

## **\*COVID-19 – Project of Rotary Sri Lanka –**



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Committee to drive COVID-19 associated project is established in District 3220 under Chairmanship of PRIP K R Ravindran

Key Objective: \*Donation of state-of-the-art Coronavirus testing unit RT PCR Machine\* and **\*a next generation sequencer\*** to the Laboratory at Medical research Institute (MRI), which will be the **\*first** such equipment to be installed in Sri Lanka\*. This will enhance Efficiency & Effectiveness of current testing. This has a project outlay of USD 20-22m. The committee has made good progress.

Following projects have been completed to date by working closely\* with our \*Health authorities, WHO\* and \*UNICEF\*.

\* Printed a **\*few million copies of informative literature\*** for distribution to schools and public places. Help with the distribution. Brought together big advertising companies to create a campaign to inform people and UNICEF to fund the program.

\* Provided **\*expertise to the Government Health Promotion Bureau's publicity\*** division with the **\*computers and other software\*** to upgrade their Face Book pages and to increase their social media presence in effectively disseminating info.

\* Funded **\*digital thermometers\*** for use in more points of entry into the country. Some of the thermometers funded by Rtns in D 3080, India

\* Coordinated with the Chambers of Commerce to arrange for private sector companies to run a \*webinar on what steps companies need to take to protect workers\* and to educate them on basic hygiene requirements.

\* Negotiated with the our very impressive garments manufacturing industry to make available their capacity to produce \*protective peronal clothing for medical staff including surgical suits, medical gowns, head covers, shoe covers\*. All this was being imported and the government was hampered without supplies.

In addition several Rotary clubs are working with the relevant local government in their area by providing consumables / hand wash basins and items as requested .

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