

RESOLUTION 21R-20

To request the Trustees to consider incorporating “diagnosis” into the Areas of Focus Policy Statements

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Busto-Gallarate-Legnano-Ticino, District 2042, Italy

1 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation’s continual commitment in the area of
2 disease prevention and treatment is further underscored and strengthened by the
3 recent activity of Rotarians, who are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic
4 through the use of disaster response grants, global grants, and district grants, and

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6 WHEREAS, the experiences of this past year have also provided important
7 insights regarding the value of timely diagnosis and early therapeutic
8 intervention in the prevention and treatment of disease, and

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10 WHEREAS, these insights may be applied practically to the disease prevention
11 and treatment area of focus in the form of an added emphasis upon the diagnosis
12 of disease in all its various clinical, laboratory, and technical aspects

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
16 consider incorporating diagnosis as part of Rotary’s disease prevention and
17 treatment area of focus, by amending the Areas of Focus Policy Statements (July
18 2021) as follows:

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20 **DISEASE PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT**

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22 Rotary supports activities that reduce the causes and effects of disease. Projects
23 strengthen the health care system by improving access to and expanding medical
24 services, providing medical equipment, diagnostic tools and treatment, or
25 training health care personnel.

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27 **Area of Focus Statement of Purpose and Goals**

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29 TRF enables Rotarians to prevent, diagnose and treat disease and support health
30 by:

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32 1. Improving the capacity of local health care professionals
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34 2. Promoting primary disease prevention and treatment programs that limit
35 the spread of communicable diseases and reduce the incidence and effect
36 of noncommunicable diseases with early diagnosis and the most effective
37 treatment

1 3. Promoting secondary and tertiary prevention, aimed at reducing the
2 impact resulting from an illness or an accident that has occurred, or the
3 outcome of previous disease and injury that has caused persistent damage

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5 ~~3.~~ 4. Strengthening local health care systems

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7 ~~4.~~ 5. Providing clinical treatment and rehabilitation for physical disabilities

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9 6. Promoting community health education programs

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11 ~~5.~~ 7. Funding graduate scholarships for career-minded professionals related
12 to disease prevention and treatment

13 **Parameters for Eligibility**

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15 TRF considers the following activities to be within the scope of the disease
16 prevention, diagnosis and treatment area of focus:

17 **Prevention, Diagnosis and Control of Communicable Diseases**

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21 6. ~~Treating~~ Diagnosing and treating communicable diseases through an
22 approach that also helps prevent disease, improve the training of medical
23 professionals, or enhance public health education to promote a
24 community's long-term well-being

25 **Prevention, Diagnosis and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases**

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28 6. ~~Treating~~ Diagnosing and treating noncommunicable diseases, including
29 mental illness, through an approach that also helps prevent disease, train
30 health service professionals, or enhance public health education with
31 measurable outcomes to promote a community's long-term well-being

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33 TRF considers the following activities to be outside the scope of the disease
34 prevention, diagnosis and treatment area of focus and not eligible for global grant
35 funding:

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37 ~~5. Treatment~~ Diagnosis and treatment of pervasive developmental disorders
38 and other spectral disorders, including autism, unless there are
39 measurable clinical interventions that demonstrate an improvement of the
40 disorder's long-term impact

41 **Elements of Successful Humanitarian Projects and Vocational** 42 **Training Teams**

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45 Disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment global grants are:

- 1 1. Sustainable — Communities can address their disease prevention,
2 diagnosis and treatment needs after the Rotary club or district completes
3 its work.
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- 5 2. Measurable — Sponsors need to set targets and identify measurements to
6 track project outcomes. Standard measures for disease prevention,
7 diagnosis and treatment are listed in the Global Grant Monitoring and
8 Evaluation Plan Supplement.

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10 **Elements of Successful Scholarships**

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12 Global grants support graduate-level scholarships for professionals interested in
13 pursuing careers related to disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment. TRF
14 considers the following when evaluating global grant scholarship applications:

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- 16 1. The applicant’s previous work experience in the field of disease
17 prevention, diagnosis and treatment
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- 19 2. The academic program’s alignment with disease prevention, diagnosis and
20 treatment, such as public health and advanced degrees in nursing and
21 medicine
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- 23 3. The applicant’s career plans as they relate to disease prevention, diagnosis
24 and treatment

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

25 Rotary supports activities that reduce the causes and effects of disease. Such
26 projects strengthen the health care system by improving access to and expanding
27 medical services, as well as providing medical equipment, diagnostic tools and
28 treatment, and training for health care personnel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

29 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
30 The Rotary Foundation.