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More Examples of RFPD Projects

Mobile Medical Vans: India & Mexico:

RFPD has done numerous projects to provide mobile medical vans. These projects are highly successful. In addition to providing primary health care services and emergency services to the families of the area, the educational programs have allowed 2,000 families to work to improve their lives.

1. Provide primary health care and emergency services to villages.
2. Show videos and perform street plays demonstrating the benefits of Family Planning.
3. Provide reproductive health care to over 2,000 families.

Whether a poor family has 2 or 15 children has a significant bearing on their ability to be educated and healthy. This project is an excellent example of a RFPD Project proposed and designed by local Rotarians, that fits the religious and cultural values of the area, and is accepted by the local community.

Other RFPD Projects:

- Child Spacing (Nigeria, Nepal)
- Girl Education & Vocational Skills (India, Tanzania, Latin America)
- Training of Skilled Birth Attendants (Nigeria)
- Family Planning Workshops (Turkey)
- Wholesome Motherhood (India)
- Integrated Family Welfare Centers (India)
- Truck Driver AIDS Testing (India)
- Distribution of Mosquito Nets (Nigeria)

Welcome

Dear Friends,

Over the past 13 years, RFPD has been the leader in Rotary with respect to Population Concerns. We have grown to be the largest of 16 Rotarian Action Groups, with over 20,000 members. Hundreds of Rotary leaders around the world are working to curb population growth and unsustainable development. RFPD is unique - we don't try to control people. But we do educate and work to convince them that it is much better for every community if their daughters go to school, get vocational training and get married later. Then they will see clearly that they have a better chance to feed, to clothe and to educate their children in an appropriate manner. Every couple in the world should have the chance to freely decide how many children they want to have. RFPD practices high standards, upholds these ideals and is culturally sensitive to every area of the world in which we work.

It is our goal that population concerns will continue to become a more important priority in Rotary. If more of us discern the fast growing populations in poor countries as the most important obstacle to peaceful development, we will be able to convince more Rotary Clubs to undertake projects which address population concerns. We believe every Rotary project should address population development as part of its target. When Rotary Clubs implement boreholes, organize literacy classes, deliver medical equipment or develop communities, they should also provide information about the advantages of smaller families and the better opportunities smaller families have.

We encourage all clubs in less developed countries to organize projects and activities that address the empowerment of women, family planning and child spacing. RFPD will link these clubs with dedicated Rotary clubs from more developed countries, to work together in this important field. When clubs address the population problem, they respond to the source of the other problems, not the consequence of them. As American statesman Benjamin Franklin said, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Harald Marschner
RFPD Chairman
2009-2012

Harald Marschner
Chairman
March 2010
Executive Summary

The Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development (RFPD) works in cooperation with Rotary International (RI), working to educate the Rotary family, Rotarians, spouses and Rotaractors on the population issue, create partnerships, grow membership and initiate population projects. This report is presented to illustrate the history, organizational character, effective advocacy, educational efforts and population projects supported by RFPD.

RFPD was the first to bring population concerns to the Rotary dialogue. We gained support of RI Board of Directors, which published a Position Statement in 1999 encouraging Rotary clubs and districts to create projects that “directly impact population growth and sustainable development.” RFPD currently has 58 projects in progress valued at $7,000,000, in Latin America, India, Sub-Saharan Africa and North Africa/Egypt. Since that time, RFPD has worked to spotlight population concerns. For the last nine years, we have worked to establish a permanent RI committee on population concerns.

Along this journey, RFPD has been able to envision, negotiate and bring to fruition active working relationships between RI, the world’s largest humanitarian organization, and The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the world’s largest leading population advocacy organization. Partnerships have also been formed with The Population Institute, The Population Media Center, The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and The David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

RFPD has attracted philanthropic organizations to support our population work, addressing the issue through Rotary’s 33,000 clubs around the world. We have also created a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) to which Rotarians can support RFPD projects via The Rotary Foundation. Our DAF is new, but growing.

Vision: Within the context of Rotary International and its programs, RFPD seeks to improve the well-being and the dignity of people all around the world, by emphasizing better balance between population (at every level: local, regional, national and global) and our resources. We believe this balance is critical to the preservation of our life systems.

Mission: RFPD educates the 1.2 million Rotarians, Rotary leaders and the Rotary family as a whole on Population Concerns and promotes humanitarian projects that directly address population and development issues. Rotary provides service in over 200 countries around the world.

Strategies:
- Contribution to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), especially MDG 5 & 5B, to the Program of Action of International Conference on Population & Development (ICPD) and to The Future Vision Plan of Rotary International (see page 4);
- Promote balance between population and resources;
- Advocate population issues, including alleviation of poverty, educating women, information on and organization of child spacing services and reducing child and maternal mortality;
- Initiate, support and co-fund Matching Grant projects with support from The Rotary Foundation. Projects initiated and supported by RFPD include reproductive and maternal health, family planning, literacy, micro-credit and vocational skills;
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Project: Safe Motherhood, Nepal

Nepal & USA: Through an acquaintance made at the RFPD booth at the RI Convention in Glasgow (1997) with a Nepalese Rotarian, a relationship was established between his Rotary Club in Patan West, Katmandu, Nepal and of Buck Lindsay’s Rotary Club of Gwinnett County, Georgia, USA. The clubs agreed to conduct a significant service project that would build a maternity wing, provide maternity medical equipment and an all-terrain vehicle to the mountain hospital in Bandipur, Nepal. Lindsay organized the procurement of the medical equipment and vehicle, and participated in the completion of the $50,000 project in Bandipur in June 1998.

In 1998, Nepal’s annual per capita income was $220 per person, among the lowest in the world. Families averaged 4.8 children, leading to a national population doubling time of 28 years. Contraceptive use was 30%, with another 30% desiring contraceptive services. Infant mortality was 79 per 1,000 live births (Japan was 3.7) and maternal mortality rates just as tragic.

The 10-room stone maternity wing was built by Nepalese Rotarians. Lindsay organized five Rotary clubs in north Georgia to pool funds for the all-terrain vehicle, beds and maternity equipment. He arranged for the United States Department for International Development (USAID) to provide reproductive health supplies and services.

Nepal & Germany: The German section of RFPD initiated the foundation of the Nepal-German Intercountry Committee (ICC) and launched in 2003 a project jointly with D1860 (Germany), the ICC and RC Kathmandu-Mid-Town and RC Hetauda (Nepal). The project for Reproductive Health & Education for Youth had a total budget of $50,000 and was completed in 2005. The goal was to increase the sustainability of improved reproductive health status among adolescent women and men in Nepal.

Since then, eleven Matching Grants and one 3-H project with a total budget of $700,000 have been implemented. These projects were jointly initiated and are supported by various Rotary Clubs and Districts in Nepal and Germany - the German RFPD section, the ICC and matched by The Rotary Foundation. The projects target three basic needs in Nepal: reproductive health education, family planning counseling, and economic development. Within these projects some 120 Auxiliary Nurses Midwives (ANM) will be trained to provide care to pregnant women before, during and after labor. The nurses who are equipped with a “mini Clinic” serve more than 100 villages in remote areas that are currently without sufficient medical care. The midwives also offer counseling in child spacing. The projects are supporting a microfinance system to help women establish small businesses.

Rajesh Thapa, RC Mt. Everest-Lalitpur, is RFPD country chair in Nepal and Chairman of the Nepal-German Intercountry Committee (ICC). Karlheinz Nothnagel, RC Darmstadt-Bergstrasse, is ICC Chair in Germany and RFPD Chair in District 1860.

Project Specifications:
- Country: Nepal
- Objective: Equipment for Maternity Wing
- Total value: $50,000
- Host: D 3290 (Nepal)
- Sponsor: D 6910 (Georgia, USA)
- Dates: 1998-1999
- Results:
  - 10-room maternity wing established.
  - All-terrain vehicles donated.
- Objective: Youth Reproductive Health, Education and Safe Motherhood
- Total value: $750,000
- Host: D 3290 (Nepal)
- Sponsor: D 1860 (Germany)
- Dates: 2003-2010
- Results:
  - Improvement of Reproductive Health & Education for Adolescent Men and Women.
  - Training of Auxiliary Nurses Midwives (ANM).
  - Medical Care & Child Spacing Services.
  - Micro-credit.
History of RFPD

RFPD was founded in 1995 when Buck Lindsay (USA), a past Rotary governor, organized a Rotary Peace Forum, funded by The Rotary Foundation, in Dakar, Senegal. There he met Robert Zinser, a current governor (Germany) and E. Adedolapo (Dolapo) Lufadeju also a current governor (Nigeria). Zinser and Lufadeju had met a year earlier and had started a pilot project called Child Spacing and Family Health in Nigeria. Lindsay, Lufadeju and Zinser are co-founders of RFPD and worked together to present workshops at the Peace Forum.

The 500 participants of the Peace Forum passed a resolution unanimously recommending that “Population Issues” be taken up by Rotary International. RI staff member Michael Diamond suggested the group a “Fellowship” within RI. At that time, “Fellowship” was the term RI used for Rotarians who worked together on vocational and recreational interests. RFPD progressed from the initial “Fellowship” to a “Rotary Initiative”, since its project related work did not fit into recreational or vocational categories. It was later again made a “Fellowship”, but more precisely called a “Service Related Fellowship”. Lindsay established RFPD a tax-exempt charitable corporation, and began building the organization with Zinser, Lufadeju and Indian past governor Hari Reddy. They each worked in their regions to create RFPD country elements and spread the success of RFPD. Lindsay and Rtn. Chuck Bull worked to build membership in the USA, Zinser in Germany, Lufadeju in Nigeria and Reddy in India.

As these leaders developed the RFPD brand and initiated projects through The Rotary Foundation (TRF), each country section gained more and more steam, and RFPD’s leadership structure fell into place. RFPD currently has Area Coordinators (AC), who manage continental areas, Country Chairs (CC) who manage activities in their respective countries, and Zone Coordinators (ZC) who coordinate Rotary Zones in USA and in India. Our broader membership includes dedicated Rotarians who assist these leaders as Assistant AC’s and ZC’s and CC’s.

Currently, RFPD is one of 16 Rotarian Action Groups. RFPD works as part of the leading world humanitarian organization, with specific activities that meet the needs of underprivileged people. The group includes thousands of Rotarians working together and initiating hundreds of population projects. Dedicated Rotarians from all corners of the world lead RFPD: Bill Cadwallader in North America and Eastern Russia, Robert Zinser in Europe also CEO, Luis Serra in Central and South America, Rekha Shetty in South Asia also Vice-Chair, Salem Mashhour in Middle East/North Africa and Dolapo Lufadeju in Sub-Sahara Africa together with General Secretary Buck Lindsay and Chairman Harald Marschner. Each of these Rotarians has served in senior leadership roles of Rotary International, and together has a considerable network of Rotary contacts and resources.

Project: Zero Adolescent Pregnancy, Latin America

Zero Adolescent Pregnancy, or “ZAP”, is a pregnancy prevention project that, since 1991, has helped to significantly reduce teen pregnancies in Cortland County, New York. Originally started as a cooperative effort of the Cortland Rotary Club, Cortland County Health Department and the Catholic Charities, the program has been a main stay of Cortland County schools to combat the adolescent pregnancy plague. The county went from having the highest incidence of adolescent pregnancies to the lowest incidence within the first few years of the project. The program has now been implemented in various parts of Latin America, including Argentina, Paraguay, Brazil and Mexico.

In many of the hospitals of Latin America, births to girls 15 years of age and younger are 40 to 60% of all births. This has created concern among Latin American Rotarians, because teenage pregnancies are often accompanied by an increase in alcohol use, illicit drugs, sexually transmitted diseases, and a distinct increase in the incidence of HIV/AIDS. Low birth weights of babies and high incidence of poverty in adolescent mothers is common. Rotarians and local community leaders have worked to start the ZAP program in their schools. It has been used to compliment other existing community programs for adolescent populations.

The ZAP curriculum focuses on:

- Why the students should stay in school.
- Developing a sense of self-worth and self-pride.
- Providing for the prevention of sexually transmissible diseases.

Methodology:

- Radio and television stations carry a weekly program on Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) for HIV. VCT requires counseling before testing for HIV, counseling during the testing and counseling after the testing.
- The school curriculum fulfills all three aspects of the VCT requirements, and publishes these steps to the general public.
- When combined with VCT for HIV the basic lesson plan for the week is published in the Friday newspapers, so that parents, government, church leaders and other young people who do not attend school will know what has been taught.

ZAP is now being incorporated with a program for VCT of adolescents for HIV in high schools. After students are taught the dangers of the transmission of HIV, the HIV test is done on oral fluids. Students found to be infected early in the development of the disease of HIV can be treated. This provides students with 20-30 extra years of productive life, and a lower blood level of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Hence, they will be less infective to others if they do not practice safe sex, and mother-to-child transmission of HIV can be nearly eliminated.
**What is Rotary?**

Rotary International (RI) is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas in the world. Clubs are apolitical, multi-religious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto “Service Above Self,” Rotary’s main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

**The Rotary Foundation & The Future Vision Plan**

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is Rotary’s charitable arm, and is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation, who share its vision for a better world. All money contributed to TRF is spent in support of humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs and their operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects, worldwide.

The mission of TRF is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development (RPGSD) promotes humanitarian projects that address the global issues of world population growth and unsustainable development. The projects are taken up by Rotary clubs and districts, but are often initiated, designed and supported by RPGSD. Most of these projects are funded in part by TRF’s Matching Grant program. Funds generally originate with the local clubs (at the site of the project) and are supplemented with additional funds from an International Sponsoring club (a project partner) and then Matching Grants are made by TRF. All projects require hands-on participation from the Rotarians involved.

Rigorous reporting requirements to TRF are a part of every project. RPGSD also contributes to TRF’s Future Vision Plan - see next page for details.

**Governance**

The 19-member RI Board of Directors meets quarterly to carry-out RI policies. Traditionally, the RI president, who is elected annually, develops a theme and emphasis for the year. The 15 Trustees of The Rotary Foundation are appointed by the RI president, with the agreement of the RI Board. Each trustee is appointed to a four-year term. The Trustee chair, who serves for one year, is a Past President of RI. Rotary’s managing officer is the General Secretary, who heads a 650-member staff working to serve Rotarians worldwide.

Rotarians are members of Rotary clubs, which are members to the global association of clubs called Rotary International. Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of the Rotary constitution and bylaws. The 33,000 clubs are grouped into approximately 530 RI districts, with each district by a district governor, who is an RI officer and leads about 60 clubs. The district administration, including assistant governors and various committees, guides and supports the clubs.

**Project: Micro-Credit & Child Spacing, Egypt**

“Responsible Parenthood, Child Spacing, Skill Development and Micro-Loans” in the slum areas of Alexandria, Egypt was conceived and is being implemented by Rotaract District 1860 (Germany) and the Rotaract Club Alexandria Cosmopolitan, District 2450 (Egypt). Rotaract is the affiliated organization of Rotary for young adults (ages 18 to 30), who provide community service similar to what Rotary clubs do. Said one Rotaract leader, “Let’s face it: the world population is exploding. Child Rota-are being born on and on. The majority of these children will never be able to live the quality life we enjoy in the world today. This is one of the main issues our generation will have to deal with in the future, so we need to start today to do something about it.”

The goal of the project is to help poor women living in the slums of Alexandria, Egypt by providing financial and educational support. Since 2001, this project has helped 4,000 women improve their living situation.

**1st Phase - Training Programs are Provided:**

- Literacy classes: Women learn the basics of reading and writing, or improve their existing skills.
- Vocational Training: Women are trained in the general and specific skills they need for future jobs.
- Population & Development Classes: Studies combine public health education, community health, information about sexually transmitted diseases and responsible parenthood, as well as information about adequate nutrition.

**2nd Phase - Application of the Skills:**

- The women use micro-credit to establish their own businesses. Businesses include: selling fruits and vegetables, carpentry, sewing, groceries, home appliances, to name a few. Women receiving Micro-Credit loans are between 20 and 40 years old.
- Example: one micro-credit loan yields income that supports a mother, as well as six relatives.

**Project Management and Financing:**

- The members of the Rotaract Club Alexandria Cosmopolitan are responsible for organizing all project activities. They select, enroll and manage the progress of the women. They organize the lessons together with “PLAN International”.
- The Egyptian Rotaractors in Alexandria supervise the loans and repayments of micro-credits.
- The German Rotaractors from D 1860 were responsible for initial financing. First, a New Opportunity Grant for US $5,000 was obtained from The Rotary Foundation through D 1860, and matched by another $5,000 provided by RPGSDGerman Section. For the second part of the project, the Rotaractors from D 1860 themselves raised $5,000 which was again matched by RPGSD/German section for a Matching Grant of $20,000. In total, $30,000 was raised for this project - an incredible accomplishment for young Rotaractors.
- The project is an excellent example of cooperation between Rotaractors from two different countries, Plan International, UNFPA, the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development and The Rotary Foundation.

**Project Specifics:**

- **Country:** Egypt
- **Objective:** Vocational Training & Micro-Credit & Child Spacing for Women
- **Total value:** $30,000
- **Host:** RC of Alexandria Cosmopolitan, D 2450 (Egypt)
- **Sponsor:** D 1860 (Germany)
- **Dates:** 2001-2010
- **German-Egyptian Rotaract project named “Best European Rotaract Project 2005-2006”**

**Results:**

- 4,000 people in Alexandria have directly benefited and have improved their lives due to this project.
- 24 families were able to expand their businesses.
- 600 Micro-Credit loans completed.
- A DVD includes an interview with Peace Nobel Prize winner Mohammad Yunus who praised the project. It was acknowledged by RI as an exemplary FR action.
The saying goes - if you educate a man, you educate the man, if you educate a woman, you educate the whole family.
**Collaborative Relationships**

**Rotary International**
RFPD’s collaboration with RI is foundational to our work. As a Rotarian Action Group (RAG), we work in concert with the General Secretary’s office to ensure the Rotary Code of Policy and Guidelines are followed in our work. These guidelines include requirements for submitting annual reports that includes data on membership growth and humanitarian projects. RI activities, like the RI Annual Convention, provide opportunities for RFPD to increase membership and create new projects. Being a part of the Rotary family enables RFPD to employ RI’s international network to the fullest extent.

**UNFPA**
Through an introduction made by leaders of The Population Institute, a dialogue on collaborative work opportunities began and a partnership was established between RFPD and UNFPA. We envisioned, negotiated and brought to fruition a mutually beneficial relationship: Rotary International, the world’s largest humanitarian organization, would provide access to the communities of the world through its clubs and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the world’s largest leading population advocacy organization, would provide technical support in project work.

Rotary International and UNFPA have worked together under a Memorandum of Cooperation since 1999. The two organizations have collaborated to alleviate human suffering and empower women to develop to their fullest potential. They have encouraged and promoted full respect for the fundamental freedoms for all people and for all human rights. This includes the internationally accepted basic human right of all couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children and to have the information, education, and means to exercise that right. Today, through Rotary’s Action Groups, networking between the two organizations is used on a consistent basis.

**The Population Media Center**
In 2005, RFPD started with the first Radio Serials in Rotary World Community Service, partnering with The Population Media Center (PMC). PMC is dedicated to educating people about the benefits of smaller families, elevating the status of women, encouraging the use of effective family planning methods, promoting the protection of children from exploitation, and motivating behavior change for avoidance of HIV/AIDS. Robert Zinser is an advisory board member.

**Other Collaborative Relationships**
**The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health** - In 2007, RFPD and The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) began working together in RFPD’s project “Improvement of Maternal & Child Health.” Robert Zinser was instrumental in building this relationship.

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**Project: Maternal & Child Health, Nigeria**
The project “Improvement of Maternal & Child Health - Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula (2005-2010),” in the states of Kano & Kaduna, Nigeria is a comprehensive-approach in close cooperation with the state governments and stakeholders. It is a contribution to the most important Millennium Development Goal 5, Improve Maternal Health, which is closely linked with MDG 4, Child Mortality. It can serve as an example for this area of focus of the Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation.

Obstetric Fistula is a break in the wall between the bladder, vagina, and rectum which occurs when there is protracted labor. It most often occurs in young mothers under age 20, who’s pelvic structure may not yet be fully developed. As a result, labor is obstructed and the baby dies and the mother is left with holes (fistulas) which become infected. Most such women are ostracized and even abandoned by their husband and families. About one million women suffer from this condition just in Nigeria.

**Project Specifics:**
- **Country:** Nigeria
- **Total value:** $3,000,000
- **Host:** D 9125 (Nigeria)
- **Sponsor:** More than 100 clubs in Germany and Austria.
- **Dates:** 2005-2010

**Results:**
- Established two Rotary Fistula Centers & Repaired 1,400 fistula patients, many were rehabilitated and given micro-credit.
- Within rural areas created awareness of maternal health, habits and check-ups.
- Distribution of 24,000 malaria nets.
- 50% Reduction of Maternal Mortality in selected hospitals.
- State governments to take over project for sustainability.

**Project funds were $3,000,000 and broken down as follows:**
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- $20,000 from IAMANEH (International Association of Maternal and Neonatal Health).
- $460,000 from the German government.
- $1,600,000 Rotary satellite projects like water & sanitation in hospitals, voucher for fistula repairs, micro-credit for rehabilitation of fistula patients, solar power for hospitals, as well as contributions of stakeholders in cash and in-kind.

**Project Elements:**
- Awareness campaign using Radio Serials. Radio has been the least expensive and most effective communication method.
- Special training of a health staff of over 1,000, including surgeons experienced in correcting fistulas.
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- Provision of equipment for obstetric service in hospitals.
- Education of villagers that fistulas are caused by early and frequent pregnancies and can be prevented and treated.
- Quality assurance: quality of structure, process and outcome.
- Community approach with education as well as information on child spacing.
Child Spacing Project - Above: Robert Zinser briefing

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- Training of Health Staff & Strengthening of Health Services.

- 31 million people were served.

**Pilot Project from 1995-2000**

This pilot project was initiated and supported by RFPD titled “Child Spacing and Family Health” in Kaduna State/Nigeria which was implemented by Rotarians in District 9125 (Northern Nigeria) and 1860 (Southwest Germany). The project, monitored by co-founders of RFPD, PDG Dolapo Luflude and PDG Robert Zinser, was co-funded by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and by the German Government. In cooperation with traditional rulers and local government the project had 5 pillars:

- A Public Awareness Campaign, Trainings for health personnel in primary and secondary hospitals, Delivery of medical equipment, Establishment of Gynaecological Investigation Centers and Child Spacing Services.

Project results: 1) Project “Culturally fully accepted”; 2) Acceptance also by illiterate people; 3) Increase of Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (from 3 to 27%); 4) Reduction of Maternal and Infant Mortality; 5) Institutional Strengthening and 6) Better knowledge of Rotary and its humanitarian activities. Final Results of the pilot project were published in a Neutral Evaluation in 2000 which stated: “As the PolioPlus program has inspired a world-wide drive to eliminate Polio, Rotary involvement in population and development activities can make a major contribution to enhancing governmental and non-governmental efforts to slow population growth internationally”. A field study with evaluation of this project of a German medical student was accepted as thesis by the University of Heidelberg for which she received the Doctor degree.

**Hunger, Health & Humanity, (3-H) Project from 2000-2007**

This 3-H project replicated the pilot project (above). The project was co-funded by The Rotary Foundation, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and European Union (EU). It provided training in child spacing for 2,000 Public Hospital and Clinics in 6 states (Adamawa, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Plateau) with 31 million people, covering total of 15,026 medical providers that included doctors, nurses, midwives, and community health workers. The Project conducted 3,481 advocacy visits targeting 127 local government areas government officials, religious and community leaders, and organizations aimed to address the issues of women health and HIV/AIDS prevention. It conducted also educational workshops for total of 75,207 people in schools, military, community centers and among the patients of public hospitals and clinics. Overall achievements and strengths of this 3-H project were also highlighted by a neutral evaluation in 2006:

“Local providers got a unique opportunity to get full-scale training in women’s health that never existed before. It later allowed building significant trust among the general population. Clients who had become aware of child spacing through education and wanted to use services, became confident in the competency of health care workers and providers.

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**Advocacy of Rotary Family & Beyond**

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RFPD/UNFPA Conference, “Fundamental Challenges to International Community” - 2006: Women’s Empowerment & Education, Maternal Health and HIV/AIDS Conference was held in Ft. Lee, New Jersey, USA. Panel discussions, workshops and plenary sessions were presented. Representatives from UNFPA and RFPD brought concise information on current statistics and shared best practices on how Rotary projects, supported by RFPD, contribute to achieve the MDGs.

“Rotary’s Road to World Peace” - Cairo, Egypt - 2004: This conference was co-sponsored by the RI World Community Services Committee and RFPD, and was a hands-on summit that examined how Rotary would deal with critical health matters in the future. A project fair was held and discussions included polio, literacy, HIV/AIDS, women’s empowerment and maternal/child health. Rotary leaders and other NGO representatives attended.

RFPD/UNFPA Conference held in Abuja, Nigeria - 2003: Encouraged by RFPD’s population advocacy work in Rotary, RI’s 2003-04 President Jonathan Majiyagbe of Nigeria, convened a three-day conference in Abuja to focus Rotary’s humanitarian attention on the population concerns. The conference included participation of 1,500 Nigerian Rotarians, as well as leadership of UNFPA, the Packard Foundation, Nigeria President Olusegun Osasanjo, and other Nigerian Ministers.

Zurich, New Delhi and Brasilia - 2000/2001: Three population conferences were convened by the RI President, Frank Devlyn, in separate corners of the globe to bring clearer attention to the population issue, which included information on empowerment of women by giving them micro-credit. RFPD organized and promoted each of these two-day population conferences.

Projects Addressing Population Concerns

Overview

Many Rotary population projects sponsored by RFPD have been completed since 1995 which provide direct benefit to less developed parts of the world. RFPD has initiated a total of 267 projects, totaling $10,755,572. In 2008-09, RFPD initiated 58 population projects, which are running or phased out that total $6,955,686 (see page 20 for details). Among the exemplary population projects conceived and implemented by RFPD members are the “Improvement of Mother’s Health” and “Child Spacing” projects in Nigeria; “Saebi Women’s Centers” in Eastern India; “Responsible Parenthood, Skill Development & Micro-Credit Loans” in Egypt; and the “Zero Adolescent Pregnancy” in Latin America. The next few pages will give an in-depth look at these life-changing projects.

Matching Grants working through RFPD

RFPD serves as a liaison between the Rotary Club applying for funds and The Rotary Foundation to ensure that the proper paperwork is completed accurately and in a timely manner. We have established and maintain a database of all past and current Population based projects. All of our projects were developed to meet the standards necessary to receive Rotary Foundation Matching Grants. The Rotary Foundation (TRF), grants over $70 million dollars each year to Rotary sponsored projects around the world. Within this framework, RFPD plays an important role in developing, promoting, obtaining financial support and coordinating projects that specifically address population and development issues.

Projects initiated and supported by RFPD include reproductive and maternal health, vocational skills, literacy, family planning and micro-credit for women and girl-children. RFPD keeps a list and the paperwork of unsupported Matching Grant applications that have been developed by Rotary Clubs in developing countries. We work to find the necessary partners and support for these projects. These applications have all the budgets, pro forma invoices, and the signatures needed from the host sponsor in the project country.

Rotary Clubs who would like to sponsor a project need to first establish a committee for the project, obtain their president’s signature and if District Designated Funds are included, with the District Governor’s signature. RI’s World Community Service Coordinators look to us as a vital resource in helping develop these club and district projects.

RFPD has also prepared Modules or sample packages of five population-based Matching Grants. These are excellent starting points for a club to design their own projects and to seek international sponsors. Included are:

- Completed sample Matching Grant applications with suggested wording. The project host club must modify the wording to describe its own project.
- Suggested budget with possible costs for various projects.
Pilot Project from 1995-2000

This pilot project was initiated and supported by RFPD titled “Child Spacing and Family Health” in Kaduna State/Nigeria which was implemented by Rotarians in District 9125 (Northern Nigeria) and 1860 (Southwest Germany). The project, monitored by co-founders of RFPD, PDG Dolapo Lufadeju and PDG Robert Zinser, was co-funded by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and by the German Government. In cooperation with traditional rulers and local government the project had 5 pillars: A Public Awareness Campaign, Trainings for health personnel in primary and secondary hospitals, Delivery of medical equipment, Establishment of Gynecological Investigation Centers and Child Spacing Services.

Project results: 1) Project “Culturally fully accepted”; 2) Acceptance also by illiterate people; 3) Increase of Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (from 3 to 27%); 4) Reduction of Maternal and Infant Mortality; 5) Institutional Strengthening and 6) Better knowledge of Rotary and its humanitarian activities. Final Results of the pilot project were published in a Neutral Evaluation in 2000 which stated: “As the FoloFiplus program has inspired a world-wide drive to eliminate Polio, Rotary involvement in population and development activities can make a major contribution to enhancing governmental and non-governmental efforts to slow population growth internationally”. A field study with evaluation of this project of a German medical student was accepted as thesis by the University of Heidelberg for which she received the Doctor degree.

Hunger, Health & Humanity, (3-H) Project from 2000-2007

This 3-H project replicated the pilot project (above). The project was co-funded by The Rotary Foundation, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and European Union (EU). It provided training in child spacing for 2,000 Public Hospital and Clinics in 6 states (Adamawa, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Plateau) with 31 million people, covering total of 33,926 medical providers that included doctors, nurses, midwives, and community health workers. The Project conducted 3,481 advocacy visits targeting 127 local government areas government officials, religious and community leaders, and organizations aimed to address the issues of women health and HIV/AIDS prevention. It conducted also educational workshops for total of 75,207 people in schools, military, community centers and among the patients of public hospitals and clinics. Overall achievements and strengths of this 3-H project were also highlighted by a neutral evaluation in 2006:

“Local providers got a unique opportunity to get full-scale training in women’s health that never existed before. It later allowed building significant trust among the general population. Clients who had become aware of child spacing through education and wanted to use services, became confident in the competency of health care workers and providers.

The large scale of the 3-H project would not have ever been achieved, if there had not been a full dedication of the Rotarians of Nigeria and their commitment to improve family health in their nation. Thanks to the experience of Rotary Members and their individual public standing of being well-respected members of the society, the project was able to reach out to local government officials and community leaders in its efforts to advocate for women and families.”
Collaborative Relationships

Rotary International
RFPD’s collaboration with RI is foundational to our work. As a Rotarian Action Group (RAG), we work in concert with the General Secretary’s office to ensure the Rotary Code of Policy and Guidelines are followed in our work. These guidelines include requirements for submitting annual reports that includes data on membership growth and humanitarian projects. RI activities, like the RI Annual Convention, provide opportunities for RFPD to increase membership and create new projects. Being a part of the Rotary family enables RFPD to employ RI’s international network to the fullest extent.

UNFPA
Through an introduction made by leaders of The Population Institute, a dialogue on collaborative work opportunities began and a partnership was established between RFPD and UNFPA. We envisioned, negotiated and brought to fruition a mutually beneficial relationship. Rotary International, the world’s largest humanitarian organization, would provide access to the communities of the world through its clubs and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the world’s largest leading population advocacy organization, would provide technical support in project work. Rotary International and UNFPA have worked together under a Memorandum of Cooperation since 1999. The two organizations have collaborated to alleviate human suffering and empower women to develop to their fullest potential. They have encouraged and promoted full respect for the fundamental freedoms for all people and for all human rights. This includes the internationally accepted basic human right of all couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children and to have the information, education, and means to exercise that right. Today, through Rotary’s Action Groups, networking between the two organizations is used on a consistent basis.

The Population Media Center
In 2005, RFPD started with the first Radio Serials in Rotary World Community Service, partnering with The Population Media Center (PMC). PMC is dedicated to educating people about the benefits of smaller families, elevating the status of women, encouraging the use of effective family planning methods, promoting the protection of children from exploitation, and motivating behavior change for avoidance of HIV/AIDS. Robert Zinser is an advisory board member.

Other Collaborative Relationships

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health - In 2007, RFPD and The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) began working together in RFPD’s project “Improvement of Maternal & Child Health.” Robert Zinser was instrumental in building this relationship.

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation - In 1999, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation became aware of our successful pilot project in Nigeria. The foundation co-funded the 3-H project “Child Spacing, Family Health and AIDS Education” in six states of Northern Nigeria scaling up the pilot project. Since then they also co-funded RFPD’s advocacy work.

Many other Collaborative Relationships are built through our projects with international NGOs like Population Council, Pathfinder International, Plan International and local NGOs/institutions.

Project: Maternal & Child Health, Nigeria

The project “Improvement of Maternal & Child Health - Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula (2005-2010),” in the states of Kano & Kaduna, Nigeria is a comprehensive-approach in close cooperation with the state governments and stakeholders. It is a contribution to the most important Millennium Development Goal 5, Improve Maternal Health, which is closely linked with MDG 4, Child Mortality. It can serve as an example for this area of focus of the Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation.

Obstetric Fistula is a break in the wall between the bladder, vagina, and rectum which occurs when there is protracted labor. It most often occurs in young mothers under age 20, who’s pelvic structure may not yet be fully developed. As a result, labor is obstructed and the baby dies and the mother is left with holes (fistulas) which become infected. Most such women are ostracized and even abandoned by their husband and families. About one million women suffer from this condition just in Nigeria.

Project funds were $3,000,000 and broken down as follows:
- $500,000 Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation ($150,000 TRF and $350,000 from clubs and districts).
- $420,000 from the Adventis Foundation.
- $20,000 from IAMANEH (International Association of Maternal and Neonatal Health).
- $460,000 from the German government.
- $1,600,000 Rotary satellite projects like water & sanitation in hospitals, voucher for fistula repairs, micro-credit for rehabilitation of fistula patients, solar power for hospitals, as well as contributions of stakeholders in cash and in-kind.

Project Elements:
- Awareness campaign using Radio Serials. Radio has been the least expensive and most effective communication method.
- Special training of a health staff of over 1,000, including surgeons experienced in correcting fistulas.
- Establishment of two Rotary Fistula Centers and repair of patients.
- Provision of equipment for obstetric service in hospitals.
- Education of villagers that fistulas are caused by early and frequent pregnancies and can be prevented and treated.
- Quality assurance: quality of structure, process and outcome.
- Community approach with education as well as information on child spacing.

Project Specifics:
Country: Nigeria
Total value: $3,000,000
Host: D 9125 (Nigeria)
Sponsor: More than 100 clubs in Germany and Austria.
Dates: 2005-2010
Results:
- Established two Rotary Fistula Centers & Repaired 1,400 fistula patients, many were rehabilitated and given micro-credit.
- Within rural areas created awareness of maternal health, habits and check-ups.
- Distribution of 24,000 malaria nets.
- 50% Reduction of Maternal Mortality in selected hospitals.
- State governments to take over project for sustainability.
Project: Saheli Women’s Centers, Eastern India

Saheli in Hindi means “Lady Friend of Ladies” - Hence the name Saheli Centers

Since 2004, Rotary clubs in District 3250 have established 28 Saheli training centers in the states of Bihar and Jharkhand in eastern India. In most of rural India, women lack economic and social security and are subject to exploitation. Over 87% are employed in agriculture, with incomes of around US $1 per day. Long term, the District 3250 goal is to establish a total of 80 centers covering 75 cities in the states of Bihar and Jharkhand.

Project Goals:

- Alleviate Poverty: Increase awareness and knowledge on the potential for improving social and economic conditions in their community.
- Provide Primary Health & Hygiene: Impart skills and knowledge to initiate development activities, and to improve health and nutrition.
- Provide Computer Skills & Vocational Training: Train rural women for vocational activity and empower women by giving them skills that will improve the quality of their own life and their family.
- Address Gender Inequality: Break the chain and remove the stigma.

Methodology:

Since literate and vocationally-trained women always choose fewer children, the success of the Saheli Centers is a critical key to solving the population challenge in this poor region of India.

- The training staff in each Center must have five or more years of experience in training rural women in vocational skills.
- Former students are encouraged to stay on as trainers.
- Each center is managed and run by a local Rotary Club, sometimes with the cooperation of other local organizations.
- A Chairman and a working committee of Rotarians and spouses monitor the progress and functioning of the center.

Past District 3250 Governors Kamal Sanghvi and Sandeep Naranag are principal leaders working with Rotary clubs in the target area to expand and maintain this vital program. Rekha Shetty, RFPD’s Vice-Chair, and Buck Lindsay, RFPD’s General Secretary have been vital advocates for the “Saheli” women’s movement. Saheli Centers are model projects that can be created in any part of the world. A Center will open in Bangladesh in 2010.

The saying goes - if you educate a man, you educate the man, if you educate a woman, you educate the whole family.

RFPD’s Relationship with RI & TRF

RFPD was founded by a group of committed Rotarians who believed that humanity had reached a crisis point with respect to interlocking issues of overpopulation, unsustainable development and human suffering. Many Rotarians and friends of RFPD share the belief that Rotarians can do something about this challenge to humanity.

With Rotary International’s rich, religious, ethnic, and cultural composition, we believe that Rotary is the ideal organization to face this challenge. RFPD was established to work on population concerns within the framework of Rotary International. RFPD works within the policies of Rotary International (RI); however it receives no funds from RI or The Rotary Foundation (TRF). RFPD is a catalyst for building population projects, using local funds that are matched by TRF.

Rotarian Action Groups conduct international service projects that further the Object of Rotary. RFPD’s population service activities are promoted in the RI Menu of Service Opportunities and are encouraged by the RI Board’s Statement on Population Concerns, published August 1999 (endorsing the findings of the Council on Legislation).

RFPD members speak out on population and development issues and commit resources and effort toward solving the population problem. In most communities, Rotarians are seen as the leaders in their professions and vocations, and as multipliers in society. When sufficiently convinced of the merit of population advocacy, Rotarians can be most effective in spreading the message to their clubs and community, often using RFPD’s specially developed media for presentations at Rotary club meetings.

The Rotary Foundation - Future Vision Plan

RFPD works in all six areas of focus of TRF's Future Vision Plan. RFPD cooperates with other Rotarian Action Groups to share best practices. Examples include:

- Maternal & Child Health - Our largest project, a comprehensive approach, a model to contribute to MDG 5. Includes Rotary satellite projects for Micro-Credit for Women & Distribution of Mosquito Nets to Combat Malaria.
- Disease Prevention & Treatment - RFPD's maternal health project repairs fistula patients and prevents fistula by improving of obstructive care.
- Water & Sanitation - Hospitals in our maternal health project were in need of a water supply. Mothers in these hospitals were at risk and many died because of lack of water. We funded boresholes, pumps and water pipes.
- Basic Education & Literacy - Many projects we support include basic literacy (see pages 15 & 16 for project example).
- Economic & Community Development - RFPD is facilitating population growth and sustainable development projects. Community dialogues are one of our activities. Under “community development and population,” you find RFPD.
- Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution - Anna Schurmann, a Rotary Peace Program Alumni, stated: “The links between increased access to reproductive health services and the reduction in conflict make clear that helping women gain control over their fertility is a huge contributor to peace everywhere. The connection between reproductive health and peace is something we need to put back on the security agenda and emphasize in intervention planning.”
Rotary International

What is Rotary?
Rotary International (RI) is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas in the world. Clubs are apolitical, multi-religious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto “Service Above Self,” Rotary’s main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

The Rotary Foundation & The Future Vision Plan
The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is Rotary’s charitable arm, and is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation, who share its vision for a better world. All money contributed to TRF is spent in support of humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs and their operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects, worldwide.

The mission of TRF is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development (RFPD) promotes humanitarian projects that address the global issues of world population growth and unsustainability. The projects are taken up by Rotary clubs and districts, but are often initiated, designed and supported by RFPD. Most of these projects are funded in part by TRF’s Matching Grant program. Funds generally originate with the local clubs (at the site of the project) and are supplemented with additional funds from an International Sponsoring club (a project partner) and then Matching Grants are made by TRF. All projects require hands-on participation from the Rotarians involved. Rigorous reporting requirements to TRF are a part of every project. RFPD also contributes to TRF’s Future Vision Plan - see next page for details.

Governance
The 19-member RI Board of Directors meets quarterly to carry-out RI policies. Traditionally, the RI president, who is elected annually, develops a theme and emphasis for the year. The 15 Trustees of The Rotary Foundation are appointed by the RI president, with the agreement of the RI Board. Each trustee is appointed to a four-year term. The Trustee chair, who serves for one year, is a Past President of RI. Rotary’s managing officer is the General Secretary, who heads a 650-member staff working to serve Rotarians worldwide.

Rotarians are members of Rotary clubs, which are members to the global association of clubs called Rotary International. Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of the Rotary constitution and bylaws. The 33,000 clubs are grouped into approximately 530 RI districts, with each district by a district governor, who is an RI officer and leads about 60 clubs. The district administration, including assistant governors and various committees, guides and supports the clubs.

Project: Micro-Credit & Child Spacing, Egypt

“Responsible Parenthood, Child Spacing, Skill Development and Micro-Loans” in the slums areas of Alexandria, Egypt was conceived and is being implemented by Rotaract District 1860 (Germany) and the Rotaract Club Alexandria Cosmopolitan, District 2450 (Egypt). Rotaract is the affiliated organization of Rotary for young adults (ages 18 to 30), who provide community service similar to what Rotary clubs do. Said one Rotaract leader, “Let’s face it: the world population is exploding. Children are being born on and on. The majority of these children will never be able to live the quality life we enjoy in the world today. This is one of the main issues our generation will have to deal with in the future, so we need to start today to do something about it.”

The goal of the project is to help poor women living in the slums of Alexandria, Egypt by providing financial and educational support. Since 2001, this project has helped 4,000 women improve their living situation.

1st Phase - Training Programs are Provided:
- Literacy classes: Women learn the basics of reading and writing, or improve their existing skills.
- Vocational Training: Women are trained in the general and specific skills they need for future jobs.
- Population & Development Classes: Studies combine public health education, community health, information about sexually transmitted diseases and responsible parenthood, as well as information about adequate nutrition.

2nd Phase - Application of the Skills:
- The women use micro-credit to establish their own businesses. Businesses include: selling fruits and vegetables, carpentry, sewing, groceries, home appliances, to name a few. Women receiving Micro-Credit loans are between 20 and 40 years old.
- Example: one micro-credit loan yields income that supports a mother, as well as six relatives.

Project Management and Financing:
- The members of the Rotaract Club Alexandria Cosmopolitan are responsible for organizing all project activities. They select, enroll and manage the progress of the women. They organize the lessons together with “PLAN International”.
- The Egyptian Rotaractors in Alexandria supervise the loans and repayments of micro-credits.
- The German Rotaractors from D 1860 were responsible for initial financing. First, the New Opportunity Grant for US $5,000 was obtained from The Rotary Foundation through D 1860, and matched by another $5,000 provided by RFPD German Section. For the second part of the project, the Rotaractors from D 1860 themselves raised $5,000 which was again matched by RFPD German section for a Matching Grant of $20,000. In total, $30,000 was raised for this project - an incredible accomplishment for young Rotaractors.
- The project is an excellent example of cooperation between Rotaractors from two different countries, Plan International, UNFPA, the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development and The Rotary Foundation.
History of RFPD

RFPD was founded in 1995 when Buck Lindsay (USA), a past Rotary governor, organized a Rotary Peace Forum, funded by The Rotary Foundation, in Dakar, Senegal. There he met Robert Zinser, a current governor (Germany) and E. Adedolapo (Dolapo) Lufadeju also a current governor (Nigeria). Zinser and Lufadeju had met a year earlier and had started a pilot project called Child Spacing and Family Health in Nigeria. Lindsay, Lufadeju and Zinser are co-founders of RFPD and worked together to present workshops at the Peace Forum.

The 500 participants of the Peace Forum passed a resolution unanimously recommending that “Population Issues” be taken up by Rotary International. RI staff member Michael Diamond suggested the group a “Fellowship” within RI. At that time “Fellowship” was the term RI used for Rotarians who worked together on vocational and recreational interests. RFPD progressed from the initial “Fellowship” to a “Rotary Initiative”, since its project related work did not fit into recreational or vocational categories. It was later again made a “Fellowship”, but more precisely called a “Service Related Fellowship”. Lindsay established RFPD a tax-exempt charitable corporation, and began building the organization with Zinser, Lufadeju and Indian past governor Hari Reddy. They each worked in their regions to create RFPD country elements and spread the success of RFPD. Lindsay and Rtn. Chuck Bull worked to build membership in the USA, Zinser in Germany, Lufadeju in Nigeria and Reddy in India.

As these leaders developed the RFPD brand and initiated projects through The Rotary Foundation (TRF), each country section gained more and more steam, and RFPD’s leadership structure fell into place. RFPD currently has Area Coordinators (AC), who manage continental areas, Country Chairs (CC) who manage activities in their respective countries, and Zone Coordinators (ZC) who coordinate Rotary Zones in USA and in India. Our broader membership includes dedicated Rotarians who assist these leaders as Assistant AC’s and ZC’s and CC’s.

Currently, RFPD is one of 16 Rotarian Action Groups. RFPD works as part of the leading world humanitarian organization, with specific activities that meet the needs of underprivileged people. The group includes thousands of Rotarians working together and initiating hundreds of population projects. Dedicated Rotarians from all corners of the world lead RFPD: Bill Cadwallader in North America and Eastern Russia, Robert Zinser in Europe also CEO, Luis Serra in Central and South America, Rekha Shetty in South Asia also Vice-Chair, Salem Mashhour in Middle East/North Africa and Dolapo Lufadeju in Sub-Sahara Africa together with General Secretary Buck Lindsay and Chairman Harald Marschner. Each of these Rotarians has served in senior leadership roles of Rotary International, and together has a considerable network of Rotary contacts and resources.

Zero Adolescent Pregnancy, or “ZAP”, is a pregnancy prevention project that, since 1991, has helped to significantly reduce teen pregnancies in Cortland County, New York. Originally started as a cooperative effort of the Cortland Rotary Club, Cortland County Health Department and the Catholic Charities, the program has been a mainstay of Cortland County schools to combat the adolescent pregnancy plague. The county went from having the highest incidence of adolescent pregnancies to the lowest incidence within the first few years of the program. The program has now been implemented in various parts of Latin America, including Argentina, Paraguay, Brazil and Mexico.

In many of the hospitals of Latin America, births to girls 15 years of age and younger are 40 to 60% of all births. This has created concern among Latin American Rotarians, because teenage pregnancies are often accompanied by an increase in alcohol use, illicit drugs, sexually transmitted diseases, and a distinct increase in the incidence of HIV/AIDS. Low birth weights of babies and high incidence of poverty in adolescent mothers is common. Rotarians and local community leaders have worked to start the ZAP program in their schools. It has been used to compliment other existing community programs for adolescent populations.

The ZAP curriculum focuses on:

- Why the students should stay in school.
- Developing a sense of self-worth and self-pride.
- Providing for the prevention of sexually transmissible diseases.

Methodology:

- Radio and television stations carry a weekly program on Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) for HIV. VCT requires counseling before testing for HIV, counseling during the testing and counseling after the testing.
- The school curriculum fulfills all three aspects of the VCT requirements, and publishes these steps to the general public.
- When combined with VCT for HIV the basic lesson plan for the week is published in the Friday newspapers, so that parents, government, church leaders and other young people who do not attend school will know what has been taught.

ZAP is now being incorporated with a program for VCT of adolescents for HIV in high schools. After students are taught the dangers of the transmission of HIV, the HIV test is done on oral fluids. Students found to be infected early in the development of the disease of HIV can be treated. This provides students with 20-30 extra years of productive life, and a lower blood level of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Hence, they will be less infective to others if they do not practice safe sex, and mother-to-child transmission of HIV can be nearly eliminated.

Project Specifics:

Country/Area: Latin America
Objective: To Reduce unwanted Adolescent Pregnancies
Total value: $1,300,000 ($15,000 for one project)
Host: D 4170, 4570, 4840, 4920, 7170 (Latin America)
Sponsor: D 7170 (New York, USA)
Dates: 1991 to present

Results:

- Starting in 1991, ZAP saw a decrease in Cortland County’s teen pregnancy rates of almost 30% in its first six years.

Project: Zero Adolescent Pregnancy, Latin America
Executive Summary

The Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development (RFPD) works in cooperation with Rotary International (RI), working to educate the Rotary family, Rotarians, spouses and Rotaractors on the population issue, create partnerships, grow membership and initiate population projects. This report is presented to illustrate the history, organizational character, effective advocacy, educational efforts and population projects supported by RFPD.

RFPD was the first to bring population concerns to the Rotary dialogue. We gained support of RI Board of Directors, which published a Position Statement in 1999 encouraging Rotary clubs and districts to create projects that “directly impact population growth and sustainable development.” RFPD currently has 58 projects in progress valued at $7,000,000, in Latin America, India, Sah-Sahara Africa and North Africa/Egypt. Since that time, RFPD has worked to spotlight population concerns. For the last nine years, we have worked to establish a permanent RI committee on population concerns.

Along this journey, RFPD has been able to envision, negotiate and bring to fruition active working relationships between RI, the world’s largest humanitarian organization, and The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the world’s largest leading population advocacy organization. Partnerships have also been formed with The Population Institute, The Population Media Center, The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and The David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

RFPD has attracted philanthropic organizations to support our population work, addressing the issue through Rotary’s 33,000 clubs around the world. We have also created a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) to which Rotarians can support RFPD projects via The Rotary Foundation. Our DAF is new, but growing.

Vision: Within the context of Rotary International and its programs, RFPD seeks to improve the well-being and the dignity of people all around the world, by emphasizing better balance between population (at every level: local, regional, national and global) and our resources. We believe this balance is critical to the preservation of our life systems.

Mission: RFPD educates the 1.2 million Rotarians, Rotary leaders and the Rotary family as a whole on Population Concerns and promotes humanitarian projects that directly address population and development issues. Rotary provides service in over 200 countries around the world.

Strategies:

• Contribution to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), especially MDG 5 & 5b, to the Program of Action of International Conference on Population & Development (ICPD) and to The Future Vision Plan of Rotary International (see page 4);

• Promote balance between population and resources;

• Advocate population issues, including alleviation of poverty, educating women, information on and organization of child spacing services and reducing child and maternal mortality;

• Initiate, support and co-fund Matching Grant projects with support from The Rotary Foundation. Projects initiated and supported by RFPD include reproductive and maternal health, family planning, literacy, micro-credit and vocational skills;

• Organize large projects co-funded by outside sources.

Project: Safe Motherhood, Nepal

Nepal & USA: Through an acquaintance made at the RFPD booth at the RI Convention in Glasgow (1997) with a Nepalese Rotarian, a relationship was established between his Rotary Club in Patan West, Katmandu, Nepal and of Buck Lindsay’s Rotary Club of Gwinnett County, Georgia, USA. The clubs agreed to conduct a significant service project that would build a maternity wing, provide maternity medical equipment and an all-terrain vehicle to the mountain hospital in Bandipur Nepal. Lindsay organized the procurement of the medical equipment and vehicle, and participated in the completion of the $50,000 project in Bandipur in June 1998.

In 1998, Nepal’s annual per capita income was $220 per person, among the lowest in the world. Families averaged 4.8 children, leading to a national population doubling time of 28 years. Contraceptive usage was 30%, with another 30% desiring contraceptive services. Infant mortality was 79 per 1,000 live births (Japan was 3.7) and maternal mortality rates just as tragic.

The 10-room stone maternity wing was built by Nepalese Rotarians. Lindsay organized five Rotary clubs in north Georgia to pool funds for the all-terrain vehicle, beds and maternity equipment. He arranged for the United States Department for International Development (USAID) to provide reproductive health supplies and services.

Nepal & Germany: The German section of RFPD initiated the foundation of the Nepal-German Intercountry Committee (ICC) and launched in 2003 a project jointly with D1860 (Germany), the ICC and RC Kathmandu-Mid-Town and RC Hetauda (Nepal). The project for Reproductive Health & Education for Youth had a total budget of $50,000 and was completed in 2005. The goal was to increase the sustainability of improved reproductive health status among adolescent women and men in Nepal.

Since then, eleven Matching Grants and one 3-H project with a total budget of $700,000 have been implemented. These projects were jointly initiated and are supported by various Rotary Clubs and Districts in Nepal and Germany - the German RFPD section, the ICC and matched by The Rotary Foundation. The projects target three basic needs in Nepal: reproductive health education, family planning counseling, and economic development. Within these projects some 120 Auxiliary Nurses Midwives (ANM) will be trained to provide care to pregnant women before, during and after labor. The nurses who are equipped with a “mini Clinic” serve more than 100 villages in remote areas that are currently without sufficient medical care. The midwives also offer counseling in child spacing. They are supporting a microfinance system to help women establish small businesses.

Rajesh Thapa, RC Mt. Everest-Lalitpur, is RFPD country chair in Nepal and Chairman of the Nepal-German Intercountry Committee (ICC). Karlheinz Nofthnagel, RC Darmstadt-Bergstrasse, is ICC Chair in Germany and RFPD Chair in District 1860.

Project Specifics:

Country: Nepal
Objective: Equipment for Maternity Wing
Total value: $50,000
Host: D 3290 (Nepal)
Sponsor: D 6901 (Georgia, USA)
Dates: 1998-1999
Results:

• 10-room maternity wing established.
• All-terrain vehicles donated.

Objective: Youth Reproductive Health, Education and Safe Motherhood
Total value: $750,000
Host: D 3290 (Nepal)
Sponsor: D 1860 (Germany)
Dates: 2003-2010
Results:

• Improvement of Reproductive Health & Education for Adolescent Men and Women.
• Training of Auxiliary Nurses Midwives (ANM).
• Medical Care & Child Spacing Services.
• Micro-credit.
Harald Marschner
RFPD Chairman
2009-2012

Dear Friends,

Over the past 13 years, RFPD has been the leader in Rotary with respect to Population Concerns. We have grown to be the largest of 16 Rotarian Action Groups, with over 20,000 members. Hundreds of Rotary leaders around the world are working to curb population growth and unsustainable development. RFPD is unique - we don't try to control people. But we do educate and work to convince them that it is much better for every community if their daughters go to school, get vocational training and get married later. Then they will see clearly that they have a better chance to feed, to clothe and to educate their children in an appropriate manner. Every couple in the world should have the chance to freely decide how many children they want to have. RFPD practices high standards, upholds these ideals and is culturally sensitive to every area of the world in which we work.

It is our goal that population concerns will continue to become a more important priority in Rotary. If more of us discern the fast growing populations in poor countries as the most important obstacle to peaceful development, we will be able to convince more Rotary Clubs to undertake projects which address population concerns. We believe every Rotary project should address population/development as part of its target. When Rotary Clubs implement boreholes, organize literacy classes, deliver medical equipment or develop communities, they should also provide information about the advantages of smaller families and the better opportunities smaller families have.

We encourage all clubs in less developed countries to organize projects and activities that address the empowerment of women, family planning and child spacing. RFPD will link these clubs with dedicated Rotary clubs from more developed countries, to work together in this important field. When clubs address the population problem, they respond to the source of the other problems, not the consequence of them. As American statesman Benjamin Franklin said, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Harald Marschner
Chairman
March 2010

More Examples of RFPD Projects

Mobile Medical Vans: India & Mexico:

RFPD has done numerous projects to provide mobile medical vans. These projects are highly successful. In addition to providing primary health care services and emergency services to the families of the area, the educational programs have allowed 2,000 families to work to improve their lives.

1. Provide primary health care and emergency services to villages.
2. Show videos and perform street plays demonstrating the benefits of Family Planning.
3. Provide reproductive health care to over 2,000 families.

Whether a poor family has 2 or 15 children has a significant bearing on their ability to be educated and healthy. This project is an excellent example of a RFPD Project proposed and designed by local Rotarians, that fits the religious and cultural values of the area, and is accepted by the local community.

Other RFPD Projects:

- Child Spacing (Nigeria, Nepal)
- Girl Education & Vocational Skills (India, Tanzania, Latin America)
- Training of Skilled Birth Attendants (Nigeria)
- Family Planning Workshops (Turkey)
- Wholesome Motherhood (India)
- Integrated Family Welfare Centers (India)
- Truck Driver AIDS Testing (India)
- Distribution of Mosquito Nets (Nigeria)
Projects Addressing Population Concerns

- Child Spacing & Family Planning - Nigeria
- Maternal & Child Health - Nigeria
- (Area of Focus for Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan)
- Saheli Centers - India
- Micro-Credit & Child Spacing - Egypt
- Zero Adolescent Pregnancies - Latin America
- Safe Motherhood - Nepal
- More Examples of RFPD Projects
- RFPD Projects List: 2008-2009
- RFPD Leadership Team

Central America and the Caribbean

- La Annunziata, Guatemala: $12,000
- La Annunziata, Guatemala: $20,000
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- Sacred Heart Novi, El Salvador: $2,500
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- Tegucigalpa, Honduras: $138,114
- Tegucigalpa, Honduras: $72,000
- Santo Domingo: $13,600
- $4,135,414

South America

- Bogota Columbia & Banco mercantil, Venezuela: $4,700
- Patts, Colombia: $20,000
- Patts, Colombia: $12,000
- Bogota, Colombia: $95,100
- Bonfim, Venezuela: $71,225
- Portoviejo, Ecuador: $22,500
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: $50,000
- Cegre, Bolivia: $15,000
- Taretal, Chile, Argentina: $12,500
- Balcarce, Argentina: $10,000
- Aeronautica del Mar del Plata, Argentina: $25,000
- Sao Paulo, Brazil: $25,000
- Sao Paulo, Brazil: $22,500
- $1,372,825

Total Project Amount: $9,935,886
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