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## POPULATION & DEVELOPMENT - A WOMEN’S ISSUE -

Of all the things that we are encouraged to do to address the Population and Development issue, most center around the empowerment of women. Women, obviously, if given the choice, would empower themselves. Since women still need empowerment, we might conclude that it is men who are keeping women un-empowered. The global population grows by another billion people every twelve years now, and the state of the global environment is headed mostly for the worse. The facts prove the case: men are not doing too well at empowering women.

To address the 1.2% annual global population growth occurring today (which equals 80 million additional people per year), we are challenged to improve the literacy levels of women, to educate young girls, to discourage young girls marrying early, to provide reproductive health and supplies for women, to provide micro-enterprise opportunities for women, and to encourage gender (women) equality. Way down the list is a seldom-mentioned goal of improving male responsibility in parenting.

In the more developed parts of the world, gender equality for the most part has been achieved. Women chose to have fewer children, and are enabled to do so—a 1.6 fertility rate, versus 3.5 in the less develop-

ed world (with Africa at 5.1). In the USA, for example, as many women as men are graduating from law school. Women have assumed important leadership rolls in all areas of life. In less developed parts of the world, women are more often culturally locked into the traditional roles of servitude – cleaning, cooking, fetching food and water, child rearing, and working in the fields and factories. They can not read, are not educated and have little chance to advance themselves. Women in poor countries possess significantly less, and do significantly more of the manual work than men.

Women are better stewards of their possessions than men. They invest more wisely, they repay their loans more dependably, they use resources more sustainably and they protect the environment – all better than men. In the less developed parts of the world, women have traditionally remained illiterate and have been tied to the menial duties of living. Women appear ignorant and incapable of assuming higher roles in society. But that situation is just the result of the cultural trap in which they have been caught, and from which they can not escape – without help. With help, they can be catalysts for improving society, even more so than men do today.

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## FROM THE DESK OF RFPD CHAIRMAN ZINSER

To create awareness, the Rotary Project “Improvement of Maternal Health – Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula” in Kaduna and Kano State, Nigeria, was presented on the Nigerian TV-news of the day. The Project Teams, under the leadership of PDG Kola Owoka, medical doctor and vice-chair of Nigerian RFPD Section, were interviewed 20 times by TV-stations, radio and newspapers. Many Nigerian politicians were made aware of the project. The protocol of the speaker of the Kano state house of assembly was used to explore the grassroots applications in the remote villages. The project was conceived and initiated by RFPD, in the mold of the earlier Child Spacing pilot project (1995-2000) and 3-H-Project (2000-2004).

Both the service-related fellowship RFPD and the newly founded German–Nigeria Project Committee supports clubs and districts with this world community service work. This cooperation is a proven recipe for implementing large projects, through which Rotary can be as effective as larger professional NGO’s. This will even be more so in future, when the service-related fellowship RFPD will receive improved support from Rotary International as a “Rotarian Action Group.”

Experts agree (www.prb.org)  
“...eradicating or dramatically reducing our most serious health issues and

related development problems ... will depend on behavior change at every level...on changing the behavior not only of individuals but also of community leaders, health system officials, and policy makers.” This project is contributing to this change. Rotarians in Nigeria have the necessary contacts with the leaders at the grassroot levels, as well as with decision-makers. Federal and state governments, as well as traditional rulers and religious leaders, have applauded the project and have granted their full support to make it sustainable. Nigeria’s Minister of Health promised to do all in his power to ensure the sustainability of the project.

At a special meeting, all Rotary Clubs in Kano recognized the visit of representatives of the Austrian-German Rotary team. A play “Campaign against VVF” (Obstetric Fistula) was presented by Rotaractors. The highlight of the gathering was the address of Past RI President and Trustee Jonathan Majiyagbe, who congratulated all involved on what has been achieved. To date, D1920 (Austria) and clubs from German districts beyond D1860 and D1840, along with TRF, the German government and Aventis Foundation, have contributed over one million Euro to the project. Read more about this project on page 7.



### Packard Foundation Funding for RFPD

The David & Lucile Packard Foundation has awarded a \$450,000, three-year (2005-2008) grant to the Rotarian Fellowship for Population & Development. The Packard Foundation has been a partner with RFPD since 1999. The leadership of RFPD expresses its deepest gratitude to the Packard Foundation for its support and commitment to the Population and Development issue.

*“The United States is projected to remain the third most populous nation behind India and China through 2050 with population increasing from 296 million to 420 million. While China has the world’s largest population in 2005 at 1.3 billion, India, now No. 2, will overtake China by 2050 with 1.6 billion.”*

*-The Associated Press (Aug. 23, 2005)*

## NEW RFPD LIFETIME MEMBERS

(6/1/05 - 8/31/05)

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Luis Emilio Serra

### Australia

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Tony Matta

### Canada

Roger Wilson

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# Population Project Implementation in Developing Countries

by Emmanuel A. Lufadeju

To organize Population and Development projects in rural communities in Africa (or other developing countries), the following points are critical for project implementation:

- 1) Based on a needs assessment of the community, identify a project.
- 2) Develop a project proposal, which fits The Rotary Foundation Matching Grant application format.
- 3) Identify committed Rotarians in the club/district, and appoint them to a project implementation committee. Include professionals who may not be Rotarians, but who will be useful to the project.
- 4) Seek project partners from Rotary Clubs in developed countries. For help in finding a sponsoring club, submit the project to the RFPD Executive Director.

## Project focus areas should be:

### Advocacy

- Create awareness on population and development issues among political and traditional leaders in the project area.
- Enhance cooperation with Federal and State Government agencies.
- Dispell notions about the need for larger families. Large families are no longer attractive. The benefits of well cared for, well fed, clothed, sheltered and educated children is certainly more important.

### Contraceptive Distribution

- Increase Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) through effective contraceptive distribution, and use existing rural health centers to achieve better child spacing.
- Use Local Government (community-based) clinics for contraceptive distribution. This integrates family planning into already existing primary health care services. Ensure that contraceptives are widely available and affordable.

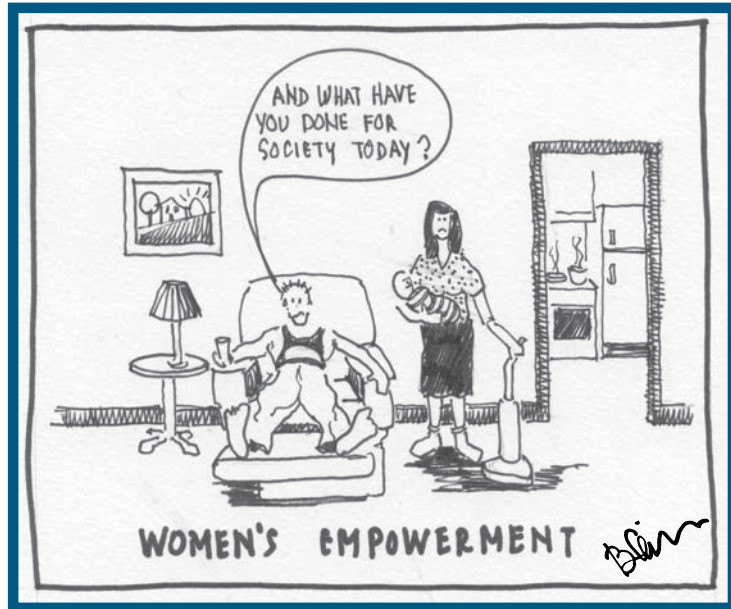
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# Population & Development - A Women's Issue

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Why would men in developing countries be motivated to empower women, and to set the stage for gender equality? The consequence would be that men would have less and work more, and women would have more and work less. There is little basis to believe that gender equality will be achieved in developing countries via internal change.

Who else might help improve gender equality in less developed countries? If people in more developed countries want to help women in less developed countries gain gender equality, they first need to help men in the poorer countries understand that their quality of living can improve significantly and quickly, if there is more equitable sharing of wealth and work between men and women.



For men, it is a case of taking a small step backward in order to take a larger step forward – short term sacrifice / long term gain. This understanding can be effectively communicated through humanitarian programs that underscore and include features that improve gender equality, and the associated methods of achieving it (see second paragraph of article).

From both inside and outside the less developed countries, this paradigm shift may seem impossible. The barriers are sustained by the religious and cultural standards such as: women are inferior to men, and men are the rulers of the family, and of everything else. The intellectual people in the less developed world may understand that gender equality is good for society. But the poorer, uneducated people of society are illiterate, so they can't consider and grasp the positive ramifications of gender equality. They have no basis to want to change anything. So, less developed countries approach gender equality at a snail pace. Women there are slowly becoming more empowered, but only enough to reduce the fertility rate to 3.5 (still unsustainably high) in the less developed world. With these growth rates, and with improved health care and longer life spans, their population still grows, and poverty and human suffering still increase. In fact, 99% of the projected growth in the world over the next 45 years will occur in the less developed (poor) countries.

Rotary's humanitarian programs can be effective catalysts to change this situation. Even today, women are being empowered in every manner through carefully conceived Rotary projects. As community leaders, Rotarians can make change. Rotarians are change-agents. Rotary is making a difference in the world through the empowerment of women.

- by Buck Lindsay

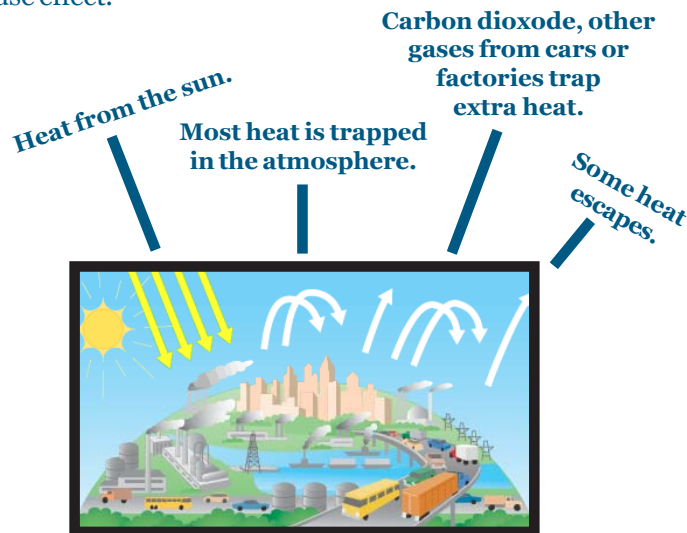
# KID'S CORNER

## Global Warming and the Greenhouse Effect

Many scientists believe that gases in the air are causing the Earth's climate to gradually become warmer. This is called global warming. The hottest year on record was 1998. The second hottest was 1997, and 1999 was the fifth hottest. The six hottest years were all in the 1990's. If the climate becomes so warm that a great deal of ice near the North and South Poles melts and more water goes into the oceans, many areas along the coasts may be flooded.

In the Earth's atmosphere, there are tiny amounts of gases called greenhouse gases. These gases let the rays of the sun pass through to the planet, but they hold in the heat that comes up from the sun-warmed Earth, in much the same way as the glass walls of a greenhouse hold in the warmth of the sun.

As cities have increased in size and population, factories and businesses have also grown. People need more and more electricity, cars, and other things that must be manufactured. As industries in the world have grown, more greenhouse gases have been added to the atmosphere. These activities increase the thickness of the greenhouse "glass," causing more heat to be trapped than in the past. This is called the greenhouse effect.



- World Almanac Education Group Inc.

## Will nations try to stop Global Warming?

In 1997, representatives from more than 150 countries met in Kyoto, Japan, where they adopted a treaty on global warming: The Kyoto Treaty. As partners to the Treaty, countries would reduce the emission of greenhouse gases an average of five percent below their 1990 levels, by the year 2012. The treaty, however, did not go into force, because some industrial nations would not ratify it. They said compliance with the treaty terms would be too costly for industries.

**Note to adult readers:** Is something wrong with this picture?

## CALL FOR POPULATION PROJECTS

RFPD helps find sponsors for population-related Matching Grant projects. Please send your projects (completed TRF MG applications) to: Jennifer Hendrickson, 270 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, GA, 30043, or fax to 770-822-9492. RFPD finds sponsoring Rotary Clubs to provide support. Provide the correct and current signatures with the Matching Grant application. Provide pro forma invoices to help expedite the approval process. Projects RFPD promotes include women's vocational training, girl-child education, reproductive health and education, child spacing and micro-credit for women.

## Hat's Off!

### RFPD Country Chairs Report:

*From Samoa Country Chair, Marco Kappenberger...* Marco's section has 48 annual members and 1 lifetime member. Population projects are ongoing and include population & development awareness activities nationwide, in close cooperation with the Department of Health and NGO's with population & development goals. RFPD is very effective in the Polynesian culture.

*From Congo Country Chair, Claude Mukendi...* Rotarian Mukendi began his efforts last year. He has 167 members and has 11 Province Chairs. His club is supporting a project in Kinshasa that provides materials for a young mother's vocational and literacy training program. His priority in the Congo is: 1. Provide literacy programs to young girls, 2. Provide literacy to young men and girls who are scared from home due to witchcraft, 3. AIDS and Family Planning programs.

*From Tony Matta, CC Deputy of Australia...* Tony has gained eight new annual members and two lifetime members. He has re-published "Fragile Earth" and is renewing memberships that have lapsed. He has given eight RFPD presentations at Rotary Clubs and seeks non-Rotarian audiences to present to.

*From Bangladesh Country Chair, Emdad Ul Haq...* "UNFPA organized a joint meeting with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and the Govt. of Bangladesh on August 8 to finalize sharing of Stakeholders for the UNFPA 7th Country Programme for 2006-2010. The emphasis was: 1. Gender and Population and Development Component, 2. Reproductive Health Component and Commodity Security, 3. Resource Mobilization, 4. Monitoring and Evaluation Plan. UNFPA Bangladesh has officially recognized Rotary as a Stakeholders Partner for their 7th Country Plan, and shall work cooperatively with its Stakeholders."

## PROJECT UPDATE: “IMPROVEMENT OF MOTHER’S HEALTH”

How does one kickstart an RFPD sponsored project like “Improvement of Mother’s Health– Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula?” By creating awareness, paying advocacy visits and by mapping out the infrastructure – this is all to promote this new RFPD Project, which started in Nigeria in May 2005. The project works to benefit women affected by obstetric Fistula in Kaduna State and Kano State, Nigeria.

The itinerary for the visiting foreign partners in Nigeria was ambitious. A great number of politicians were met, and a series of TV-Interviews were given. The grass-root level in the remote villages was explored and the Rotarians in the field consulted about the execution of the project. PDG Kola Owoka (Nigeria), PDG Robert Zinser (Germany), Rtn. Past President Wolfgang Kuenzel, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, (Germany) and a number of other Rotarians worked constantly during the visit of the project team to Nigeria to ensure the success of this project. The project is funded by German and Austrian Rotarians, The Rotary Foundation, the Aventis Foundation and the German government.

Arriving in the capital of Abuja, the team was warmly welcomed by the local Rotarians. The visit started off well, as Eytayo Lambo, Nigeria’s Minister of Health, promised to do everything in his power to ensure the sustainability of the project – even beyond the envisaged time-frame of Rotary’s engagement. This was a crucial point, as parts of the funding are subject to the sustainability of the humanitarian project in question.

The members of the project team visited the Nigeria Television Authority (NTA) and did a series of interviews and talks on nationwide morning television and other formats. In order to get the information about Vesico-Vaginal-Fistula and Recto-Vaginal-Fistula to the people in remote villages, it was decided

to use the Population Media Centre, a US-based international network, to produce a radio series on the topic. Similar programs were a great success in Ethiopia, Sudan and elsewhere, contributing greatly to the creation of awareness on health matters.

Continuing the trip to Kaduna, the capital of Kaduna state, the team met with Safiya Tukur, the Commissioner for Women Affairs. She promised “100 per cent backing” for the project. “Let’s sit and start planning right away”, she said. Mrs. Tukur also offered the use of vocational training centers to support those women who could not be reunited with their families after surgery. Continuing their journey to the north, the next stop was at Zaria, also part of Kaduna state. The Emir of Zaria promised his support and explicitly endorsed the approach undertaken by Rotarians with this project.

In Zaria, the team also met with senior staff at Amadu Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH) and made an on-site-visit to the VVF-Ward at Kofan Gayan Hospital, meeting women suffering from Fistula.



The project’s objective is to treat more VVF-patients at Kofan Gayan in the future. At the moment, the Dutch surgeon Kees Waaldijk, a leading member of the National Foundation on VVF, is operating on patients every night. Waaldijk agreed to train additional doctors for this RFPD project.

In Zaria, Mrs. Yemisi Ogunlela, former project manager of the Rotary 3-H pro-

ject “Child Spacing, Family Health and Aids Education” in six states of Northern Nigeria, was chosen to manage the new project. She draws on her experience from her previous work with Rotary.

Further north, the Health Task Force visited another traditional leader, the Senior Councilor to the Emir of Kano, and presented the project to him. The reaction was very positive, and the councilors welcomed the efforts of Rotary.



While in the country, the members of the German and Nigerian project teams also visited two remote villages and inspected the health facilities already in place. The plan was to get an idea of what was needed most to support laboring women in the countryside. It became obvious that the network of health facilities has to be far more tightly knit. With laboring women, the distance to the nearest Health Centre where a Caesarian Section can be performed often decides on whether she becomes a fistula patient or not. Therefore, the improvement of maternal health care should be of major concern to the project coordinators.

Lastly, the teams talked to local Rotary Clubs and Rotaractors about administrating the project. The way the Rotaractors became involved deserves to be mentioned specifically. The enthusiasm of all participants was remarkable. The members assigned to certain tasks within the project showed no signs of tiring.

- by Marina Küchen & Robert Zinser

## Project Implementation

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### Training

- Train medical and support staff, traditional birth attendants and town criers in child spacing and on the education of women and men (heads of households) on maternal and infant health.
- Repeat training of Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA) and other health staff. This improves quality service delivery. Use comprehensive training of town criers and drama group performances by TBA's as a form of public awareness and education for the illiterate.

### Capacity Building & Infrastructure

- Use existing government structures and facilities to implement the project. This saves money.
- Establish gynaecological investigation centres and health centres where women can undergo ultrasonography and screening for risky pregnancies. Check-ups for gynaecological cancer can also be established.

### Public Awareness Campaign

- Rotary Clubs and Districts can promote child spacing practices, and can implement a broad and strong public awareness campaign project. Use both modern and traditional means of communication.
- Use mass media: set-up billboards proclaiming the benefit of small families. Run radio jingles, television promotional clips, and distribute explicit posters and handbills, produced in English and local languages.
- Though centuries old, it is still effective to disseminate information through town criers. Songs, drama and puppet shows can be produced to explain the need for child spacing. This convinces people and brings the message to the doorsteps of rural dwellers.

- by Emmanuel A. Lufadeju

## RFPD Success Story: Report from Tanzania

- by RFPD Country Chair, Faye Cran -

On 12<sup>th</sup> February this year, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania dedicated our most ambitious centennial project: The Tengeru Women's Market and Education Centre. Previously, the poor peasant women squatted on the highway crossroads with no shelter from rain or sun, no latrines and no water. Many were killed by passing vehicles. The new Market is three acres in size, with 28,500 sq. ft. of covered area, 16 latrines, tube wells, piped water, recycled waste and education facilities. The project is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Guildford District (England). It also includes an organic horticulture demonstration area sponsored by Heart Helping Hands. The Market is the first of its kind to be built in Tanzania, indeed in our District, and was described by President Mkapa as a model market.

This \$150,000 project, was sponsored by VASS, New Zealand Rotary Clubs, Rotary International and others through the Rotary Club of Arusha. It has given over 2,500 peasant woman a secure, clean place to sell their produce with dignity and hope. Their warmth and gratitude is touching.

New Zealand has also sponsored other projects here, including three Rain Water Harvesting and Storage projects at Makiba Secondary School, Makiba Dispensary and Olturmet Health Centre. They also have built and furnished four classrooms with rain water harvesting at Kitefu Primary School, and drilled a borehole to supply water to Arumeru District Hospital and developed operation CHEF (Clothe, House, Educate, Feed). which supports children from Leprosy victims.

REMIT (Rotarians Eliminating Malaria in Tanzania) sponsored by RIBI clubs, has provided a supply of mosquito nets to young children coupled with necessary means to spray the breeding areas, reducing malaria 47% to 51% during the past year in the villages of approx 40,000. This is an ongoing project with another grant on the way.

Rotaractors, under the supervision of Past RIBI President Brian Stoyel built a Library and Community Centre as our second Rotary Centennial Project. Our sister club, the Rotary Club of Guildford District, sponsored two classrooms at Nazaretti. The Southampton Magna Rotary Club (England) supplied a container of shoe boxes full of 'goodies' for seven poorest of the poor primary schools.

The Rotary Club in Moshi here has also been busy, having supplied wood working machines and teaching skills to the Msandaka School for deaf, as well as desks and renovating class rooms and toilets at Matemboni Primary School. They purchased utensils and construction materials for an orphanage and two computers and printers for Pasua School.

Africaid supplied 20 sewing and overlock machines (pictured at right) to teach some 230 former street girls a different way of earning a living. Our local director for RFPD found them a market for their work product. At the same time, Africaid donated \$2,000 of books to Usa River Primary School.

- by Faye Cran



## Board designates Serra as RFPD Area Coordinator for South America



Dr. Luis Serra has spent the past three months re-establishing the connections with our RFPD South American Country Chairs, Members and various Rotarian leaders. He is leading the charge to address poverty, illiteracy, family planning needs and domestic violence in South America. Providing women with information for spacing their children is a critical to his mission.

Luis was born in Mercedes, a province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He attended the Veterinary School of the Buenos Aires University (UBA) from 1979 to 1981 and the Veterinary School of the Center of the Province of Buenos Aires University (UNICEN) from 1983 to 1997. Luis is the owner of the Colonial Veterinary Clinic in Tandil and is the principal veterinarian.

He joined the Rotary Club Tandil Oeste on November 25, 1992. He was Club President 1995-96 and 2001-2002, and was District Governor of D4920 2002-2003. Dr. Serra is a member of the Directive Commission of the Empresaria Chamber and The Solidary Council, both in Tandil. He serves on the Study Commission Committee, working on a program called "Hands to Work," which awards people with micro-credit loans.

Among many other committee positions, Luis places his Rotary responsibilities at the highest level. He has been an integral part of many district Matching Grant projects, grants for Rotary Volunteers and the mobilization of TRF Community Help Programs (just to name a few). He has led many district conferences, seminars and workshops for Population and Development.

Luis has just launched a project called "Reproductive Health and Responsible Paternity Project" with his club and district. They have created a statue that represents healthy motherhood. RFPD welcomes Luis, and looks forward to his leadership. Luis can be contacted at [serra\\_ruibal@arnet.com.ar](mailto:serra_ruibal@arnet.com.ar).

## RFPD Dion Schoorman New Country Chair for Sri Lanka

The Board is pleased to announce Dion Schoorman as RFPD Country Chair for Sri Lanka. Rotarian Schoorman attended the Royal College, where he excelled in both academic and extra-curricular activities. He has authored two books, *News, Views and a few Googlies* (chronicles his experiences at Reuters) and *Help - there are chickens in my Fridge* (a book on everyday real-life situations he has experienced).

Dion is a member of the Council of the Press Complaints Commission. The 11-member council resolves by conciliation, mediation or arbitration disputes between members of the public and members of the institute arising from any publication in the Press of Sri Lanka. He is also the Founding Associate Member of the Foreign Correspondents Association.

A former Interacter at Royal College, Dion joined Rotary in 1985 as a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Colombo Uptown. He served as President of the Club in 1989/90 and has held many other offices at Club level. Dion is presently serving as Media/Public Relations Coordinator of the Disaster Task Force set up by Rotary for Tsunami relief. He is also a member of the Apex Committee, which administers the key Schools Rebuilding Project. Dion is also responsible for the design and editing of the Rotary Sri Lanka Website. ([www.rotary-srilanka.org](http://www.rotary-srilanka.org)).

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Sweden, *Bernhard Svanberg*

Switzerland, *Pat Lahusen*  
Taiwan, *Tony Chen*  
Tanzania, *Faye Cran*  
Tongo, *Dianne Warner*  
Turkey, *Mithat Kiyak*  
Uganda, *Robert Ssebunnya*  
Ukraine, *Anatolly Shyrokov*  
USA, *Buck Lindsay*  
Zone 22, *Wanda Cooksey*  
Zone 23, *Phil Sperl*  
Zone 24, *Judy Prather*  
Zone 25, *Ben Eubank*  
Zone 26, *Conrad Heede*  
Zone 27, *George Partlo*  
Zone 28, *Meena Patel*  
Zone 29, *John Markley*  
Zone 30, *Henry Crawford*  
Zone 31, *Frank Wargo*  
Zone 32, *Tam Mustapha*  
Zone 33, *Stuart Fountain*  
Zone 34, *Charlie Rogers*  
West Africa, *Oumou Seydou Tall*  
West Indies, *Dave Maharaj*  
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# RFPD Events at the Chicago Convention:



Julitta Onabanjo,  
Special Assistant to the  
Executive Director, UNFPA  
RFPD Annual General Meeting

## RFPD Annual General Meeting

The RFPD Annual Meeting in Chicago was a success. Nearly 150 attended, including RFPD Country Chairs, Board Members, RI Board Members (David Roper & John Eberhard). Guest Speakers included Werner Fornos, President of The Population Institute and Jullita Onabanjo, Special Assistant to the Executive Director of UNFPA. The Nafis Sadik Award for Courage was presented to Werner Fornos for his outstanding accomplishments in population work. Thanks to all who attended. You may find the minutes from this meeting, along with the presentation by Ms. Onabanjo, on the RFPD website ([www.rifpd.org](http://www.rifpd.org)).



(left to right) Bill Cadwallader,  
Luis Serra, Bishnu Sedubi at the  
RFPD Annual General Meeting



Patrick Dheur,  
pianist & composer  
at the Rotary World  
Fellowships  
Banquet & Ball

## RFPD Country Chair Training

A training session for RFPD Country Chairs took place on June 23rd at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. Forty-five Country Chairs and US Zone Coordinators were trained on the issues of Population & Development, RFPD and its organizational goals and their responsibilities as leaders of RFPD. Knut Bleicher, RFPD consultant, and RFPD Board Members led the all-day training session.



John Melvin as Paul Harris  
at the Rotary World  
Fellowships Banquet & Ball

## Rotary World Fellowships Banquet & Ball

RFPD organized and managed the Rotary World Fellowships Dinner, which took place at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place in Chicago on June 21st. Over 500 attended the event. Frank Devlyn spoke about RI fellowships, Patrick Dheur gave an outstanding performance of selections from his original composition "Rotary World Symphony," and a special visit was made by Paul Harris (impersonated by John Melvin). \$3,000 was raised by this event and donated to the Rotary Tsunami Relief Fund. A donation of \$500 was made by the Fellowship of Quilters & Fiber Artists. Thanks to all who participated in this exciting event!



Rotary International Exhibit Hall  
(Photos by Bruno Fechner)



Buck Lindsay, Secretary, RFPD sets up  
RFPD Exhibit Booth

## RFPD Population Project List (as of 8/31/05) Please check the RFPD website for the most current updates.

Ref#	Project	Country/Club	Total Cost
421	Reproductive Health Education	Bahcesehir, Turkey/D2420	\$18,807
423	Girl-Child Education	Noonepalli, India/D3160	\$15,000
433	Literacy & Family Planning Center	Alexandria El-Nozha, Egypt/D2450	\$15,000
437	Vocational Training for Women	Ogomos, Nigeria/D9130	\$20,000
438	Child Spacing Program	Ilesa, Nigeria/D9130	\$26,000
439	Community Vocational Training	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/D4570	\$30,400
440	Saheli Women's Health Center	Begusarai, India	\$13,500
441	Saheli Women's Health Center	Nawad, India	\$13,500
442	Saheli Women's Health Center	Chapra, India	\$13,500
443	Saheli Women's Health Center	Gaya City, India	\$13,500
444	Saheli Women's Health Center	Chandil, India	\$13,500
445	Saheli Women's Health Center	Adityapur, India	\$13,500
446	Saheli Women's Health Center	Chas, India	\$13,500
447	Saheli Women's Health Center	Patna Midtown, India	\$13,500
448	Saheli Women's Health Center	Dumka, India	\$13,500

All projects have completed Matching Grant Applications. Grant cycle is July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.  
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# The A, B, C's for The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Matching Grants

- including how to make the process easier -

## A The A's

**Applications for Projects:** Preparing Matching Grant Forms.

1. Matching Grant Applications should be submitted by Co-Sponsor(s) and sent to The Rotary Foundation by December 2005 (to allow process time in this Rotary Year and avoid renewal delays next year). Applications after January 2006 may not be completely processed by June 2006.

2. The Matching Grant Application (Form 141-EN) starts with the Host Country Rotary Club.

3. The best way to find Matching Grant Projects is:

[www.rotary.org/foundation](http://www.rotary.org/foundation)

-Click on  
Humanitarian Grant Program  
then  
Matching Grants  
then  
World Community Service

4. Projects are divided by Area, Region, or Country and by type; Community Development, Food and Food Production, Water and Sanitation; Education; or Health.

### Making it easier to get started:

To avoid delays, select a project from the list of Prepared Applications from the Rotary Fellowship for Population & Development. These applications are pre-screened and ready for Club(s) to Co-Sponsor. See list on page 5, and email Jennifer at [rifpd@aol.com](mailto:rifpd@aol.com) for more information!

## B The B's

**Be-aware:** New TRF Matching Grant rule changes.

1. Effective July 1, 2005 - the minimum Matching Grant award from The Rotary Foundation is \$5,000. This means that total project costs must be over \$10,000 (see example of funding calculation at bottom right).

2. Effective July 1, 2006 - the Host Partner (Club or District in host country) is required to contribute \$100 at a minimum.

3. Effective July 1, 2006 - there must be at least 3 Project Committee Members (Rotarians) listed on your application between the Host Club and the Co-Sponsoring Club(s).

### Making it easier financially by joining with Clubs:

Since it takes Co-Sponsors a minimum of approximately \$3,300 to meet the TRF Match Minimum of \$5000, join together with other Clubs in your Area to Co-Sponsor a Project!

**Be Aware:** Until the project work you are Co-Sponsoring is completed, with a Final Report, you cannot Co-sponsor another project!

**Be Patient** – Dealing with TRF Matching Grants is like turning an aircraft carrier. It doesn't move instantaneously! In fact, it can take 3-5 months from District approval to TRF action. Then it can take TRF several months to disperse the funding for the approved project. After funding is received, the Host Club can organize the execution of the project. The whole process can take a year or more.

## C The C's

**Complete:** To avoid delays, complete Project Applications with all details.

1. Make sure your funding numbers meet the TRF minimums.

2. Provide the necessary signatures.

3. Make sure your Project Committee Contact will remain the same for the next year, with the same email address. If not, the process will get lost in cyber space.

4. After your application is complete, forward to the appropriate Rotary Foundation Office for review and an assignment of a Matching Grant Number (MG \_\_\_\_\_), which will be sent to the committee contacts.

5. Funds from the Clubs and Districts are not accepted by TRF until the Matching Grant has been approved by TRF.

**Communicate:** Contact your Host Club quarterly about the Project Status. Be prepared to help complete interim and final reports with the Host.

### Example of Project Funding

Host Club	\$ 100.00
TRF Match (50%)	\$ 50.00
Sponsoring Club	\$ 3,300.00
DDF	\$ 3,300.00
TRF Match (50%)	\$ 1,650.00
TRF Match (100% DDF)	\$ 3,300.00
Total Project Cost	\$11,700.00

Total TRF Match = \$5,000 (minimum)