



DESCRIPTION OF DENTAL VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

PART 1 - Information

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Type of Practice: General Teacher (Specify Dental School) _____

Name of Organisation/Project: Equal Health: Australian Health Professionals, Overseas Aid

Type of Organisation: Religious Service club Educational institution Private

Year Established: 1997

Name of local host organisations/partnerships: Equal Health is an endorsed "deductible gift recipient" by the AIT

Name of local contact person: Dr. Simon Shanahan

Country of Project: India and South Africa

Region in Country of Project: India: Tamil Nadu, West Bengal. South Africa: Johannesburg

Project Type: University Training Service delivery

Clinic Facilities: Fixed Outreach Class room based

Program Objective:
(100 words or 750 characters including spaces)
To provide free dental and other health care for communities in need regardless of political or religious affiliation.
To provide opportunities for health workers to apply their qualifications and skills to humanitarian work.
To carry out all projects undertaken by this organisation with professional integrity and cultural sensitivity.
To enable the sharing of knowledge and skills between health workers and communities in need.
To acquire funds, goods and services from corporations and individuals that will be used for humanitarian aid work.

What work is done and how does the project achieve its objective:
(100 words or 750 characters including spaces)
At each "base" is a facility to do basic restorative treatment. It is not possible to do complex dentistry. The children at the orphanages are prioritised and we attempt to complete all their restorative treatment. Away from the base, the main treatment modalities are extraction and atraumatic restorative treatment techniques. This is accomplished under less than ideal conditions due to lack of electricity and plumbing. The best aseptic approach achievable in the conditions is employed. Villagers are treated on a needs basis. Aiming to resolve their presenting complaint is the priority.

"Above all else do no harm" is our motto.



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PART 11 - Country Specific Information¹

Hyperlink: www.equalhealth.org.au

Project location: [India - rural areas. South Africa - urban 'street' children](#)

Facilities: Electricity Toilet Fixed Accommodation Running water

Expected Costs for Volunteer: Transport to project \$ () per day

Minimum Duration: One Week Two weeks No limit

Language spoken (optional): [Translator services for Tamil, Bengali and others as needed](#)

Type of Assistance needed: Volunteers Financial Equipment Material

Do you accept dental students? Yes No

Are cash donations tax deductible? Yes No

¹ Please ensure you consult information on medical and safety issues and necessary immunisation for specific countries from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).