Healthcare

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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)

Our Campaign

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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

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.