

Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition

Tibet Health Services Project Charter



Bringing Essential Medical Attention to People in Remote Areas of Tibet

FPMT Mission Statement

The FPMT is an organization devoted to the transmission of the Mahayana Buddhist tradition and values worldwide through teaching, meditation and community service. We provide integrated education through which people's minds and hearts can be transformed into their highest potential for the benefit of others, inspired by an attitude of universal responsibility. We are committed to creating harmonious environments and helping all beings develop their full potential of infinite wisdom and compassion. Our organization is based on the Buddhist tradition of Lama Tsongkhapa of Tibet as taught to us by our founder, Lama Thubten Yeshe and our spiritual director, Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche.

Tibet Health Services Project Overview

Through offering support to initiatives such as The Amdo Eye Hospital, Outreach Microsurgery Eye Clinics, and other hospitals in Tibet, the Tibet Health Services Project is dedicated to providing needed and quality health services in Tibet, especially to those in remote areas.

Objectives

Current Objectives:

- To build a new hospital in a remote region in Tibet which currently has no medical facilities. An estimated US\$700,000 is still needed to actualize this project.
- To offer eye camps, mobile surgery units, that can travel to remote and poor areas in Tibet and treat many people at once. As estimated \$40,000 per eye camp is needed. .

Completed Projects:

- After more than six years of development, FPMT was extremely pleased to announce the opening of the Amdo Eye Hospital, in Xining, the capital of Amdo, Tibet in July of 2010. The Tibet Health Services Project offered US\$605,970 to fund the building of this impressive hospital.

Benefits

"If for one patient you take seven steps to help them, it is the same as circumambulating all the buddhas. If you give medicine one time to one patient, it is the same as having made charity to all sentient beings. When you fulfill the wishes of one patient, it is equal to having made offerings to all the worthwhile objects ... Giving medicine or any comfort that you can to a patient, that is the best offering to numberless bodhisattvas and buddhas. It is what makes them so happy."

-Lama Zopa Rinpoche, in a letter to a student who works as a nurse

Operations

The current annual fundraising goal for this project is estimated at \$75,000.

All donations made to the Fund are tax-deductible within the United States in accordance with IRS Code article 501(c)(3) to the extent allowed by law.

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