



## **Rotary Club of Point West – Sacramento**

### **International Grants Committee**

### **Mission Statement and Background**

The International Grants Committee (IGC) is the global giving arm of the Rotary Club of Point West – Sacramento. The IGC supports projects that adhere to Rotary’s seven Areas of Focus: Promoting Peace; Fighting Disease; Providing Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; Saving Mothers and Children; Supporting Education and Growing Local Economies; and Supporting the Environment.

The IGC budget, allocated each year by the Club’s President and funded by the Club’s Foundation, is used to support projects that primarily benefit children. The World Fund matching system, through Rotary International, multiplies our contribution to a project several times over. The intense vetting process we use ensures our committee meets its fiduciary obligations to The Rotary Foundation.

That being said, the IGC also supports direct grants for international projects from time to time. In such cases, and after thorough vetting by the IGC, final project approval rests with the Club’s Board as well as the Club’s Foundation Board with respect to fiduciary compliance.

Whether a project falls under the rubric of a global grant or not, it is vital to the success of any project that appropriate oversight is ensured. The IGC works in a capacity such that it is physically removed from the projects it supports, and as such, the committee greatly values the personal relationships it has developed with project partners.

In some instances, those relationships have led to subsequent successful projects. Similarly, we welcome project suggestions from club members. There are usually a result of a close connection to the cause and, many times, meet our comprehensive oversight requirement.

IGC Committee members recognize the enhanced value of the US dollar overseas. Since being chartered in 1985, Point West Rotary has supported multiple early education programs, anti-violence programs, water provision and purifications systems, sanitation and hygiene systems, and, most recently, COVID-19 aid relief. The IGC strives to present its activities to club members in a regular and timely manner and welcomes partnerships on a District and International level.

For information regarding committee work or a possible partnership, please contact the current IGC chair, Mike Cendro, at [mtcendro@gmail.com](mailto:mtcendro@gmail.com).