



Rotary Club of Sonarpur

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Global grant provides clean water for Turkish schools, builds Rotary awareness

By Dan Nixon , Rotary News -- 9 January 2013

Turkish Rotarians have provided 2,500 students in four schools in Adana, Turkey, with new toilets and clean water facilities through a water and sanitation project supported by a Rotary Foundation global grant.

The project, sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Adana-Cukurova, Turkey, and Frutal, Minas Gerais, Brazil, demonstrates how Rotary's new grant model can enable Rotarians to reach more people in need and make a larger and more lasting impact by involving the community, having a measurable outcome, and building in sustainability.

The effort also shows how the grant model can be used to increase the public's awareness of Rotary. The Turkish club sponsored concerts by a chorus of Rotarians and Rotaractors in Istanbul and Adana, and arranged newspaper and television coverage, which helped raise funds for the project and publicize Rotary's role.

Assessing local needs: The Turkish Rotarians began conducting a needs assessment in January 2011 to come up with a project that improved health and hygiene at local schools. The club is in District 2430, part of the Future Vision pilot, which is testing the Rotary Foundation's new grant model in advance of it being applied to all districts in July 2013.

After determining the shape of their project, the Rotarians sought an international sponsor, and discovered through RI's LinkedIn group that District 4770, also in the pilot, was looking for a partner for a global grant project with a focus on health.

The two districts stayed in contact through the Future Vision LinkedIn group, and later submitted a global grant application, with the Frutal club serving as international partner. The project addressed two of Rotary's areas of focus: water and sanitation and disease prevention and treatment.

Implementing the project: In July 2011, after the grant's approval, members of the Turkish club renovated bathrooms in the four schools, providing new toilets, wash basins, floor and wall tiles, electrical wiring, and other improvements. Project funding included US\$12,500 from the District Designated Funds of the two districts, \$7,100 in cash donations, and a \$16,050 global grant from the Foundation.

Four months later, club members, including two doctors, joined Rotarians from another club in training teams of teachers, administrators, and parents at each school how to instruct the students in good hygiene practice to prevent diseases like diarrhea, Guinea worm, and hepatitis. The teams were charged with monitoring the students' progress.

Ensuring sustainability: To make sure the project continues to have an impact after its May 2012 conclusion; Rotarians posted colorfully

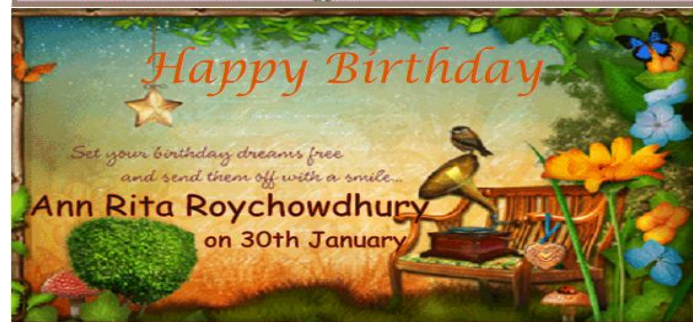


illustrated signs on bathroom walls to remind the students about good practices, such as washing their hands, flushing toilets, and turning off the faucets to save water. Rotarians also organized an art and essay contest, with prizes, to keep the students focused on good hygiene and disease prevention. The contest is now part of an annual school event called Hygiene Day.

"We decided that sustainability can be achieved by putting hygiene into [the students' daily lives] and not just by teacher trainers' warnings," said Adana-Cukurova club member Tugrul Yegenaga in the final report for the global grant. The report also notes that when the students

eventually become parents, they will pass on what they've learned to their children.

Measuring outcome: To measure the project's impact, the Rotarians who trained the parent/teacher/administrator teams visited the schools every month to observe how the teams were performing. They visited each school six times to assess student hygiene habits. Rotarians also determined that soap use had increased 300 percent in 2011 compared to the previous year.



Club Programme

4th-10th Feb.2013: Little heart surgery of Syd. Sarifuddin at Mission Hospital, Durgapur.

We meet every Friday, 7.30pm at Hotel Park Palace, 49/2, Gariahat Road, Kolkata 700019

Did You Know?



The longest car in the world is better equipped than many Hollywood mansions, including luxuries like a large Jacuzzi tub, a sun deck, a helipad, a swimming pool (with a diving board of course), a king sized bed and a satellite dish, just to name a few. While the limo isn't actually street legal, it is mainly hired out for exhibitions and to be used in movies

Minutes

Meeting no 1173

Dated 18.01.2013

In the absence of President, Rtn. Rana Safui, PP Rtn. Sarbendu Dutta called meeting no. 1172 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Samir Ray.

PP Rtn. Sarbendu Dutta welcomed Rotaract representatives to our meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- Rtn. Santanu Ghosh briefed the members present about 'Prashanti', Distict Conference 2012-2013.
- Members of Rotract Club of Suncity requested for advertisements for the 40th Rotract District Conference scheduled to be held on 25th January 2013 and invited members of our club to visit the same.
- Members discussed the locus standi of our club as regards to the Little heart surgery of Syd. Sarifuddin. Treasurer Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta informed members about availability of sufficient fund for depositing Club's contribution in the District office.

PP Rtn. Sarbendu Dutta handed over the business to officiating Secretary Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta, who announced the receipt of bulletins from neighboring clubs, and upcoming District events. Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta handed back the meeting to the PP Rtn. Sarbendu Dutta.

Having no other business, PP Rtn. Sarbendu Dutta terminated the meeting.

Members Present: 7

Sunshine Collected : Rs. 140/-

Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

- Is it the TRUTH ?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
- Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIP ?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned ?

Thought of the day

Family
like branches on a tree,
we all grow in different
directions yet our roots remain as one



Australian Rotarians, Rotarians & Interactors gather outside Parliament House in Canberra in support of the global effort to eradicate Polio

A who recieved surgery through Rotaplast in Chittagong, Bangladesh



District grant projects meet multiple needs in India

By Dan Nixon, Rotary News -- 24 January 2013

Rotarians in Maharashtra, India, used a 2011-12 district grant to meet a range of community needs, from providing families with clean water to equipping homes with solar energy.

"District leaders considered projects that came under (Rotary's) six areas of focus," says Rahul Timbadia, past governor of District 3140. "Geographical areas were identified, for example, where there was no electricity or water, which could then be (addressed) by clubs and thus impact the community." District grants aren't required to fund projects in the areas of focus but can be used to sponsor a wide range of activities locally and abroad.

In soliciting project proposals from its clubs, District 3140's leaders gave priority to clubs that didn't participate in 2010-11, the first year of the Future Vision pilot.

"The overall impact of the district grant on the quality of life in the communities served can be described as very significant," says Timbadia. "Since the district awarded grant funds to 45 clubs, the impact was certainly widespread."

Clean water projects, for example, benefited 15 villages in Maharashtra state, with small dams, rainwater harvesting, bore wells, and water purifiers. Among these efforts, the Rotary Club of Bombay West constructed dams to serve two villages highly prone to drought.

"In an area of water scarcity and unpredictable monsoons leading to failure of crops, this (project) has impacted the community in a very meaningful way by harvesting (significant) quantities of water," says Timbadia.

District grant-funded projects brought solar-powered lighting to homes and streets in more than 15 villages.

Other efforts included establishment of a human-milk bank at a hospital serving the poor, diagnosis and treatment of children suffering from malnutrition, provision of a kidney dialysis machine and other medical equipment, vocational training for youth and adults, construction of toilet blocks, and funding for a vocational exchange team to study in Austria.

The grant also funded diagnostic aids for a school for hearing-impaired students near Mumbai. The facility, which provides education from preschool through high school, receives ongoing support from the Rotary Club of Mumbai Queen's Necklace.

The club's support "has instilled renewed enthusiasm in the children, who are keen to learn new activities," says school principal Lata Nayak. "We are very grateful for (the Rotarians') generous and kind encouragement."

And Timbadia notes that "upgrade of the school through the grant has also generated great publicity for Rotary in the area."

Health Corner

Drinking Water

At the Correct Time Maximizes its Effectiveness On The Human Body



***2 Glasses Of Water After Waking Up**
- Helps Activate Internal Organs

***1 Glass of Water 30 Minutes Before a Meal**
- Helps Digestion

***1 Glass of Water Before taking a bath/shower**
- helps Lower Blood Pressure

***1 Glass of water before Going to Bed**
- Avoids Stroke or Heart Attack

Happy Drinking (H2O)!!

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CLUBS

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ROTARIANS

196



COUNTRIES

This is your planet



go green!