



Dear Fellow Horsemen,

For the past several years I have been working with the **Equitarian Initiative**, a charity organization that provides veterinary care to working equids (horses, mules and donkeys) in underserved communities in developing countries. In the past 3 years, I have been fortunate to have been able to volunteer my time on projects in Mexico, Peru, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. These projects have aided thousands of animals and their families. In order for this work to continue, I am reaching out to you and our local horse community for your support.



There are an estimated **100 million plus working equids** in the world that approximately **6.5 million people** are economically reliant on.



It is estimated that these animals represent **90%** of the world's horses but are **serviced by less than 1%** of the world's veterinarians.

According to one United Nations study, having a donkey represented an increase in annual income to a family of \$500 in areas where average yearly household income was \$2500.

I have just returned from phase one of a new project in Costa Rica. This project is in conjunction with **World Horse Welfare** and **Costa Rica Equine Welfare** with the people in the Ngabe (Guaymi) Indigenous Reserve. We are providing routine veterinary care including vaccinations, internal and external parasite control, wound care, castrations, dental care and other needed veterinary services. We are also using these projects as teaching opportunities for American as well as local veterinary students. We treated 160 horses in June and are returning in January with expectations to treat up to 650 animals.



The **Equitarian Initiative** is a 501(c)(3) corporation. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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Please help me raise funds to make these projects a success. These funds will allow us to provide veterinary services on an ongoing basis in these indigenous communities. Checks should be made payable to the **Equitarian Initiative**. **Tax deductible** donations can also be made through our Facebook page or via Paypal on the web at www.equitarianinitiative.org. You can earmark these donations with my name or with the statement "for Costa Rica project" to ensure the funds go directly to this work.

THANK YOU!
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