

The first question Rotarians often ask themselves once they decide to participate in international service is "Where do I start?" Your club may wish to implement a new project or choose to support an existing project. Either way, careful planning leads to effective projects. RI and The Rotary Foundation have the resources you need.

## For more information

### International Service Programs

Contact RI's International Service Programs section to get answers to questions, request any of the publications or forms mentioned in this brochure, or publicize an upcoming event such as a projects fair.

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### The Rotary Foundation

Contact The Rotary Foundation's Contact Center with questions about Rotary Foundation programs.

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### International Service Update

Subscribe to the International Service Update and receive bimonthly World Community Service, Rotary Volunteers, Rotary Community Corps, and disaster relief news. You can sign up online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or send an e-mail to [international.service@rotary.org](mailto:international.service@rotary.org).

# International Service Projects



Global issues such as literacy, hunger, malaria, HIV/AIDS, and access to clean water affect us all. Rotarians understand this, and with over 32,000 Rotary clubs worldwide, Rotarians are leading the way in their communities to find solutions to global concerns. You can help too by becoming involved in an international service project.



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**International Service is one of  
Rotary's Avenues of Service, which form  
the foundation of club activity.**



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## How to choose a project

Consider what resources your club has available to plan or assist a project. Perhaps your club has members who can lend their professional and technical skills to a project. Or perhaps your club excels at fundraising and would like to raise funds to financially support an international project.

To decide what type of project to plan or support, consider consulting *A Menu of Service Opportunities* (605-EN), which outlines nine key issues of global concern.

Consider a project that addresses one of the emphases chosen by the Rotary International president. You might then seek advice from the presidential resource group appointed to assist Rotarians in addressing these concerns worldwide.

Encourage your club to attend an international projects fair to learn about projects and participate in site visits. These fairs offer the opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians and experience their service projects firsthand.



## Develop a plan

If you're planning a project from scratch, review *Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects* (605-EN) and *Community Assessment Tools* (at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) to help you plan, implement, and evaluate effective service projects.

Find additional resources and expert advice through a Rotarian Action Group, listed at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

# Making it happen

Consult with Rotarians you meet through Group Study Exchange and Rotary Friendship Exchange to identify opportunities for an international project. If your district is sponsoring Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars, ask them about potential projects in the country where they are studying.

Visit the RI Web site for advice on partnering with other organizations that specialize in the type of project you wish to implement.

Find out how RI's International Service programs can assist you. *The Rotary Volunteers Handbook* (263-EN) and the *World Community Service Handbook* (742-EN) are available from the download library at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Learn how the Humanitarian Grants Program can help fund your project at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

## Getting your club and community involved

Organize local community members by forming a Rotary Community Corps. RCCs are teams of non-Rotarian men and women who work with their sponsoring Rotary club to implement local service projects.

Consider partnering with other Rotary clubs. This is a great way to meet fellow Rotarians in your area and expand the financial and professional resources available for a project.

## How will your project change the world?

## Finding a project partner or volunteer

Once you've planned your project, you may need additional support in the form of funding, donated goods, or professional or vocational expertise. Whether you're seeking a project to support or assistance for your own project, we have the resources you need.



## ProjectLINK

This searchable database lists more than 350 Rotary club and district community service projects in need of funding, volunteers, donated goods, and partners for a Matching Grant. It also features completed projects that can be used as examples of best practices. Rotarians can search for projects by country, project type, requirements, project status (completed or in need of assistance), or keyword. ProjectLINK is available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

## Rotary Volunteers Database

Offer your professional or technical skills by registering as a Rotary Volunteer, and be listed in the Rotary Volunteers Database. You may also use this database to search for volunteers to help out on your project.

## Humanitarian Grants Program of The Rotary Foundation

Download application forms for funding at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

