



## Help the Aged Canada



### WHO?

Help the Aged (Canada) (HTAC) is a non-denominational, non-sectarian agency and is the only registered charity in Canada dedicated exclusively to assisting destitute and poor elderly people in developing countries and in Canada.

### WHAT?

HTAC offers programs for the elderly in eleven countries worldwide. Our programs focus on the areas of primary health care, food aid, emergency assistance, capacity building, training and sponsorship. Our mission is to improve the quality of life of older people, support their independence and inclusion, and provide services to relieve distress, poverty and sickness.

To accomplish our mission, we work in collaboration with other national and international NGOs and obtain funding from Canadian federal and provincial government sources, corporations and foundations, and individual donors. Over 50% of our funding is raised through general donations and donations in-kind. Government income supplements general donations. An audited financial statement and information about programs supported are available upon request. Administrative costs are below 4.4%.

HTAC receives support and professional expertise through its affiliate membership with HelpAge International. All of our overseas programs are coordinated through local charitable organizations such as the Oblate missionaries, the Salvation Army, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The majority of programs are sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency, HRSDC and the Alberta Wild Rose Foundation.

### WHEN?

HTAC was created as a registered charitable organization in 1975, Charitable Registration Number 118955921 RR0001, and incorporated in 1984, Incorporation Number 173327-3.

HTAC is governed by an elected volunteer Board of Directors. The Board also appoints Management Committees to advise the Executive Director, who is hired by the Board.

### WHERE?

HTAC head office is located at 1300 Carling Ave. Unit 205, Ottawa, ON. K1Z 7L2.  
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## CURRENT NATIONAL PROJECTS

HTAC provides financial, food aid and community development support to the following organizations.

- Abraham's Lodge and Care Society, Williams Lake, B.C. – a shelter for destitute, homeless, natives with an outreach program providing food, clothing and furniture for the poor living on fifteen reserves around Williams Lake.
- Operation Friendship, Edmonton, Alta. - provides safe, affordable housing, regular nutritious meals, medical and social interaction for homeless inner city seniors.
- The Mission, Ottawa, Ont. – serving the needs of the homeless, the hungry and the lonely from all walks of life. HTAC donations have been used towards the building of a new clinic, a Christmas Hamper Program for the elderly, two soup lines daily, spiritual counseling, addictions counseling, lifeskills management, and the provision of furniture for the seniors' wing of the Mission.
- Interfaith Committee for Outreach to Isolated Seniors, Ottawa, Ont. – the goal of this committee is to identify and meet the needs of seniors suffering from poverty and/or social isolation.
- Le P.A.S. de la Rue, Montreal, Que. - provides support to poor and homeless seniors in the Montreal area.
- Glace Bay Food Bank, Glace Bay, N.S. – providing food to those in need in Glace Bay and surrounding communities.

## CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

HTAC provides funding for and management of the following international projects.

- Andrah Pradesh Eye Care Program – Phase III India - 3,500 cataract removals on a yearly basis
- Haiti Primary Healthcare and Training Program - Phase III - Eye care, orthopaedic surgeries, prosthetic/orthotic program, hospital care, and mobile medical clinic in Port-au-Prince, Cap Haitien, and Les Cayes.
- Ghana, West Africa – This program includes support for a hospital, mobile medical clinic, and five satellite clinics providing services to 30,000 people. This program also has an extensive agroforestry component.
- India HIV-Aids Program – This program supports people afflicted with HIV-AIDS and their families through a hospital program and a public education campaign. Impoverished older people who are raising grandchildren of HIV-AIDS victims are a priority.
- CIDA International Youth Internship Program 2003-2005 – the recruitment and supervision of newly graduated professionals providing support to our overseas partners in India, Belize, Kenya, and Ghana for seven months.
- The Adopt-a-Gran sponsorship program matches a sponsor with a destitute elderly person in a developing country. Presently, close to 1000 grans are sponsored by over 800 sponsors. Grans are provided with food, clothes, medical care and shelter with each sponsor's support.