

# St Luke's Methodist Hospital (Puttur Mission)

## RESTORATION & RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

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**10th August 2025**

Dear Riders, Donors, Sponsors, Supporters, and Well-Wishers,

Since our last update in May, the Trek4Ceylon team has continued to work steadily toward making the St. Luke's Methodist Hospital (Puttur Mission) dream a reality. We're excited to share the progress we've made—and the important next steps ahead.

### **Key updates:**

- *Architect Change* – In order to deliver the most cost-efficient yet high-quality hospital project possible, we conducted a competitive bid process to select an architect. The recommended architect was not the one we initially engaged with. For cost efficiency and accountability to our donors, we made the difficult decision to change our architect. Our new architect has now finalized all ground-level plans and detailed drawings, which have been reviewed by the Puttur Mission Hospital development Committee together with the T4C team.
  - *Local Government Approvals* – As expected, some of these approvals have taken longer than anticipated. We are hoping we are now at the tail end of this process and hope to receive the final green light from the local municipality very soon.
  - *Tendering Process* – We aim to open contractor tenders by September 2025.
  - *Hospital Registration* – The Puttur Mission Hospital development Committee is progressing with the Re-registration of the hospital (its registration lapsed in 2007) in collaboration with the Medical Board and local Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS).
  - *Operational Planning* – The Medical Board has finalized the first-year operational budget, and fundraising mechanisms for these running costs are being explored by the Puttur Mission Hospital development Committee.
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- *Next Milestone* – We are sincerely hoping to break ground in late October or early November 2025. Our goal is to have the Out Patient Department (OPD) and Emergency Treatment Unit(ETU) operational by the time of our next Trek4Ceylon ride.

We thank you for your patience and continued encouragement as we navigate the careful planning and approvals needed for a project of this scale. Every step brings us closer to a fully restored Puttur Hospital, ready to serve the community once again.

We will share another timely update when we reach our next project milestone.

All project updates are updated on our Website on the below link:

<https://www.trek4ceylon.com/st-lukes.html>

With gratitude,

The Trek4Ceylon Team