717-0933

## **How to Volunteer**

Medical Mercy Canada is happy to welcome new volunteers to our team. You can fill out our volunteer application form in the link below, or email [admin@medicalmercycanada.org](mailto:admin@medicalmercycanada.org) for more information.

## **Become a Member**

Becoming a member of MMC is a great way of getting involved and giving back. By clicking the link below you can join MMC and be kept up to date with what MMC is doing and have valuable input as well.

## **Spread the Word**

One of the best ways to support MMC this Giving Tuesday is to spread the word! Talk to your friends and family about giving. Share why you give and your support for Medical Mercy Canada on your social media pages.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Share your Giving Tuesday posts by using the hashtags [#MedicalMercyCanada](#) and [#GivingTuesdayCA](#), and tag us as well!

***Thank you for continuing to care for and share with those in need.***