

Aarhus, Denmark
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Projekt Description

Mariyasadanam Psycosocial Rehabilitation Centre & Home for the Destitute, Pala Indien



Project: To deliver a solution with which Mariyasadanam gets access to fresh, clean & uninterrupted piped water from own well & no longer depend entirely on water delivered by expensive tanker trucks

Practically: Waterpump, pipes & tank (70.000 liter) to secure uninterrupted water for the NGO (non-profit) run psycosocial rehabilitation center & home for the destitute
For the best & most durable solution, we've carefully consulted with experts from Grundfos, the world's leader in pumps (represented in India)

Lifespan: 35 years
Område: Pala, Kerala State, Indien

**Patients/
Residets:** 450 females & males
Volunteers: 20



Project cost: **USD 37.600**

Responsible: **Aarhus Rotary Klub, Denmark** (Club ID: 10109, responsible: Jakob Bejer)

Account No.: **IBAN No.: DK3520000251819521** (Aarhus Rotary Club, Denmark)

Partner: Pala Rotary Club is our partner on this project & we're working with the current & former Presidents & the current & former District Governors of District 3211.
Pala Rotary Club is already spending considerable resources & time improving & supporting Mariyasadanam with, amongst others new canteen, incinerator, feeding, management advice etc.

Collection: Expected from all 35+ participants + Rotary Clubs from Ride4Rotary, Januar 2020
(We might also be able to collect from Rotary clubs in Aarhus & other interested clubs)

Why this Project: Mariyasadanam was visited by the Ride4Rotary motorcycle adventure Jan. '20
The participants represented 14 Rotary Clubs from Canada, USA, UK, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Norway, Sweden & Denmark

All these experienced Rotary members agreed quickly that Mariyasadanam is a very special project & deserves utmost support. The most pressing need is to provide running water of a better & cleaner quality, in order for this well-established NGO to even better support the increasing number of patients in need

Name: Mariyasadanam Charitable Trust (NGO, family owned non-profit organisation)
NGO purpose: Psychosocial Rehabilitation Centre & Home for the Destitute (Mental Hospital & Home)

Web: www.mariyasadanam.com
YouTube: <http://youtu.be/YxQEzIZ2-i8> (1 of many)

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Description of the project:

In January this year 35+ members of Ride4Rotary motorcycle adventure charity tour, organized by Rotary District 3181 (Mysore, India), visited Mariyasadanam.

The participants came together from from Canada, USA, UK, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Norway, Sweden & Denmark. All were incredibly impressed with the love, passion & sincerity this large NGO selflessly care for some of the most vulnerable citizens in India.

During our trip we saw many worthy projects, however Mariyasadanam immediately stood out as very special & we quickly decided to support their dire need for clean & constantly running water.

Currently, Mariyasadanam has all its water needs covered by approx. 12 monthly expensive tanker truck deliveries. This is not only expensive, but it's also **polluting** and inflexible, while it's **consuming precious resources**, to the tune of USD 2.300 monthly, which could have been used on something much more meaningful.

Therefore, it's fair to assume that this entire project has a payback period of only 1 ½ year.

Without solar powered pumps they would consume less that USD 80 monthly in electricity.

This entire project is budgeted conservatively to cost just below USD 40.000 and the project will, after completion, be handed entirely over to Mariyasadanam to be used for a minimum of 35 years.

The clean water will be pumped from a municipality well near the shores of the Meenachil River, while the water pipes will be digged & retarred along a public road, with official permissions. Its unlikely anyone would damage the well or pipe as Mariyasadanam enjoys tremendous respect amongst the locals & Government.

Common maintenance of pump, pipes & tanks is simple and will be undertaken by volunteers.

Assurances:

Aarhus Rotary Club, Denmark, with Jakob Bejer in control will collect donations from all willing Rotary clubs, Ride4Rotary participants & other interested parties. Donations have started to come in, while we've also been approved a minor for a District Grant from District 1450 (Denmark) of USD 1.500.

Pala Rotary Club has already engaged with Mariyasadanam on several large and critical infrastructural projets, such as a waste water plant, canteen and incinerator, while also offering frequent assistance with daily needs. This corporation has never been more crucial than during the Covid-19 crisis, where Pala Rotary Club often is the difference between life & death for Mariyasadanam and its vulerable residents.

Our personal relationship with current and former Presidents of Pala Rotary Club as well as the current District Governor of District 3211 and former Governor of District 3181 will assist us to oversee the successful completion of the project.

The project is 100% local, while we're consulting with the world's leading supplier of highly efficient pumps, Grundfos, in order to tie in with their expertise and receive guidance on technology & material.

All official offers for well, pump, pipes, road work, tanks etc. have been checked carefully and found in order.

I (Jakob Bejer), a citizen of Denmark, have previously lived 10 years in Asia & 16 years in Nigeria, while also having served at Honorable Consul of Denmark to Nigeria. I find myself experienced when it comes to identifying and overseeing projects, such avoiding waste & corruption, which is also guarantee by the active participation by Pala Rotary Club.

