

OUR CAMPAIGN

The right to healthcare is a fundamental right. Emmaus International is supporting alternatives to enable marginalised people to get together to gain access to treatment through community-based healthcare schemes.

KEY WORDS

Fundamental right
Access to healthcare
Solidarity

SLOGAN

I'm poor, but I still have healthcare

EMMAUS INITIATIVES WORLDWIDE

Asia: Tara Projects, India

Hygiene, prevention and awareness-raising and organising medical camps

The Americas: Piura, Peru

Physiotherapy centre open to all

Africa: SEMUS, Burkina Faso

Support for AIDS sufferers

Europe: Emmaus Solidarité, France

Medical appointments for homeless people



55 groups support the pilot project

10 groups in four countries – Benin, Burkina Faso, India and Bangladesh – are directly involved in implementing the healthcare schemes

Around 5,800 people are benefitting from healthcare coverage through these schemes

OUR ARGUMENTS

- > Every year, 100 million people worldwide fall below the poverty line because of their spending on healthcare (WHO 2013)
- > Health problems disproportionately affect people in vulnerable and marginalised social categories (WHO 2013)
- > Every day, up to 800 women die of complications related to pregnancy or childbirth (WHO 2013)
- > The probability of dying before the age of 5 is 16 times more likely for children in low-income countries than in high-income countries (WHO 2013)
- > 23 million Africans have AIDS – that's 70% of the world's AIDS sufferers (WHO 2013)
- > In India, the private sector now possesses 93% of hospitals and employs 85% of doctors (Oxfam)

PILOT PROJECT

Healthcare schemes



For several years now, Emmaus International has been developing community-based health schemes, based on solidarity and run by users themselves.

These initiatives have involved 8 Emmaus groups in Africa (in Benin and Burkina Faso) since 2000 and two groups in Asia (in India and Bangladesh) since 2008.