

# Farm Project to Provide Sustainability for Orphanages in Uganda

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The club is anxiously waiting for final approval from The Rotary Foundation for another exciting humanitarian project grant application. With the approval, the club will be able to make a profound difference for hundreds of severely disabled orphaned children in Uganda.

The second major humanitarian project that the club will finance this year involves a plan to enable the Missionaries of the Poor (MOP) in Kampala, Uganda, to focus on making two orphanages self-sufficient for their food requirements. This Mityana Farm Project will provide MOP with security, improved irrigation and a tractor for their seven acre farm that is dedicated to providing food for the Good Shepherd Home and Bethlehem Home orphanages. With these improvements, production is expected to increase. It is also expected that excess food production will enable MOP to sell their products to provide them with funds to purchase food not available from their farm.



This sustainable project falls within one of the six areas of focus on The Rotary Foundation. By focusing on economic and community development, the project will build capacity among entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations and community networks to support economic development in an improvised community, develop opportunities for productive work, reduce poverty, and enable further needs assessment in relation to basic education and literacy and maternal and child health.



The project will be implemented by a partnership involving the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise, the Rotary Club of Kampala Sunrise, and the Missionaries of the Poor in Kampala. The project valued at \$US25,124 will be implemented during the 2014-15 Rotary year. It will be financed by the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise (\$US11,062), the Rotary Club of Kampala Sunrise (\$US3,000) and Rotary International District 5060 (\$US11,062).

Club member Pat McAllister, with assistance from club member Dieter Howald and selected members of the Kampala club, has been very instrumental in developing the project and preparing the necessary grant applications.