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Rotary Action Groups
2020 Annual Report

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Introduction

Rotary Action Groups are international, RI-recognized groups whose members have expertise and experience in a particular area of specialization. They use their knowledge, passion, and global network to help clubs and districts plan and implement impactful service projects. By bringing expertise, partners, funding resources and best practices to projects, they help clubs scale up smaller projects to larger, higher impact, more sustainable international initiatives.

Every year Action Groups submit a report of activities and finances to Rotary International. These annual reports summarize the groups' membership statistics and highlight their humanitarian service activities. The following report provides an overview of the work Action Groups are doing to advance the Object of Rotary worldwide.

Additional information about Action Groups can be found online, www.rotary.org/actiongroups.

Action Groups at a Glance

Since Action Groups were first recognized by the RI Board of Directors in 2005, they have grown in impact and reach around the world. The following provides a broad look at membership, finances, and general highlights for RAGs in 2019-20.

Membership

In 2019 - 20, 25 groups reported a combined membership of 25,242 in more than 150 countries worldwide. Excluding the Rotary Action Group for Reproductive, Maternal, and Child Health, which reported the largest membership of any group at 8,216 members, the average size of each RAG is around 709 members. On average, each Action Group represents 45 countries with its membership. The Rotary Action Group for Peace and Rotary Action Group for Blood Donation reported the highest geographical representation with 124 and 122 countries, respectively. The leading ten countries with the highest concentration of Action Group members reported in 2019-20 are USA, Canada, India, Australia, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, Nigeria, Mexico, Germany, and Brazil.

Administration

Action Groups are independent, international entities. Each group oversees its own governance, membership, and activities in accordance with RI policies. Groups also independently elect their board of directors and executive officers based on the guidelines outlined in the Action Groups Standard Bylaws. Currently, the average size of each Rotary Action Group's board is eleven members. Each Action Group's board represents five countries on average. The Rotary Action Group for Reproductive, Maternal, and Child Health reported the largest board with 22 members in 2019-20. 15 of the 25 Action Groups have a charitable entity status and four Action Groups have paid staff who manage their administrative work.

Service Impact

Rotary Action Groups supported 1797 projects in total in 2019-20. Among those: 1573 were club projects, 72 were district projects, and 54 were multi-district projects. Rotary Action Groups raised US\$317,620 in total, which was used solely for supporting club and district projects. 16 of 25 Action Groups reported supporting at least one TRF-funded global grant project in 2019-20. Those 16 Action Groups reported assisting with 70 TRF global grant projects in total.

Finances

Together, these groups reported a combined income of US\$1,255,270 from membership dues, grants, and other charitable contributions. The combined income of Action Groups has grown by 3.07% in the Rotary year 2019-20. 22 groups required members to pay either annual or lifetime membership dues. The average annual membership cost was US\$31 and average lifetime membership cost was US\$130. Some Action Groups offer three-year or five-year membership options and rely on ongoing financial support from their members. Action Groups reported expenses of US\$754,149 in support of international humanitarian service projects and other activities. At year end, RAGs reported combined net assets of US\$1,391,421. The Disaster Network of Assistance RAG reported the highest revenue with US\$469,752 and the Rotary Action Group for Reproductive, Maternal, and Child Health reported the highest expenditures with US\$198,597.

Action Groups Activity at the 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention

Action Groups actively participated in the 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention: many hosted booths and breakout sessions. Recording of these breakout sessions are available on Rotary's Learning Center:

- *Rotary Action Groups Elevate Rotary's Impact and Reach* hosted by RI Staff
 - Link to recording: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/share/asset/view/1916>
- *Learning From WASH Failures*, hosted by Water Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group
 - Link to presentation materials on learning center: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/share/asset/view/1914>
- *How to Start and Manage Microfinance Projects/Cómo iniciar y administrar proyectos de micro finanzas RAGM (presented in Spanish)* hosted by Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development (formerly RAGM).
 - Link to recording: <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cY1Ocq51hB>
- *Greening Rotary Events: Be Plastic-free, Offset Carbon, and More!* hosted by Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group.
 - Link to recording: <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cY1ZY25VEZ>
- *Ending Modern Day Slavery, Engaging our Rising Rotarians* hosted by Rotary Action Group Against Slavery.
 - Link to recording: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/share/asset/view/1897>
- *What Can I Do As A Rotarian To Help End Alzheimer's?* hosted by Alzheimer's/Dementia Rotary Action Group.
 - Link to recording: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/share/asset/view/1913>

Sessions without a recording:

- *Educating Girls: A Long-Range Community Investment* hosted by Literacy Rotarian Action Group.
- *The World Environment of Rotary and the United Nations* hosted by Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group.

Summary of Annual Reports

Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention (RAG-AP)

Topic: assisting clubs and districts in the prevention of substance abuse and addiction

Membership

In 2019-20, the Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention reported 525 members in 44 countries. Among those, 518 of them are Rotarians, three of them are Rotaractors, and four are non-Rotarians/non-Rotaractors. 36 Rotary clubs and 26 districts are also members of the group. The group's membership is concentrated in Belgium, USA, India, Canada, and Germany. The group is administered by seven Rotarian board members who are from Belgium and India.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Lifetime Membership Dues: US\$500

Other Membership Dues: \$500 for a Rotary Club lifelong /\$1000 for a Rotary District lifelong

Projects and Activities

The group supported 76 projects in 2019-20: one TRF-funded project, six multi-district projects, four district projects and 65 club projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- RAG-AP helped clubs design projects, draft proposals and incorporate sustainability into the projects. RAG-AP supports clubs and districts especially on the content part to guarantee that the project only works with evidence based addiction prevention programs.
- The RAG-AP organized a scientific committee that advises on all global grants in which RAG-AP is a partner.
- RAG-AP has sent two board members to a Wellness Engagement (WE) training in Pune, India to follow the training of family physicians and other health care workers for a global grant project for which RAG AP is a partner.
- The scientific committee of the RAG-AP advised on data collection and usage for all global grant projects in which the group served as a partner.

Fundraising

- In the Rotary year 2019-20, fundraising comprised a small portion of RAG-AP's activities. The group raised funds for projects from various resources such as from its members, from the broader Rotary network, from donors outside of Rotary and from external organizations/corporations.

Training and Advocacy

- RAG-AP created guidelines for Rotary clubs on how to get organized to enable actions for addiction prevention.
- Board members of RAG-AP were speakers at a WE training workshop for family physicians and other health care workers in Pune/India, in the panel of an interdistrict webinar organized in Mumbai for 3,000 Rotarians from all over India, and at the yearly seminar on addiction prevention of District 1620.
- RAG-AP organized a digital booth at the 2020 conference in Honolulu with two videos: one for Rotarians to inform about Addiction Prevention and one for the cooperation with professional NGOs.

Partnerships

- RAG-AP is a member of several NGOs in addiction prevention. The group facilitates cooperation between the NGOs and Rotary clubs that are involved with addiction prevention programs and projects.
- At the yearly UNODC CND session, RAG-AP contacted addiction prevention representatives from Nepal, Canada, and Turkey and informed them about the Rotary club projects that are running in their country.
- RAG-AP made an agreement with Edventi in the US for the production of a toolkit for the training of Rotarians on addiction and prevention. More information about the toolkit can be found on the [RAG-AP website](#).

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations:

Edventi, United Nations office for drugs and crime (UNODC), World Federation Against Drugs, De Sleutel, SNDT Womens University Mumbai, AB INBEV, European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addictions, Dianova International, Massachusetts Prevention Alliance

Informal Collaborations:

Movendi International, Muktaa Mumbai, Child Nepal, Cadca US, De Sleutel Belgium, Communities that Care Coalition NY, Prevention Network of Central New York, International Order of Good Templars, Vienna NGO Committee

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Alzheimer's/Dementia Rotary Action Group (ADRAG)

Topic: providing information and support to Rotarians on dementia and Alzheimer's disease

Membership

In 2019-20, ADRAG reported 43 members in 5 countries. Among those, 41 are Rotarians and two are Rotaractors. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, England, India, Australia, and Mexico. The group is administered by nine Rotarian board members who are from the United States, India and England.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Projects and Activities

The group supported 168 projects in 2019-20: two district projects and 166 club projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- ADRAG researched all requirements, identified the elements of a successful project, distributed the tasks to various participants, and monitored the progress to completion. ADRAG collected reports from participating members and reported the progress to all participating elements of the project.
- ADRAG communicated with and collected information from a selected and funded research team at Harvard Medical. ADRAG reported periodic updates from the research team to RI and to the ADRAG community. Harvard Medical agreed to host and conduct ADRAG's Global Grant research.

Fundraising

- ADRAG identified and solicited funding for Alzheimer's research.

Training and Advocacy

- ADRAG uses their website to dispense information and collect input on all Alzheimer's/Dementia-related activities. They also use their newsletter to inform and update their members.
- Three of ADRAG's five resource partners actively conducted training events, that included webinars, conferences and conference calls: Music Mends Minds has online training and recruiting videos, Cure Alzheimer's Fund (CAF) conducts an Annual Symposium (normally in person) in Washington, DC. Annually, and Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) conducts an Award ceremony where they recognize and award funding for the new Class of Primary Researchers. The past two years those funds have totaled \$1m for five primary researchers.
- ADRAG resource partner Rotarians Easing Problems of Dementia (REPoD) works tirelessly to identify, inform and promote community awareness of Alzheimer's/Dementia in the communities. Their emphasis is preparing communities, police organizations, medical teams, first responders, and commercial entities on how to identify individuals with memory loss issues and how to best assist them.
- ADRAG resource partners Music Mends Minds, Cure Alzheimer's Fund, and CART developed and release training materials and information pieces. The Alzheimer's Association has a state of the art Hot Line to support family members who are dealing with memory loss and change of personality brought on by AD. This resource is available 24/7. The Alzheimer's Association has extensive material available online to guide and assist family members on best practices of care giving and taking care of the Care Givers.
- ADRAG hosted the *What Can I Do As A Rotarian To Help End Alzheimer's?* breakout session during the 2020 Rotary International Virtual Convention. The recording of the session is available on Rotary's Learning Center and via YouTube.

Partnerships

- ADRAG supports and encourages each of their collaborators to identify and solicit funding thru various channels. CAF typically identifies and solicits more than \$10m/year. The Alzheimer's Association, thru their Alzheimer's Walks, raises \$50m/year. The CART Fundraises over \$1m/year thru simple collection of loose pocket/purse change.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations: Cure Alzheimer's Fund, Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART), Music Mends Minds, The Alzheimer's Association, Rotarians Easing Problems of Dementia (REPoD)

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Basic Education and Literacy Rotary Action Group (BELRAG)

Topic: enhancing the capacities of communities to provide education and literacy to all.

Membership

In 2019-20, BELRAG reported 210 members in 21 countries. Among those, 205 are Rotarians and five are Rotaractors. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, India, and the Caribbean Islands. The group is administered by ten board members who are from the United States, Australia, Canada, Guatemala, and India.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Other Membership Dues: US\$100 (5 years)

Projects and Activities

The group supported 27 projects in 2019-20: six TRF-funded projects, one multi-district project and 20 club projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- Supported clubs through community assessment, project design, proposal writing, and incorporating sustainability into projects. When contacted by Rotarians seeking to develop global grants, a coach is assigned to assist with designing the project (ensure key elements - community assessment, sustainability, etc.). The group reviews drafts and offers feedback before the grant is submitted.

Training and Advocacy

- BELRAG promotes Literacy Month (September) to encourage clubs to implement quality local literacy projects or to support local education programs. They invite clubs/districts to submit a project description and photos. Projects are reviewed by a team of BELRAG members. Four top projects are selected, each receiving a cash award. The projects are promoted through their newsletter and website.
- BELRAG partnered with Save the Children (USA) on Together We Read, a program to promote Early Childhood Literacy. They jointly offered a series of webinars to help clubs understand quality Early Childhood Education in their own communities. Topics focused on the need for early childhood education, how to work with and support community agencies, how to be actively involved, and how to advocate for early childhood programs. They established a Microsoft Teams group for Rotarians (and STC staff) to share ideas and programs and a portal on the STC website with materials to help Rotarians get involved.
- BELRAG presented a webinar on Girls Education as part of the 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention. A panel of Rotarians who work with partner NGOs to support education programs for girls in Afghanistan, Guatemala, India, and Niger served as presenters.
- The group has presented programs at district and zone events to promote why and how to get involved with literacy programs.

Partnerships

- BELRAG continues to grow its partnership with Save the Children (USA) through the webinar series and other BEL resources. The group is also developing a relationship with The Free Reading Program to help Rotarians promote better use of technology to enhance education.
- BELRAG is developing partnerships with Education Beyond Borders – looking to create a global grant that will provide professional development for teachers and serve as a model that can be replicated in other areas.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations:

Education Beyond Borders (EBB)

Informal Collaborations:

Save The Children (US), Free Reading Program

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Blindness Prevention Rotary Action Group

Topic: prevention of blindness and the promotion of eye health and vision worldwide

Membership

In 2019-20, the Blindness Prevention Rotary Action group reported 206 members. Among those, 205 are Rotarians and one is a Rotaractor. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, India, Nigeria, Canada, and Pakistan. The group is administered by nine Rotarian board members who are from the United States, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Germany.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$50

Other Membership Dues: US\$100 (3 years) / Rotaract: US\$25 (annual) / Rotaract: US\$50 (3 years)

Projects and Activities

The group supported 64 projects in 2019-20: 12 TRF-funded project, 18 multi-district projects, 12 district projects and 22 club projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- The Blindness Prevention Rotary Action Group helped clubs identify international partners and write proposals.
- The board members of the group were able to provide this assistance through their expertise.
- The group assisted with recommending resources for the purchase of surgical equipment as part of grants based on the specific type of equipment that should be purchased.

Fundraising

- The group raised funds from the broader Rotary network and from the Blindness Prevention Donor Advised Fund.

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Rotary Action Group for Blood Donation

Topic: blood donation projects

Membership

In 2019-20, Rotary Action Group for Blood Donation reported 2,416 Rotarians in 122 countries. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, France, Netherlands, Nigeria, and India. The group is administered by 16 Rotarian board members who are from the United States, India, France, Iceland, and the Netherlands.

Membership Dues: None

Projects and Activities

The group supported 500 club projects in 2019-20. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- Rotary Action Group for Blood Donation has guides and expert members to help Rotary clubs plan and execute successful blood drives.

Training and Advocacy

- The group uses both Facebook and their website to publicize the success of Rotary clubs in sponsoring blood drives to support the needs of transfusion patients.
- The group's website has numerous resources for Rotarians to support successful blood donation. Additionally, Rotary Action Group for Blood Donation board and members network to share best practices at blood donation events.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations: Association for Donor Recruitment Professionals (ADRP)

Informal Collaborations: Global Blood Fund(GBF), International Federation of Blood Donor Organizations, French Blood Establishment

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Rotary Action Group for Clubfoot (RAG4Clubfoot)

Topic: treating clubfoot deformities

Membership

In 2019-20, RAG4Clubfoot reported 25 members in two countries. Among those, 22 are Rotarians and three are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. 12 Rotary clubs and five districts are also members of the group. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States and Peru. The group is administered by 18 Rotarian board members who are from the United States.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Projects and Activities

The group supported five TRF projects in 2019-20. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Fundraising

- RAG4Clubfoot raised funds from Action Group members and from the broader Rotary Network. They promoted membership and donation options to Rotarians through participation in conferences, Facebook and newsletters. RAG4Clubfoot plans to do a broader email campaign to past supporters as well.

Training and Advocacy

- RAG4Clubfoot has a quarterly newsletter that shares progress on projects as well as other happenings around clubfoot treatment successes. The group also uses their Facebook page to share information about Ponseti Method training and their work.
- Several members of RAG4Clubfoot have been speakers at a variety of meetings about the Action Group, Ponseti Method treatment, and the realities of clubfoot for children around the world. A few of the group's members have also participated in the Virtual House of Friendship presentations.

Partnerships

- RAG4Clubfoot works with clubs and districts around the world to help facilitate partnerships for projects and to work with the Ponseti International Association.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations: Ponseti International Association (PIA) at the University of Iowa

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Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development(RAGCED)

Topic: alleviate poverty through sustainable microfinance and community development

Membership

In 2019-20, RAGCED reported 950 members in 74 countries. Among those, 925 are Rotarians and 25 are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Canada, India, Nigeria, and the Philippines. The group is administered by 15 board members who are from Canada, the United States, Honduras, Mexico, and Brazil.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Other Membership Dues: US\$100 (5 years)

Projects and Activities

The group supported 22 projects in 2019-20: seven TRF-funded projects, five club projects, and 10 other projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- Advisors from RAGCED respond to requests for information regarding global grants from members and Rotary clubs. RAGCED has advisors in all aspects of global grants including needs assessment, funding resources, proposal writing, Rotary partners, cooperating organizations, and sustainability. For example, RAGCED advisors have supported the Women in Coffee Microfinance global grant project since inception including advising on preparation of the application with focus on sustainability, supporting needs assessment, identifying cooperating organizations, status reviews with the international and host clubs, and assisting in funding sources. The global grant application was approved in 2020-21 Rotary year and RAGCED members in the host country will continue to support the project through implementation and evaluation.
- RAGCED has experienced project managers who have implemented sustainable microfinance projects and have been called on to provide input, reviews and recommendations for planning and implementing sustainable microfinance and economic development projects. For example, Action Group advisers have assisted in successfully replicating the Launch My City project originated in Raleigh, NC, USA project in nearby communities and are responding to inquiries from many other communities.
- RAGCED has a cadre of advisors who work with Rotary project planners to evaluate the goals and objectives of the project and then ensure that mechanisms are in place to collect the data during the performance of the project for analysis during and after the project.
- RAGCED has also continued to support long term projects including Honduras Economic Community Development (Honduras), Namaste Direct (Guatemala), Launch Detroit (Michigan, USA) and Microfinance for low income women (California, USA).

Training and Advocacy

- RAGCED has created and published a Guidebook for Building Successful Microfinance projects. The Guidebook is reviewed and updated each year and is posted on the RAGCED website. RAGCED has established partnerships that enable Rotarians planning microfinance projects to gain access to proven training materials, mentoring materials and best practices in support of their microfinance projects.
- Stories about successful CED projects are solicited from RAGCED members and posted on the RAGCED website and Facebook page, and included in the RAGCED newsletter. By including beneficiary or community impact stories, RAGCED raises awareness of the importance of community economic development projects. RAGCED also posts information about projects in the planning stages as a means of publicizing projects that are looking for partnerships or investors.

- A list of TRF global grant projects in the CED area of focus is posted on the RAGCED website as reference.
- RAGCED had breakout sessions at many Rotary sponsored events. The breakouts always include a discussion of the six building blocks of a successful microfinance project and how to ensure they are included in project planning. In 2019-20 Rotary year, RAGCED had a breakout session and booth at the Rotary World Peace Conference and at the Rotary International Convention. The breakout session on sustainable microfinance projects presented in Spanish at the 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention was attended by 1100 Rotarians which has led to follow up invitations during the 2020-21 Rotary year to speak at different events.
- Members of RAGCED have responded to requests for presentations and follow up discussions from Rotary clubs and districts throughout the Rotary year - many of which have been presented globally using virtual meeting technology. All presentations made by RAGCED members include examples of successful projects and stories about beneficiaries to help others understand the community and personal impact of CED projects. RAGCED can support presentations in several languages as needed by the requesting club.
- RAGCED works through its partners to make people aware of Rotary's involvement in CED projects and the benefits of a project partnership with a local Rotary club.

Partnerships

- On a global scale RAGCED has formed partnerships with Uniendo America, World Vision/Vision Fund, Grameen Foundation, Opportunities International, Canada.
- RAGCED has initiated discussions with Global Brigades, Food Enterprise Solutions, the Hans Neumann Foundation and several other NGOs to serve as cooperating organizations on Rotary projects including global grants.
- RAGCED has a graphic that describes the partnerships needed to plan and implement a successful microfinance project and provides assistance to clubs to identify and formalize partnerships in their local communities.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations:

World Vision/Vision Fund, Grameen Foundation, Opportunities International Canada

Informal Collaborations:

Uniendo America, Global Brigades, Kiva

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Rotary Action Group for Diabetes (RAGD)

Topic: providing service through a strong commitment to education, identification, and treatment of diabetes, especially among children in developing countries

Membership

In 2019-20, RAGD reported 120 Rotarians in 24 countries. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Belgium. The group is administered by five Rotarian board members who are from the United States and Belgium.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Other Membership Dues: US\$69 (3 years) / US\$100 (5 years)

Projects and Activities

The group supported 18 projects in 2019-20: three multi-district projects, five district projects and 10 club projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

- RAGD assisted clubs with assessing their communities, securing funds, identifying international partners, designing projects, writing proposals, and incorporating sustainability into projects.
- RAGD is currently in collaboration with Rotarians in London for a diabetes project in Kenyan towns that are unable to access medical care and necessary medication and supplies for diabetes.

Notable Collaborations

Informal Collaborations: Insulin for Life, Life for a Child

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Disaster Network of Assistance Rotary Action Group (DNA-RAG)

Topic: develop an interactive network to assist with disaster preparedness, communication, and recovery worldwide

Membership

In 2019-20, DNA-RAG reported 115 members in 33 countries. Among those, 112 are Rotarians, two are Rotaractors, and one is a non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractor. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, the Bahamas, Canada, Trinidad, and the Philippines. The group is administered by 15 board members who are from the United States, Brazil, Taiwan, Scotland, and Nepal. Among those, 14 are Rotarians and one is a Rotaractor.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Other Membership Dues: US\$100 (5 years)

Projects and Activities

The group supported 22 projects in 2019-20: one TRF-funded project, one multi-district project, two district projects and 18 club projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- DNA-RAG helped clubs design project, identify international partners, and incorporate sustainability into projects. Using their experience with successful grants that have previously been approved, DNA-RAG is able to point out areas of concern that might lead to rejection of proposed grants.
- DNA-RAG had committees for the Bahamas Disaster Recovery, D7020 Disaster Recovery, NERI DAF, and District 3292. These committees monitored and collected data from the project to report back to DNA-RAG

Fundraising

- DNA-RAG used their website with appropriate "radio buttons" and newsletters to raise awareness of needs for disaster recovery funding.
- The group has been successful in raising funds for disaster recovery post Dorian, Laura, and Sally and now in collaboration with Australians for Woman's Health (A4WH).

Training and Advocacy

- DNA-RAG has created training materials for individuals, clubs, and districts to prepare for disasters. These are used in the group's seminars and webinars and are available on their website.
- DNA-RAG conducted training seminars at zone summit in Fort Wayne, IN and for Rotary District 7020 in English, and French. DNA-RAG conducted a separate training seminar for Rotaract in District 7020 and conducted a webinar for club presidents in District 6930.
- Through their Facebook page and website, DNA-RAG was able to conduct awareness campaigns and share stories of Bahamas Disaster Recovery, D7020 Disaster Recovery, and A4WH.
- DNA-RAG members have been guest speakers during club meetings on disaster preparedness and long term recovery. DNA-RAG participated in The Rotary World Peace Conference in Ontario California in January 2020.

Partnerships

- DNA-RAG collaborated with Australians for Woman's Health to help them with solicitation for the construction of a Women's and Babies Hospital in Nepal and increase public awareness of the health concerns that requires such a hospital.

- DNA-RAG worked in conjunction with the Bahamas Disaster Relief Committee and the Bahamian Government (specifically among other entities - Ministry of Education) to outfit schools devastated during Hurricane Dorian.
- DNA-RAG worked with Disaster Aid USA, Disaster Aid International, Disaster Aid Australia, ShelterBox, WaterBox, Water Survival Box.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations: Caribbean Partnership, Disaster Aid USA, HANWASH, Australians for Woman's Health (A4WH)

Informal Collaborations: ShelterBox, WaterBox, Water Survival Box, Disaster Aid International

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Rotary Action Group for Endangered Species (RAGES)

Topic: to provide global awareness and focused action to preserve and protect endangered species

Membership

In 2019-20, RAGES reported 933 Rotarians in 71 countries. The group is administered by 10 board members who are from South Africa, the United States, Canada, England, and Kenya.

Annual Membership Dues: None

Projects and Activities

The group supported seven projects in 2019-20: one club project and six other projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- RAGES helped clubs design projects, identify international partners, and write proposals. The group coached Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview, Canada prepare grant applications for three TRF Scholarship Global Grants. All three applications have been approved.

Fundraising

- The group raised funds from its in support of the TRF Scholarship Global Grant applications.
- RAGES' website provides a button for visitors to donate to support projects.

Training and Advocacy

- Chair Tom Tochterman, served as subject matter expert on Rhinos for a Rotarian hosted virtual conference titled 'Extinction is Forever' at Universidad, Del Valle De Guatemala. The conference was hosted by the university and the Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning, Guatemala Chapter.

Partnerships

- RAGES' board member, Raemonde Bezenar, RC Edmonton Riverview is the Director of Mountain Gorilla Conservation Society of Canada(MGCSC). MGCSC is the cooperating organization for the three TRF Scholarship Global Grants.

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Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)

Topic: help clubs and districts plan, implement, and evaluate projects related to environmental sustainability, mitigation of climate disruption and awareness about climate change.

Membership

In 2019-20, ESRAG reported 686 members in 60 countries. Among those, 600 are Rotarians, 18 are Rotaractors, and 68 are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Australia, India, the United Kingdom, and Canada. The group is administered by 16 board members who are from the United States, England, Australia, Bangladesh, and Turkey. Among those, 15 are Rotarians and one is a Rotaractor.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$30 / \$15 (Rotaract)

Other Membership Dues: US\$125 (5 years Rotary Family) / \$0 Climate Solutions Coalition

Projects and Activities

The group supported 46 projects in 2019-20: one TRF-funded project, one multi-district project, 10 district projects, 30 club projects, and four other projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- ESRAG has expertise that crosses over from the environment into the six areas of focus. ESRAG helps clubs by providing support in community assessment, securing funding, identifying international partners, project design, proposal writing, and incorporating sustainability into projects.
- The group promoted, guided and reviewed several TRF proposals. For example, ESRAG reviewed grants related to disposal of waste products and plastics.
- ESRAG has built a database for monitoring projects over time called Project Impact Reporting (PIR). An example of a project being monitored is methane production from a biogas digester in a school in India. The PIR database is designed to be able to monitor carbon sequestered by trees planted. Project leaders provided reports on their initial plantings and then will follow up periodically on the growth of the trees.

Training and Advocacy

- With the UNEP, ESRAG created a handbook for Rotarians conducting environmental projects in May 2019. This was translated and published in Spanish in May 2020 for World Environment Day.
- ESRAG hosted a Greening Rotary breakout session at The World Environment of UNEP and the 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention.
- ESRAG planned, with Ed Fata (for Mark Maloney) and WASHRAG, the World Environment Day on 5 June 2020. With the cancellation, ESRAG then held an around the world a "Rotarians for Bees World Environment Day Webinar" on 5 June repeated three times for time zones during the day.
- The group updates its website weekly, publishes a monthly newsletter, and posts regularly on Facebook and other social media.
- ESRAG has 12 regional chapters covering all 34 Rotary zones. Two chapters are dealing with the demise of pollinators, and others on plastic waste. They have begun to ramp up for work on the Task Forces for Renewable Energy, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration, and projects based around mitigating for greenhouse gases, especially the retrieval of Freon. Additionally, they have reached out to DGs, DGEs and DGNs via email and attendance of national and international meetings.
- ESRAG has of board of 16 directors who all speak in their regions (and now via zoom) at meetings, conferences and other events on a wide range of topics from Rotary, Rotary's areas of focus, the Environment, Climate Change, and more,

Partnerships

- ESRAG develops informal arrangements with many affiliates and created Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) when needed. ESRAG created a MOU with Project Drawdown on May 21, 2020.

Signature Initiatives

Operation Pollination: Monarch Butterfly – Partnering with clubs from Mexico, USA, and Canada as well as organizations such as NPS, USDA-NRCS, USDA-FS, USFWS, Monarch Sister Schools Program and the Embassy of Mexico, ESRAG worked on this project that encourages citizens to restore habitat for a wide range of native pollinators by native plant gardening. Many butterflies migrate for several hundred kilometers but none to the extent of the monarch's eastern flyway from Canada to Mexico in one generation. The butterflies drink nectar from many species of plants. Their larvae eat specific host plants. For the monarch the host plant is milkweed. Industrial agriculture has created a desert landscape for the monarch: no place to rest and refuel, no place to lay her eggs. With the guidance from ESRAG and other partners, Rotary clubs help restore these habitats. Members of ESRAG have been engaged in this project in Mexico and the East, and the Central flyway corridor, since before ESRAG. In Mexico ESRAG members have been building their work with tree nurseries in schools in Michoacán; in the Mississippi corridor supporting Rotary clubs to build and maintain gardens; and in the east engaging Rotary partners with schools/Interactors supporting pollinator gardens.

Komba Safaris: Connecting Children with Nature in Kenya - This program was proposed to Rotarians in 2018 and started on 15 February 2019 with its first group of 50 children from the Olympic Primary School in Kibera, the largest urban slum in Africa. The Pilot Project continued with more schools, engaging 20 primary and secondary schools from Nairobi. Videos were made, art competitions and tree plantings, waste management, in addition to visiting nature reserves where children saw iconic African animals for the first time in their lives. Komba Safaris are not just excursions but are life-changing adventures, particularly to the young children and also the teachers that the Wildlife Clubs of Kenya were following up with visits on every Thursday. The opportunity that Komba Safaris gave them is something special that they never thought would ever happen to them. The program was supported by Rotary clubs from district 5320, 5170, 9212 as well as organizations such as Kindness in Action, United Nations Environmental Programme, and WildLife Clubs of Kenya. ESRAG helped with introductions to UNEP at the UN Champions meeting in New York and UNE side meetings in Nairobi.

As Komba Safaris is a completely in-person contact event Covid-19 has shut the program down since January 2020. ESRAG would like to see this program restart once it is possible to do so.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations: Project Drawdown

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Rotary Action Group for Family Health and AIDS Prevention (RFHA)

Topic: helping clubs and districts plan and implement large scale disease prevention and treatment projects

Membership

In 2019-20, RFHA reported 1,478 members in 49 countries. Among those, 1,420 are Rotarians and 58 are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Canada, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, and South Africa. The group is administered by 12 Rotarian board members who are from the United States, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Nigeria, and India.

Annual Membership Dues: None

Projects and Activities

The group supported 469 projects in 2019-20: one TRF-funded project, two multi-district projects, six district projects and 460 club projects.

Type of assistance requested by clubs and districts: Technical assistance to implement a project, monitoring of a project, data collection and usage, subject matter trainings workshops, awareness campaigns, guidelines, training manuals, compiled best practices, conference or learning event on a related subject, partnership with cooperation organizations, partnership with cooperating vendors.

Signature Initiatives

Rotary Family Health Days Africa – The aim of the Rotary Family Health Days Partnership Program (RFHD's) is to bring free, comprehensive and holistic health care screening, testing and referral services for communicable and non-communicable diseases to people in disadvantaged communities in both a rural and urban context outside of normal government health care facilities. Services included HIV counselling and testing, TB screening, cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes screening, immunizations and Vitamin A drops, cancer screening, Hepatitis screening. Other offerings include malaria (and provision of bed nets), screening for cervical/breast cancer, prostate cancer and more; and lifelong immunizations for polio, measles and other vaccines. Family counseling and distribution of condoms; deworming and vitamin A supplements provided. Dental and eye services are offered at select sites. Educational and awareness services are also offered for young women and girls, VMMC for men, nutritional services etc. In South Africa all primary and implementing partners within the country have remained on board with the addition of three new funding partners in 2019 to include the National Lotteries Commission, Dis-Chem Foundation, and Community Chest.

The aim for the 2019 campaign to align with the South African President's multisectoral initiative, Cheka Impilo that encouraged Rotary clubs to place a special emphasis on targeting males and young adolescents to visit each of the 100 sites set up across all nine provinces in that country. In 2019 the South Africa Campaign served 31 989 people at 90 sites. The pilot program in the Country of Lesotho took place 16 – 18 October 2019 serving 1696 people over three sites. The launch was initiated in Lesotho in a joint partnership with The AIDS Health Care Foundation (funding partner) Rotary clubs in Lesotho and South Africa, RFHA SA NPC, His Majesty King Letseii III of Lesotho, the Ministry of Health in Lesotho, the CDC, USAID, and other implementing partners on the 9 August 2019. The Nigeria Program was held in October of 2019 serving 139,376 people at 134 sites.

The value of the Rotary Family Health Day program includes but is not limited to assisting in country Ministries of Health to achieve better health outcomes, strengthening of health systems by taking services closer to the people who need them the most, contributing towards achieving the goals of the National Development Plan (NDP) Vision for 2030 (Republic of South Africa), aligning to the United Nations Sustainable Millennium Goals, aligning with the National Strategic Plan (NSP) for HIV,

TB and STI's 2017/2022 and most importantly assisting the Department of Health in addressing the crippling quadruple burden of disease in Africa: HIV and AIDS and TB; Maternal and Child Mortality; Non-Communicable Diseases or Lifestyle Diseases; Injury, Violence and trauma. In 2018-2019 the executed and planned campaigns provided over 500,000 clinical medical services delivered to 290,000 individuals.

In addition to creating this program and forming partnerships with the U.S. Mission, each country's Minister of Health in alignment with the Country Operational Plans (COP), obtaining grants from the private sector and being part of the TRF global grant process, partnering with major media houses and in-country NGO's, RFHA has appointed a leader in each region of Southern Africa, East Africa, West Africa, South East Asia (led by a RFHA board member) who in turn forms an in-country management team led by a program manager for purposes of planning and execution. Data collection and validation is a valued outcome of this program. RFHA continues to improve upon its data collection tool that was designed in collaboration with the CDC South Africa and the National Department of Health. This tool (or a variation) was used by all countries in the 2018-19 program. Inputs tracked include: 1) total number of people reached, per country including region; 2) total number of people reached, per service, per country; 3) total number of people that tested positive to an illness, and how they were forwarded to follow on care. RFHA's team also created a template for a 90 Day Impact Analysis, using the data collection process as a baseline. This analysis verifies the citizens' status of HIV, TB, Malaria, Diabetes, Hypertension, Cancers and more. It measures impact on general health, whether they went to follow on care, whether it increased their knowledge of safer sex practices and knowledge of other diseases, overcame public stigma of AIDS, and how many received immunizations that has lifelong impact. RFHA has established international guidelines of the planning and execution of the Family Health Days, and this includes a branding guide to ensure there is consistency across the many countries which are implementing or interested in hosting a Rotary Family Health Day campaign.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations: Gilead Sciences Foundation, South Africa Broadcasting Corporation Foundation, Ministries of Health (in South Africa, Nigeria, and Lesotho), National Lotteries Commission, Dis-Chem Foundation, Community Chest, The AIDS Healthcare foundation, Bowmans Legal, Zimi Community Health Initiative

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Rotary Action Group for Family Safety (RAGFAMSAFE)

Topic: providing support and resources for victims of family violence

Membership

In 2019-20, RAGFAMSAFE reported 341 members in 48 countries. Among those, 333 are Rotarians, two are Rotaractors, and six are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. One Rotary club is also a member of the group. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Australia, the Philippines, Nigeria, and India. The group is administered by eight Rotarian board members who are from Australia, the United States, and Canada.

Annual Membership Dues: None

Other Membership Dues: AUD\$25 (5 years)

Projects and Activities

The group supported 11 projects in 2019-20: two TRF-funded projects, one multi-district project, one district project, six club projects, and one other project. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Fundraising

- RAGFAMSAFE raised funds from Action Group members, broader Rotary network, and donors outside of Rotary. For example, a member provided funds to allow a TRF funded project in Brazil to start on time despite Covid-19.
- By running a Professional Development Workshop, RAGFAMSAFE raised funds to help start their Trauma Recovery Network.
- A fundraiser dinner raised awareness and covered costs from representatives of several Clubs.

Training and Advocacy

- In connection with a TRF-funded project, a member conducted mediation training in Mongolia to improve the way men were treating their families.
- In the Philippines, members in Rotary Club of Palanyag Paranaque led 15 other clubs in District 3830 in a training about personal and family safety, prevention/preparedness and management to minimize risks and trauma.
- RAGFAMSAFE Board Members Dr. Frank Stechey and Pam Brown spoke to several Rotary clubs each to explain forensic dentistry and how to recognize abuse, and how Trauma develops and what can be done about it, respectively.
- In January 2020 RAGFAMSAFE sponsored speaker Dr. Derek Farrell to present at the Rotary World Peace Conference in Ontario, CA on trauma-informed treatments after disasters and the need for training community members to support the too-small number of expert therapists.
- Dr. Farrell addressed seventy EMDR therapists in which he outlined the three tiers of trauma intervention. RAGFAMSAFE invited EMDR Therapists to support the Trauma Recovery Network.
- In District 5130, members in the two Sebastopol Clubs linked with Dovetail Learning to carry out an SEL early learning education project.
- Via the virtual convention and presentations to clubs, member Dorothy Gilmour continued to introduce Safe Families to clubs in several countries.
- Chair Norman Taralrud-Bay participated in several club meetings and presentations to introduce the work of the RAG.

Notable Collaborations

Informal Collaborations: 1stContact (UK), Trauma Response Network (UK), Global Institute for Traumatic Stress Relief, Australian Psychological Society, EMDR Association of Australia, Everywoman Treaty, Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association, MBBI, Peace RAG

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Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group (FPS)

Topic: helping people, particularly in developing countries, learn about and grow the best local foods to match their nutritional needs as a sustainable solution for hunger and malnutrition

Membership

In 2019-20, FPS reported 384 members in 47 countries. Among those, 372 are Rotarians, two are Rotaractors, and 10 are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. The group's membership is concentrated in Australia, the United States, the Philippines, Canada, and India. The group is administered by 10 Rotarian board members who are from Australia and the Philippines.

Annual Membership Dues: None

Lifetime Membership Dues: US\$14.47

Projects and Activities

The group supported five projects in 2019-20: three TRF-funded projects and two club projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- FPS helped in the preparation of educational materials for project partners.

Fundraising

- FPS raised funds from the broader Rotary network and from donors outside of Rotary. FPS did this through presenting at Rotary clubs and other Rotary events.

Training and Advocacy

- FPS undertook Fresh Foods for Families workshops and mentored a Rotaract club to prepare the workshop.
- FPS was able to conduct awareness campaigns through the use of mail outs, newsletters, Facebook, Zoom meetings, their website, and Twitter.
- FPS worked with volunteer and agronomists to create training manuals. More information is available at <https://foodplantsolutions.org/programs/>.
- FPS was able to publicize their successes through mail outs, newsletters, their website, Facebook, Twitter, local news, radio interviews, and national programs.
- FPS spoke to countless Rotary clubs all around the world via zoom.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations: Sustainable Cambodia, Korean Friendship Network, Nutrition for Education, Priscilla Hall Memorial Foundation, Development Project Service Centre Nepal, Muravah Foundation, Mustard Seed Institute, African Malaika, AOG World Relief Vietnam, Victorite General Dealers

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Health Education and Wellness Rotary Action Group (HEWRAG)

Topic: improving world health thorough health promotion, education, and disease prevention

Membership

In 2019-20, HEWRAG reported 659 Rotarians in 46 countries. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, India, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Russia. The group is administered by 14 Rotarian board members who are from the United States, India, Australia, South Africa, and Argentina.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$30

Lifetime Membership Dues: US\$100

Projects and Activities

The group supported eight projects in 2019-20: three multi-district projects and five district projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Training and Advocacy

- Early in the fall of 2019 HEWRAG were invited to meet with health care leaders in Pittsburgh, PA to discuss Rotary participation in Cervical Cancer Prevention activities in their region. The principle focus of the meetings was advocacy for HPV vaccinations. After a series of meetings with various groups over two days, HEWRAG provided a report that offered their recommendations on how Rotarians could be engaged.
- The group published a special guide for handwashing which was distributed widely and continue to send all their members a quarterly newsletter.
- HEWRAG continues to distribute the publication, HEWRAG Guide to Cervical Cancer Prevention.

Partnerships

- The American Cancer Society (ACS) was HEWRAG's first external partner. The group continues to work closely with ACS on a variety of efforts including programs and events hosted by HEWRAG in conjunction with the Rotary Convention.
- As a result of preparations for the Rotary Convention in Hamburg, HEWRAG were referred to a group of Rotarians in Calgary, Canada that were working with the World Health Organization to conduct a World Congress to introduce a soon to be adopted plan to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem. HEWRAG became part of the coordinating committee now known as "CerviCal Action." For a variety of reasons, that effort has now shifted to the Pan American Health Organization. HEWRAG has participated in a series of meetings in Calgary, Geneva, and Washington, DC this past year and plan on staying with the project to completion.

Notable Collaborations

Informal Collaborations: American Cancer Society (ACS), World Health Organization (WHO)

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Hearing Rotary Action Group

Topic: helping children and adults with hearing loss

Membership

In 2019-20, Hearing Rotary Action Group reported 81 members in 11 countries. Among those, 69 are Rotarians and 12 are Rotaractors. Five Rotary clubs and five districts are also members of the group. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and Guatemala. The group is administered by five Rotarian board members who are from the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and Guatemala.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$10

Lifetime Membership Dues: US\$100

Projects and Activities

The group supported eight projects in 2019-20: three TRF-funded project, three district projects and two club projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- Hearing RAG provided support to clubs through community assessment, secure funding, proposal writing, and incorporating sustainability into projects. For example, the Michigan Medical Team of an otologist, audiologist and nurse were guided by the Hearing RAG to create a global grant with the Kumasi-Nhyiaeso Rotary Club as the host Rotary club and the Pleasant Valley (NY) Rotary Club as the primary international partner club.
- The Hearing RAG identified a supplier of affordable hearing aids as well as guided the writing of the Pediatric Hearing Loss global grant.
- Hearing RAG Rotarian, Dr. Armando Bonifacio guided his Dagupan (Philippines) Rotary Club with the help of the Hearing RAG Chair, Ellen Haggerty to create a Dagupan Hearing Loss Infant Screening and Management in Low Resource Areas Global Grant with the help of Audiologist Mon Kalvin C Lim.
- Hearing RAG Rotarian, Dr. Michael Mallahan worked with Child's Passport to Health in the foothills of Guatemala to bring the gift of hearing with school age testing, removal of ear wax that blocked hearing and new hearing aids where needed.

Partnerships

- Hearing RAG members worked with the NGO Fundação Sorrisas que Escuchan (Smiles That Listen) to create the first Guatemalan Hearing Loss Infant and Early Childhood Screening and Management in Low Resource Areas global grant in two Guatemala City public hospitals and one public maternity clinic.
- Hearing RAG members, Drs. Phillip and Cristina Newell of the Carlingford (Australia) Rotary Club worked with SENESE Centre for Inclusive Education in Samoa to provide school age testing for hearing loss and provided hearing aids.

Notable Collaborations

Informal Collaborations: Apia Hospital in Samoa, Cochlear Inc.

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Rotary Action Group for Hepatitis Eradication

Topic: works to eradicate Hepatitis C globally

Membership

In 2019-20, the Rotary Action Group for Hepatitis Eradication reported 450 members in 61 countries. Among those, 420 are Rotarians, 20 are Rotaractors, and 10 are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. 100 Rotary clubs, one Rotaract club and 12 districts are also members of the group. The group's membership is concentrated in Nigeria, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, and Portugal. The group is administered by six board members from Brazil, Nigeria, Mali, and the Republic of the Congo.

Annual Membership Dues: None

Lifetime Membership Dues: None

Projects and Activities

The group supported 11 projects in 2019-20: three multi-district projects, two district projects, and six club projects.

Signature Initiatives

Hepatitis Zero Week Africa 2019 – Hepatitis Zero Week Africa, carried out on 28 July 2019, involved many clubs in 33 countries across the African continent to rapid test for Hepatitis C. Free rapid tests were offered to the public in busy places such as public transit stations, squares, etc. Local clubs organized the testing and recruited local nurses or nursing students to perform the tests. The clubs were responsible for delivering the tests, supervising wait lines, maintaining written record of people tested and uploading data into a system. Clubs received training from the Action Group on explaining test results to those testing positive for Hepatitis C: both stressing the need for follow-up testing, the lifestyle changes necessary if the diagnosis is eventually confirmed, and guiding them to the appropriate local health clinic or hospital to receive a confirmation test and treatment. 54,000 beneficiaries participated in the rapid screenings.

Hepatitis Zero Week Americas 2019 – Hepatitis Zero Week Americas was conducted on 28 July 2019. The program involved many clubs in the Americas to carry out rapid testing for Hepatitis C. Rapid tests were offered free of charge to the public, in busy places such as metro and bus stations, squares, etc. The local clubs organized the testing and recruited local nurses or nursing students to perform the tests. The Rotary clubs were also responsible for delivering the tests on each day of testing, supervising wait lines, keeping a written record of the people tested, and uploading this data into a system. It was a resounding success in Mexico, USA, Canada, Argentina, Uruguay, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay with 25,086 beneficiaries.

Hepatitis Zero Week Brazil 2019 – The Rotary Action Group for Hepatitis Eradication increased awareness about Hepatitis C both in terms of getting people tested and helping them access treatment depending on their particular situation. Rotary clubs from across Brazil participated in the campaign with a goal to test 170,000 people.

Notable Collaborations

Informal Collaborations:

Ministry of Health Brazil, Ministry of Health Argentina, Ministry of Health Nigeria, Ministry of Health Mexico, Instituto Malbran, Ministry of Health Cote D'ivoire, Ministry of Health Colombia, Ministry of Health Mali, Ministry of Health Angola, Ministry of Health Senegal

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Rotarians Against Malaria - Global Rotary Action Group (RAMGlobal)

Topic: coordinating efforts to control malaria

Membership

In 2019-20, RAMGlobal reported 370 members in 32 countries. All members are Rotarians. 11 Rotary clubs are also members of the group. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Australia, Canada, the British Isles, and Germany. The group is administered by 14 board members who are from the United States, Australia, the British Isles, Gambia, and Nigeria.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Lifetime Membership Dues: US\$100

Other Membership Dues: US\$100 (Rotary Club)

Projects and Activities

The group supported seven projects in 2019-20: one TRF-funded project, two multi-district projects, one district project, two club projects and one other project. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- RAMGlobal provided support to clubs through community assessment, identifying international partners, and proposal writing.
- RAMGlobal has guidance on their website and eight active Ambassador Technical Advisors in six global regions coaching clubs and Rotarians.
- They coached Rotarian Malaria projects in Timor Leste, Nigeria, Zambia, Papua New Guinea, and Peru in all aspects of global grant applications.
- Members of RAMGlobal board with other Rotarians conducted a Community Assessment in West Timor, Nusa Tenggara Timur Province, Indonesia.
- Monitoring was provided to the Timor Leste project during 2019 with one self-funded visit and one grant-funded visit to the country.

Fundraising

- RAMGlobal raised funds from its members, the broader rotary network, donors outside of Rotary, and external organizations/corporations.
- They also raised funds in sponsorships for the Malaria Symposium but those funds were returned or used (with sponsorship approval) to offset the cost of a future symposium.

Training and Advocacy

- RAMGlobal conducted webinars and zoom meetings on global grants.
- Some RAMGlobal members conduct global grants workshops at their respective annual District Grant Seminars.
- RAMGlobal has actively solicited clubs to include a RAM-Global speaker in their program schedule.
- RAMGlobal has made a PowerPoint Training video for presentations to clubs, districts and zones. Several members regularly give presentations to Rotary and Rotaract clubs. Color brochure are handed out at presentations and in event participated by members.
- Chair and members attended American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene to network with other organizations working to eliminate malaria and introduce RAMGlobal Rotary Action Group and solicit cooperation between groups.

- Chair and members attended the International Assembly and provided brochures and face to face awareness discussions.
- Members represented the Action Group at Global Fund's Lancet Commission Report on Malaria Eradication, on the board of The Alliance for Malaria Prevention and at The Global Fund's Sixth Replenishment Conference. RAMGlobal hosted two events at the 2020 RI Convention.
- RAMGlobal provided continual updates about project successes on their website.
- Timor Leste project was reported in the Rotary Australia's magazine "Rotary Down Under" and reported by District 9830 TRF Chair at the 2019 District Conference.
- Best practices and global grants guidelines are available on the website and Technical Advisors have helped and are helping Rotarians in putting together projects in Liberia, Colombia, Haiti and Nigeria in addition to the ongoing projects in Timor Leste, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Peru.
- RAMGlobal hosted a Virtual House of Friendship and other virtual events at the 2020 RI Convention. The breakout session hosted by the group featured many members discussing, in an interview format, work being done by Rotarians to eliminate malaria.
- The group had planned a live Malaria Symposium (cancelled due to Covid-19) and incorporated experts into their HOF presentation and other events (webinar, zoom interviews).

Partnerships

- RAMGlobal attended and participated in meetings with RMB Partnership to End Malaria, The Alliance for Malaria Prevention, and increased their presence with Global Fund and The Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation and the UN Foundation. In planning the Malaria Symposium, the group solidified working relationships with these organizations as well as PATH, Burnet Institute and Pilgrim Africa

Notable Collaborations

Informal Collaborations:

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Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives (RAGMHI)

Topic: advising Rotarians on mental health programs

Membership

In 2019-20, Rotary Action Group on Mental Initiatives reported 127 members in 16 countries. All members are Rotarians. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Canada, Australia, India, and the Philippines. The group is administered by eight board members who are from the United States, India, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Nigeria.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Projects and Activities

The group supported five projects in 2019-20: two TRF-funded projects, two district projects and one club project. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- RAGMHI helped support clubs through community assessment, project design, proposal writing, and incorporating sustainability into projects. In addition, they visited project sites, spoke with beneficiaries, and collaborated with Rotary clubs.
- The group provided technical assistance in Psychiatric best practices and Adolescent wellness peer leadership program. They also initiated a district position for Mental Health Initiatives.
- RAGMHI provided on-site and long-distancing coaching to adolescent wellness in Nigeria. This coaching was also provided in Kenya on the Maanasi Model. The group also brought to fruition suicide prevention global grant in Lithuania.

Training and Advocacy

- RAGMHI created best practices and guidance on projects after host club/country has developed paperwork.
- RAGMHI conducted trainings and workshops in Kenya, Nigeria, Canada as requested.
- The group conducted awareness campaigns in India for a district that had a First Aid Depression awareness project/campaign.
- RAGMHI publicized successful projects through their website, newsletters, Rotary events, and presentations at various club and district events when requested.
- The group hosted breakout sessions at the 2020 Rotary Convention and sessions in the Virtual House of Friendship. RAGMHI also worked with a district for their 2021 Conference for a theme on Mental Wellness which involves multiple Rotaract clubs.
- The group replies to requests for subject matter speakers which come through Facebook as well as their website for a variety of speakers/subjects.

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Rotary Action Group Against Multiple Sclerosis (RAGAMS)

Topic: improving the lives of People with MS (PwMS)

Membership

In 2019-20, Rotary Action Group Against Multiple Sclerosis reported 479 members in 23 countries. Among those, 429 are Rotarians, one is a Rotaractor, and 49 are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. Eight Rotary clubs, one Rotaract club, and eight districts are also members of the group. The group's membership is concentrated in Australia, the United States, India, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand. The group is administered by eight board members who are from Australia, the United States, New Zealand, India, and the United Kingdom.

Annual Membership Dues: None

Lifetime Membership Dues: US\$20

Projects and Activities

The group supported three projects in 2019-20: one district project, one club project, and one other. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Fundraising

- RAGAMS holds a Sausage Sizzle and Golf day to raise funds, both of which have been limited due to the Covid-19 epidemic.

Training and Advocacy

- RAGAMS members spoke at Rotary Clubs in Melbourne Australia and had zoom meetings with the Rotary Club of London.
- RAGAMS members presented during Rotary club meetings to share knowledge of MS symptom management and how they promote MS Awareness in Australia.

Partnerships

- The group collaborates with the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation. MSIF has members in 47 countries and provides support for people with MS.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations:

Australian Rotary Health, Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, Melbourne University

Informal Collaborations:

MS International Federation, MS Australia, MS Views and Views, Australian MS Longitudinal Study (AMSLS), Monash University

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Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP)

Topic: advancing world peace and preventing conflict

Membership

In 2019-20, RAGFP reported 4,021 members in 124 countries. Among those, 2,044 are Rotarians, 41 are Rotaractors, and 1,936 are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. 214 Rotary clubs and four Rotaract clubs are also members of the group. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Canada, Australia, India, and the United Kingdom. The group is administered by eleven board members who are from the United States, the United Kingdom, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Switzerland.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$50 (Rotarians) / US\$15 (Rotaract) / US\$15 (Peace Fellow or Rotary Alumni)

Other Membership Dues: US\$150 (5 year Rotarians) / USD\$50 (5 year Rotaract)

Projects and Activities

The group supported 67 projects in 2019-20: nine TRF-funded projects, six multi-district projects, eight district projects, 39 club projects and five other projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- RAGFP supports clubs through community assessment, identifying international partners, project design, proposal writing, and incorporating sustainability into projects. For example, the Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator (RPPI) seeks to develop 20+ peace projects that are led by a Rotary Peace Fellow to develop, design, and implement a peace project eligible for TRF funding. RAGFP has been supporting the RPPI projects by providing awareness, promotion, education and project development. RAGFP also hosts a series of virtual Zoom meeting presentations and breakout sessions that educate Rotarians, Peace Fellows, and Peacebuilders on the global grant application process, the positive peace framework, and means to measure and assess their peace projects. A workshop developed during Geneva Peace Week 2019, further assisted RPPI participants and Peace Fellows on strategies to be more competitive for TRF global grants.
- RAGFP currently plans on establishing a reporting and evaluation processes to obtain updated feedback from clubs. After each episode of Together for Peace, RAGFP asks their viewers and participants to take part in a post webinar survey. These surveys are designed to monitor viewership growth, attendance, and types of projects and peacebuilding support they would topic interest after each episode. In addition to monitoring how the webinars could be improved, the surveys monitor what be interested in serving through a future RAGFP peace project.
- RAGFP advises its members to utilize the Global Peace Index and the Positive Peace Academy to better understand the needs and the solutions for peace in their communities.

Fundraising

- RAGFP raised funds from its members, from the broader Rotary network, donors outside of Rotary, and external organizations/corporations. The RAGFP successfully raised \$50,000 from RAGFP members, Rotarians, and peacebuilders from all around the world to support a matching grant. This grant was matched by the Jubitz Family Foundation to raise a total of \$100,000 to provide and assess peace projects at a higher capacity.

Training and Advocacy

- The RAGFP developed the Activate Positive Peace Workbook. This was the second version of the workbook originally presented at the 2019 Rotary Convention in Hamburg. Each section illustrates the concepts of one of the eight Positive Peace pillars through an example of a real Rotary project. Every project is summarized, analyzed, and broken down to highlight the successful positive peace strategies utilized by Rotarians and Peacebuilders.

Each Rotary project example is further dissected using a logic model to highlight the inputs, actions, and outcomes necessary to build the project. The Workbook also features a final exercise for peacebuilders to practice conceptualizing a peace project focused around a Peace Pillar of their interest. This workbook is a guide for Rotarians and Peacebuilders to brainstorm and further develop the strategies necessary to create a positive peace project in their community. The RAGFP website features a list of guidelines, resources, and training material for Peacebuilder Clubs to start their foundations for peace.

- One of the group's main initiatives and membership perks is member project promotion. Between monthly newsletters, social media posts, and website, and the Together for Peace webinar, the RAGFP promotes at least ten successful Rotarian-led peace projects or initiatives every month.
- The Together for Peace webinar cultivates engaging conversations for the audience to learn about the featured peacebuilder and about the many facets of taking action for Peace. RAGFP celebrated International Peace Day by hosting their first webinar to inspire, educate, and motivate Peacebuilders on successful peace projects from our wonderful RAGFP member panelists who shared their successful strategies behind their sustainable peace projects and answered questions from the audience during an interactive Q&A session. Throughout the webinar series, RAGFP hosted speakers from prominent organizations from the sector and has raised awareness on the following topics: Cleaning the Rivers of the World; Clean Water, Sanitation, and the Environment; Child and Human Trafficking Inner Peace and the Power of Meditation against Violence; Women and Economic Development; Peace Inequality Clean Water for All; Clean Water and Sanitation with UNICEF; Philanthropy and Positive Peace; Community Policing Service Above Self, Serial Volunteerism and Philanthropy; History of Racial Justice and Peace in America; Social Entrepreneurship, Technology and Homelessness. Racial Justice, Civil Rights, Law, and Peace.
- RAGFP leaders has participated in many conferences and events as speakers some of which include but are not limited to the 2020 Rotary World Peace Conference, in Ontario, CA; Middle East Studies Center at Portland State University at their Refugee Symposium; Geneva Peace Week 2019; Mediators Beyond Borders; and 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention. RAGFP Executive Director Reem represented RAGFP at Geneva Peace Week 2019, a conference held at the United Nations focused on building the global perspectives and solutions for peacebuilding, where she offered an Activate Positive Peace Workshop. The audience broke into eight groups to read about a Peace Pillar, complete a logic model, answer questions, and share their insight with the rest of the audience.

Partnerships

- Together for Peace is a webinar series that facilitates relationships with corporations that Rotarians can partner, support, and collaborate with to take action on a variety of peacebuilding initiatives.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations:

Portland State University

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Polio Survivors Rotary Action Group

Topic: improving the health and well-being of polio survivors

Membership

In 2019-20, Polio Survivors Rotary Action Group reported 569 members in 52 countries. Among those, 349 are Rotarians, 18 are Rotaractors, and 202 are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. 196 districts are also members of the group. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Canada, India, Australia, and the Philippines. The group is administered by eight board members who are from the United State, Canada, and Nigeria.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Projects and Activities

The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Training and Advocacy

- The group updates the Polio Primer for Rotarians pamphlet on an annual basis. This is available through their website.
- Polio Survivors Rotary Action Group has hosted conferences and learning events through breakout sessions at various conventions.
- Ann Lee Hussey, Polio Survivors Rotary Action Group CEO, as well as board members are regular speakers at different events which allows them to publicize their successes and promote awareness. The group also promotes their successes and awareness campaigns through their Facebook.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations:

Wheels of Hope, Post-Polio Health International, Crutches for Africa.

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Rotary Action Group for Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health (RMCH)

Topic: improving maternal and child health

Membership

In 2019-20, RMCH reported nearly 8,216 members in 13 countries. Among those, 7,037 are Rotarians, 174 are Rotaractors, and 1005 are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. 400 Rotary clubs and two Rotaract clubs are also members of the group. The group is administered by 22 board members who are from the United States, Germany, Austria, Nigeria, and Egypt.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Lifetime Membership Dues: US\$100

Other Membership Dues: \$200 (Germany)

Projects and Activities

The group supported 13 projects in 2019-20: six TRF-funded projects, one multi-district project, one district project and five club projects.

Type of assistance requested by clubs and districts: community assessment, secure funding, identifying an international partner, project design, proposal writing, incorporating sustainability into project.

Signature Initiatives

National Family Planning Campaign in Nigeria: The goal of this program is to improve the access to and quality of family planning services. Central measures include the training of family planning providers in professional family planning service provision as well as a national media campaign and community dialogues to reach out to the beneficiaries. One of the main pillars is training of hospital staff and statisticians in the use of the web-based tool NOQA-network.ng for data collection and analysis, allowing medical authorities to develop tailored response measures and accelerate demand for the use of family planning services. Currently, the adoption of a national law for the obligatory use of the electronic platform in all hospitals is on its way and will lay the foundation for sustainability of the project in terms of ownership. Beneficiaries of this project include:

- Up to 46 million sexually active people including 11,500 families, pregnant women (prenatal and postnatal) and young people)
- About 8,000 doctors, midwives, nurses, Gyn-ops and community health workers in the obstetrical departments of public hospitals. 740 statisticians in statistical department of hospitals & 37 statisticians of the Ministries of Health of all states.
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Anticipated project outcomes are:

- A contribution to an increase in national mCPR-AW to at least 18%
- Reduce unmet need for modern contraceptives to 22%
- Increase modern contraceptives use to 40%.
- Ensure that the law on the mandatory use of MPDSR and OQA database is passed by the 'National Assembly'. The basic principles were developed by the local project sponsor together with FMOH and stakeholders.

The RMCH National Coordinator PDG Emmanuel Adedolapo leads in the management of the project in the host country. He oversees all project activities, budgeting, and M&E component of the project by collecting data and information from the trainings, FP stock management and reporting as well as community dialogues. The RMCH German section oversees

all project activities including planning, budgeting, accountability and reporting by following a standardized process for implementation, and controlling expenditures monthly.

Rotary-Aman Family Planning Project II: This project focuses on postpartum and post-miscarriage family planning in six health facilities in Pakistan. RMCH works with Rotary clubs from District 1860 and 3271. Other partnering organizations are Association for Mother and Child (AMAN), Ultrasound Clinic, 140 R, Block 2, and PECHS KARACHI Pakistan.

Beneficiaries of this project include:

- About 3000 women (in the four selected hospitals) who seek care during pregnancy and childbirth, and 600 women who undergo management of an incomplete miscarriage and are counseled in family planning and provided a method;
- About 2000 women who attend the two family planning clinics and accept a family planning method, of which 600 are long acting reversible methods (IUCD and hormonal implants) or a permanent method (tubal ligation), and 1400 short-acting or temporary methods;
- About 60 doctors, nurses and midwives working in the four hospitals who are trained in FP counseling and method provision, and also in comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC), thereby gaining additional knowledge and skills in order to provide better quality services, and saving lives of women and newborns;
- About 12 doctors, nurses and paramedical staff working in the two selected Family Planning Clinics
- About 40 Lady Health Workers (community workers) who are trained in family planning counseling and method provision, and referral for appropriate FP services.

Saheli Vocational Training Centers for Women: These are vocational training centers for women, where they learn sewing, stitching, embroidery, beauty care, doll-making, adult education, and more. Two of the centers are additionally making low cost sanitary napkins. The centers are meeting point for women and they are also imparted lessons in personal & menstrual hygiene and child spacing. The project has so far benefitted more than 30,000 women and their families. The project has been ongoing for 17 years. It initially started with four centers. There are now 31 Saheli Centers in District 3250 (States of Bihar & Jharkhand, India). The total capital cost of one center is approximately \$6,800 USD.

This project has allowed women to earn money through the vocation learned and ability to supplement family income. They have, therefore, more say in the family decisions, including reproductive health decisions.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations:

Government Ministry BMZ Germany and FMOH, Saheli Vocational Training Center for Women, Association for Mother and Child (AMAN), Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria, Society of Gynaecology & Obstetrics of Nigeria, United Nations Population Fund, Population Council, Population Media Center.

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Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS)

Topic: raising awareness and supporting programs, campaigns and projects to address slavery

Membership

In 2019-20, RAGAS reported 373 members in 32 countries. Among those, 355 are Rotarians, eight are Rotaractors, and ten are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. 290 Rotary clubs, two Rotaract Clubs, and 148 districts are also members of the group. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and South America. The group is administered by 15 board members who are from the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, South America, and Asia.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$30;

Other Membership Dues: US\$75 (5 year) / US\$1 (Club Membership)

Projects and Activities

The group supported 56 projects in 2019-20: three TRF-funded projects, four multi-district projects, seven district projects and 42 club projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- RAGAS helped supported clubs through community assessment, project design, proposal writing, and incorporating sustainability into projects. RAGAS has several experienced TRF grant specialist that advise and consent Rotary clubs on Modern-Day Slavery/Human Trafficking grants.
- RAGAS utilizes its partners, resources, and experts in the field to assist in implementation of projects using the grants.
- RAGAS monitored the "District 5180 Human Trafficking Project" global grant project from start to finish.
- RAGAS Chair Dave McCleary is part of The Knoble working group, a network of financial crime and fintech professionals with a passion for protecting vulnerable people around the world. The Knoble focuses on protecting vulnerable populations including victims of modern slavery, human trafficking, elder abuse, and child exploitation, with goal of collecting data.

Fundraising

- RAGAS works with corporations to provide matching funds for projects.
- RAGAS raised funds through its membership, clubs, districts, outside groups, businesses and, from time to time, government entities.

Training and Advocacy

- RAGAS and its members conducted over 350 workshops and awareness campaigns on six continents. RAGAS hosted the Working Together to End Human Trafficking Summit at Jones Day, Washington, D.C. The Summit showcased the best practice presentations from some of the leading International companies including Apple, Walmart, IBM, UPS, Delta and many more. At the Summit expert panelists presented their best practices on the following topics: Forced Labor/ Supply Chain and How Businesses Can Act Proactively (Apple, Walmart, The Coca-Cola Company, IJM).
- RAGAS created a playbook for their Ambassadors, Interact clubs, Rotaract clubs, Social Media and worked with Jones Day Law Firm to create a playbook for how lawyers can help survivors of human trafficking in the US.
- RAGAS utilizes all forms of media to promote their projects and events (i.e. social media, print, TV, billboards, White House media team). They have been able to expand their network during Covid-19 using digital platforms.

Partnerships

- RAGAS facilitated partnership with government ministries such as the White House, US Congress (End Modern Slavery fund), UK Government (End Modern Slavery Act), and Australian Government (End Modern Slavery Act). : RAGAS Chair Dave McCleary serves on White House Human Trafficking task force with the expressed goal of engagement from all sectors (public-private partnerships) to combat human trafficking.
- : RAGAS facilitated partnership with cooperating organizations such as Freedom United, Walk Free, Salvation Army, IJM, Polaris Project, UN 8.7 alliance, A21, 3Strands Global, WellSpring living, Hope For Justice, ECPAT, Truckers Against Trafficking, and Free The Slaves just to name a few.
- RAGAS facilitated partnership with corporations and vendors such as UPS, Coke Cola, Delta, Facebook, Anthem, Randstad, Walmart, Marriott International, Georgia Pacific, Wells Fargo, and Jones Day just to name a few.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations:

3Strands Global, WellSpring Living

Informal Collaborations:

Hope for Justice, The Mekong Club, International Justice Mission, Salvation Army, White House, Delta Airlines, UPS, Accenture Consulting

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Water Sanitation & Hygiene Rotary Action Group (WASHRAG)

Topic: providing safe water and sanitation to communities

Membership

In 2019-20, WASHRAG reported 1,465 members in 86 countries. Among those, 1,460 are Rotarians and five are non-Rotarian/non-Rotaractors. The group's membership is concentrated in the United States, Canada, India, Nigeria, and Australia. The group is administered by nine board members who are from the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, Uganda, and Haiti.

Annual Membership Dues: US\$25

Other Membership Dues: US\$100 (5-year Charter Membership)

Projects and Activities

The group supported 179 projects in 2019-20: seven TRF-funded projects, two multi-district projects and 170 club projects. The type of assistance provided to clubs and districts is as follows:

Technical Support

- Provided support to clubs through community assessment, project design, proposal writing, and incorporating sustainability into projects. The WASHRAG Fund assists Rotary clubs to present improved WASH projects to The Rotary Foundation. The Fund was created to encourage clubs to allow WASHRAG to review global grant applications before they are submitted to TRF and offer suggestions for improvement. WASHRAG now contributes \$1000 towards the project if its suggestions are incorporated into the application. Since its inception, The WASHRAG Foundation has reviewed seven grants.
- WASHRAG's Professional Resources Team includes some 35 experts in almost every aspect of WASH. Technical recommendations geared to Rotarians' needs are posted on the WASHRAG website.

Fundraising

- WASHRAG raises funds from its members, the broader Rotary network, donors outside of Rotary, and external organizations/corporations. Clubs and districts can post their projects on the WASHRAG website. Broadcasting details of these projects in WASHRAG newsletters, enables other clubs to participate as partners.

Training and Advocacy

- WASHRAG features details of Rotary projects every month in addition to acknowledging WASH failures and using them as a learning opportunity.
- For some 12 years, the WASHRAG has promoted its "World Water Summits". These events are always well attended and enthusiastically received. As with so many of this year's Rotary events, this year's summit, "Partnerships That Work," was presented in a virtual format and attracted 300+ attendees.
- WASHRAG monthly newsletters continuously promotes Rotary WASH projects and the many technologies available.
- Members of the Professional Resources Team have been instrumental in preparing technical guidelines, best practices, etc. which are posted on the WASHRAG website for use by all Rotarians.
- In 2020 WASHRAG hosted/will host a series of webinars focusing on various aspects of WASH. The first one was hosted in October 2020, "Nuts & Bolts of WASHGlobal Grants".
- WASHRAG members present regularly on WASH topics of interest. In addition, their ambassador team presents regularly on WASH topics. In 2020 alone WASHRAG logged over 270 presentations.

Partnerships

- WASHRAG's partnerships with generous sponsors (UNICEF, Engineers Without Borders, P&G, Sawyer Products and HANWASH) have strengthened the resources they can provide to Rotarians. Sponsors have continued their support in the current virtual platform.
- WASHRAG Board and Operations Team members are currently engaged in major projects in association with government ministries. USAID programs in Ghana and Uganda are typical. Also, there is involvement in the major HANWASH (Haiti National Clean Water Sanitation and Hygiene) program in Haiti.

Notable Collaborations

Formal Collaborations:

BREW (Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide), Wallace Genetic Foundation

Informal Collaborations:

ESRAG (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group)

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