



Handing over of medical/ laboratory equipment of THOUSAND HOPES CAMPAIGN by LIONS & LEOS of Sri Lanka

Since the start of the Covid19 pandemic Lions & Leos of Sri Lanka continued to serve the burgeoning numbers of people needing assistance at ground level. After discussions with the Health Ministry to get an understanding on the immediate and medium-term requirements, Lions Multiple District 306 has set up the '**LIONS OF SRI LANKA COVID 19 RELIEF FUND**' and drawn up a national level program named 'Thousand Hopes', to collect funds towards the purchase of medical/ laboratory equipment worth Rs.150 Million in a 3-phase program.

The membership strength of Lions in Sri Lanka is around 15,000 while this campaign will also be supported by the 9,000 strong membership of LEOS of Sri Lanka and the Lions Clubs International Foundation. This ambitious program is undertaken by Lions & Leos of Sri Lanka as the lives of all Sri Lankans depends on a well-equipped public healthcare system. The 'Thousand Hopes' campaign will strengthen the public health system and save thousands of lives of Sri Lankans by donating much needed equipment to public hospitals around the country. Phase 1 would be the donation of medical/ laboratory equipment to the IDH Hospital and the Colombo East Teaching Hospital worth Rs.20Million.

The items donated in phase 1 is as follows:

1. CFX96 Dx Real-Time PCR Detection System (IVD)
2. High flow Oxygen machine
3. Multichannel Pipette - Volume 120-1200
4. Centrifuge 5427 R
5. Freezer (-20 degree Celsius)
6. Multichannel Pipette - Volume 10-100
7. Non-invasive ventilator (With BiPAP and CPAP)
8. Spectrophotometer ELIZA Reader and Wellwash Versa 2x12

The items were handed over on 7th September 2021 at the Lions Activity Centre in Kotte by the Multiple Council Chairman Lion Srilal Fernando, Past Council Chairman Lion Mahesh Pasquel and the six District Governors of the six Lions Districts. Rear Admiral Surgeon Dr Jayasekera Director of Colombo East Teaching Hospital, Deputy Director Dr Chaminda Algama of the Colombo East Teaching Hospital were present to take over the equipment on behalf of the two institutions.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony, Multiple Council Chairman Lion Srilal Fernando mentioned that the Lions intend to donate equipment to a value of Rs.50 Million as the phase 2 of the project, which will be handed over to selected public hospitals from around the country.