

Basic Information

Grant title

Mobile Surgical Unit Modernization

Type of Project

Humanitarian Project

Address community needs and produce sustainable, measurable outcomes

Primary Contacts

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Committee Members

Host committee

Name	Club	District	Role
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International committee

Name	Club	District	Role
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Do any of these committee members have potential conflicts of interest?

A conflict of interest occurs when someone is in a position to make or influence a decision about a grant or award that could benefit them, their family, their business, or an entity in which they serve in a paid or voluntary leadership or advisory position.

For each Rotary member who serves on the grant committee, list all relationships that the member has with any scholarship recipients, cooperating organizations, project vendors, or other individuals or organizations that will benefit from the grant.

None

Next, list all relationships that district officers and other members of the sponsor clubs or districts (other than the members of the grant committee) have with any award recipients, cooperating organizations, project vendors, or other individuals or organizations that would benefit from the grant.

None

Project Overview

Tell us a little about your project. What are the main objectives of the project, and who will benefit from it?

The project is the updating of operating room equipment for an existing innovative Mobile Surgical Unit that has brought life changing surgical and medical care to remote communities across Ecuador for over 30 years. The Cupertino, California Rotary Club and the Tomebamba Rotary Club of Cuenca, Ecuador are partnering with Cinterandes, the nonprofit in Cuenca, Ecuador that runs the mobile operating room.

Volunteer surgeons work with local and foreign medical students providing healthcare in the community. Every year, the surgical missions change the lives for more than 350 vulnerable children, women and men.

The equipment ranges from 20 to 50 years old. Even though the equipment has arrived at the end of its operating life cycle, the Cinterandes team struggles to keep it functional so they can serve the most people.

By having new and updated equipment for the Mobile Surgical Unit, Cinterandes will be able to provide safer, more efficient and improved care to its patients. The new equipment will give its healthcare providers the tools needed to confidently deliver services with the highest standard of care.

For example, having updated lighting in the operating room will improve the surgeons' capabilities for access into the abdominal cavity that has been difficult with the old and dimming light. A new operating table will allow the surgeons to place the patients into needed positions to expose specific structures and make operating easier and safer. Currently, when the surgeons perform gallbladder surgery, for example, the old table does not perform certain movements to provide the best exposure. The table doesn't rotate left or right. Below is a detailed explanation of the equipment that this grant will replace:

OPERATING ROOM TABLE

The current table is close to 50 years old. It has undergone several repairs of the electrical and hydraulic systems. There is significant wear and tear of the metallic structure and the cushions. Additionally, it has limited mobility and freedom of motion. Cinterandes has been asked by the regulating body of Ecuador to update the table to provide safer surgery. Having a new table that would allow the surgeons to place patients in specific positions to facilitate operations will be a game changer. Clear examples are for gallbladder surgery and tubal ligations. It makes surgery safer and easier for the surgeon.

DEFIBRILLATOR IN OR

The defibrillator is approximately 25 years old. There is significant deterioration of the battery system and some of the electronic parts have been difficult to repair. Not having an up to date defibrillator is not an option. This essential equipment must be present in any operating room to guarantee patient safety. The regulating bodies in Ecuador have also asked Cinterandes to replace the defibrillator to offer safer surgery for their patients.

VITAL SIGNS MONITOR

The monitors are approximately 20 years old. This tool is essential to ensure patient safety prior to any procedure, during operations and immediately after surgery. The current monitor is a portable unit and will be used postoperatively for recovery outside of the Mobile Surgical Unit. This will allow the team to free up the operating room in order to get ready for the next case. Challenges with these monitors include aging battery packs and lack of CO2 monitoring.

ELECTROSURGICAL UNIT (cautery)

The current electrosurgical units (2) are 3rd hand used and older units. Unfortunately, they have failed multiple times during some of the surgical missions and require continuous multiple repairs and adjustments. This has been a challenge for Cinterandes as they have had to cancel more complex cases and sometimes performed smaller simpler cases without it, not without difficulty. An electrosurgical unit is an essential component for patient safety of any operating room that allows for controlling bleeding and avoiding postoperative bleeding complications.

PORTABLE ANESTHESIA MACHINE

The current anesthesia machine is 25 years old and a very basic model. Some challenges with it include: limited functions, difficulty with parts and labor when it fails and needs repair, and not allowing surgeons to perform more advanced functions. Additionally, due to its extended use, it has frequent anesthetic leaks that have been repaired several times. It does not have a ventilator, which is a necessity in a modern operating room, and it represents a challenge for the anesthesiologist when some of the surgical procedures take over two hours.

STERILIZER

Currently Cinterandes has a small sterilizer machine approximately 8-years old and in relatively good condition. However, as it is small in size, it only allows staff to sterilize small surgical packets and does not allow them to sterilize operating room gowns and drapes for the sterile field. Cinterandes does not have a larger sterilizer for bigger surgical equipment, packages, gowns, or drapes, which complicates things when they need to get ready for a surgical mission away from the university grounds. Cinterandes depends on the goodwill of a few different institutions to provide this service. It has become an increasing challenge to get all of their equipment sterilized and ready for surgical missions and same day surgery at the University of Azuay. Having their own sterilizer will allow them to be independent and sterilize and prepare their equipment at their own site in their headquarters. This will help them save time, improve efficiency and avoid any unnecessary delays

TWO 30 DEGREES LAPAROSCOPES

These two laparoscopes are essential equipment for the laparoscopic surgery program, providing minimally invasive procedures, including gallbladder surgery and tubal ligations. Occasionally other minimally invasive surgery like laparoscopic hernia repairs are performed.

Cinterandes has had instances in the recent past where they had to cancel laparoscopic surgery due to damage in scopes due to their age of over 20 years. The scopes have sustained significant wear and tear and are not safe for surgery. Of the three that they have, only one is adequate for safe surgery. Having two additional ones will allow them to perform multiple operations in the same day as they wait for sterilization of the ones used.

OTHER LAPAROSCOPIC SUPPLIES: trocars and clips

These laparoscopic supplies are essential for being able to complete both gallbladder surgery and tubal ligations. The trocars are laparoscopic supplies that are disposable, high cost and allow the surgeons to place their instruments and camera through them into the abdominal cavity to perform laparoscopic surgery.

The clips are single use supplies necessary for both gallbladder surgery and tubal ligations. These clips are made of polymer and stay in the patient to allow surgeons to perform these procedures safely. Without them, they could not offer either of these surgeries.

Having updated monitors, electrocautery units and a defibrillator will ensure patient safety throughout the perioperative period.

As described above, the new equipment is essential not only for the mobile operating room's survival but critical for the patients' safety.

Below more detailed information about CINTERANDES and the project is presented:

- Number of Surgeries Performed Annually and Most Common Types

In the mobile surgery program of the CINTERANDES Foundation, approximately 260 surgeries are performed each year. The most common procedures in general surgery include laparoscopic cholecystectomy (gallbladder removal), herniorrhaphies and abdominal hernioplasties, as well as excision of superficial tumors.

In pediatric surgery, common procedures include circumcisions and orchidopexies, among others. These surgeries help address common pathologies that significantly affect the quality of life of patients and, if not treated in time, could lead to severe complications.

Additionally, the program includes family planning procedures, such as laparoscopic tubal ligation and vasectomy.

- Structure of the Medical Staff of the Mobile Surgical Unit

The mobile surgical unit team consists of a surgeon, an anesthesiologist, a surgical assistant (medical resident), and medical students, all of whom are volunteers. Additionally, we have a permanent team of three people who perform various roles: a general physician, a nursing assistant, and a driver. During surgical missions, specialists in urology, internal medicine, gynecology, and pediatric surgery also volunteer. Furthermore, the administrative team includes two people in administrative management and an external accountant.

Our volunteer medical staff consists of several surgeons, anesthesiologists, internists, residents, and others, who rotate in different surgical missions.

- Mission Planning

Surgical missions are planned at least six months in advance, in coordination with community leaders from rural areas, medical staff from local health centers, and various public or private institutions. They are carried out once a month and last for five days. During each mission, the mobile operating room is transported to the community, where it is set up for the surgical days. Once the preoperative phase is completed, the surgical schedule for the elective procedures is immediately organized for the following days. Simultaneously, outpatient consultations are provided in specialties such as internal medicine, urology, gynecology, and general medicine.

- Patient Evaluation and Postoperative Follow-up

CINTERANDES has protocols and strategies specifically designed for mobile surgery, which are constantly updated to ensure patient safety throughout the continuum of care. A thorough preoperative assessment is conducted to evaluate the medical condition of each patient, allowing for an accurate diagnosis of the surgical pathology, comorbidities, and identify potential surgical and anesthetic risks.

Immediate postoperative care is provided in a suitable space for patient recovery at the missions' site.

Additionally, follow-up evaluations are conducted one week, one month, six months, and one year after surgery, through our telemedicine program or in person when missions take place near our headquarters in Cuenca.

- Schedule of Surgical Missions

The schedule of surgical missions carried out in the last two years is presented below: 2023 and 2024; in 2024 the service resumed with the repaired mobile operating room.

SURGICAL MISSIONS SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

YEAR 2023

MONTH DATE PROVINCE LOCALITY

September 25 to 28 Santa Elena Manglaralto

October 23 to 26 Manabí Jipijapa

November 20 to 23 Santa Elena Manglaralto

December 11 to 14 Los Ríos Ventanas

YEAR 2024

February 19 to 22 Santa Elena Manglaralto

March 18 to 21 Cotopaxi La Maná

April 8 to 11 Tungurahua Baños De Agua Santa

May 20 to 23 Santa Elena Manglaralto

June 24 to 27 Bolívar San Miguel

July 22 to 25 Morona Santiago Bomboiza

August VACATION PERIOD

September 23 to 26 Santa Elena Manglaralto

October 14 to 17 Pastaza Santa Clara

November 18 to 21 Tungurahua Patate

- Operational Cost of the Mobile Surgical Unit

The approximate monthly operational cost of the surgical missions we carry out is \$3,500, excluding salaries for the permanent medical staff. This amount covers expenses such as medical supplies and medications, operating room sterilization, travel expenses for the staff, maintenance of equipment, and maintenance of the mobile operating room.

It is important to note that this cost is not very high due to the donations of medications and supplies we receive, as well as the donation of fuel for the mobile operating room. Additionally, we receive significant support from the University of Cuenca, which provides transportation for our medical team, and the University of Azuay, which provides the facilities where CINTERANDES headquarters operates.

Additionally, in some missions, we receive support from the local communities for the accommodation and meals of the staff.

- Participation of Members of the Rotary Clubs in the Management of CINTERANDES

Dr. Fernando Córdoba – Volunteer Pediatric Surgeon. – Tomebamba Rotary Club

- Results and Impact of the Project

Expected Increase in the Number and Complexity of Surgeries

The renewal of medical equipment is expected to increase the number of surgeries performed by 5-10%, reducing the likelihood of cancellations due to equipment failures.

By having new and updated equipment for our Mobile Surgical Unit, we will be able to provide safer, more efficient, and improved care to our patients. This will equip our healthcare providers with the necessary tools to confidently deliver services with the required standard of care.

- Reduction in Maintenance and Repair Costs of Equipment

The medical equipment we currently use has an extended lifespan, with some having been in operation for over 30 years, which requires constant emergency repairs. The acquisition of new equipment would eliminate these repair costs, leaving only minor maintenance expenses.

- Impact on Mortality and Morbidity

The renewal of medical equipment for our mobile operating room will ensure even safer procedures, both in the surgical and anesthetic fields. Although our mortality rate is 0% after nearly 10,000 surgeries performed over 30 years of service, having updated technology will further strengthen these indicators.

Additionally, having a suitable sterilizer will optimize operations and further reduce the risk of postoperative infections and other associated morbidities.

- Increase in the Participation of Medical Students

By preventing the cancellation of scheduled surgical missions or the inability to perform certain procedures due to equipment failures, Cinterandes will be able to ensure the continuity of the internship program for foreign students. These surgical missions, considered the highlight of their experience, not only strengthen their training but also ensure the continuous provision of medical services to the communities we visit.

Areas of Focus

Which area of focus will this project support?

Disease prevention and treatment

Measuring Success

Disease prevention and treatment

Which goals of this area of focus will your project support?

Strengthening health care systems;

How will you measure your project's impact? Find tips and information on how to measure results in [the Global Grant Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Supplement](#). You need to include at least one standardized measure from the drop-down menu as part of your application.

Measure	Collection Method	Frequency	Beneficiaries
Increment in number of Surgical Procedures performed	Grant records and reports	Every year	20-49
Number of Surgical Procedures performed per year	Grant records and reports	Every year	100-499
Number of individuals reporting better quality of health care services	Grant records and reports	Every year	100-499
Satisfaction with the functionality of surgical equipment and medical instruments.	Surveys/questionnaires	Every three months	50-99
Elimination of external dependency for sterilization. No. of procedures used internal sterilization	Grant records and reports	Every three months	50-99

Do you know who will collect information for monitoring and evaluation?

Yes

Name of Individual or Organization

CINTERANDES - Dr. Blasco Guzhnay (Cinterandes physician and research coordinator)
bguzhnay@cinterandes.org Carolina Donoso (Cinterandes Development Director and Student Program Coordinator) cdonoso@cinterandes.org

Briefly explain why this person or organization is qualified for this task.

CINTERANDES <https://www.cinterandes.org/>

For three decades, CINTERANDES has traveled across Ecuador, reaching the most remote areas to provide essential medical and surgical care to those without access to these services. This incredible journey has not only saved lives but also transformed communities, bringing hope and a brighter future to those who need it the most. This impact has been made possible by the unwavering commitment and hard work of our volunteer medical team and the generous donations.

Dr Guzhnay and Carolina have the experience and are currently in charge of the day to day operations. CINTERANDES was founded in 1990 and has over 30 years of experience in providing surgical care to underserved populations in Ecuador. This organization has been recognized by the Ministry of Public Health (MSP) and various national and international bodies for its dedication and excellence in delivering mobile surgical services to remote and vulnerable communities.

CINTERANDES is supported by an interdisciplinary team composed of professionals from various health fields, and is highly qualified to carry out the evaluation and monitoring of the project. This team includes doctors, nurses, psychologists, and social workers, all with extensive experience in mobile surgical care and the management of health projects.

Team Capabilities: Professional Experience: The interdisciplinary team at CINTERANDES has extensive knowledge and experience in implementing and managing health programs, specifically in mobile surgical care.

Official Recognition: The organization and its team have been recognized by government entities such as the MSP and international organizations, validating their competence and commitment to quality healthcare.

Infrastructure and Resources: CINTERANDES has the necessary infrastructure through its own mobile surgical units and adequate resources to conduct continuous monitoring and effective evaluation of the project's impact, ensuring the collection of accurate and reliable data.

Evaluation and Monitoring Process: The CINTERANDES team will use structured methods for information collection, such as medical records, beneficiary surveys, and periodic evaluations of the implemented programs. The frequency of data collection varies according to the specific indicators of each goal, as detailed in the previous tables.

The experience and organizational structure of CINTERANDES, combined with the commitment and capability of its interdisciplinary team, ensure that the evaluation and monitoring of the project will be conducted effectively, ensuring that the established objectives are achieved and the positive impact on the beneficiaries is maximized.

CVs are uploaded in the supporting documents section.

Location and Dates

Humanitarian Project

Where will your project take place?**City or town**

Cuenca

Country

Ecuador

Province or state

Azuay

When will your project take place?

2025-06-01 to 2026-06-01

Participants

Partners (Optional)

List any other partners that will participate in this project.

Rotarian Participants

Describe the roles and responsibilities that the host and international sponsors will have in this project. Please be specific. Which sponsor will receive and manage the grant funds?

Local Sponsor: Rotary Club Tomebamba

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Project Execution: The Rotary Club Tomebamba will be responsible for the implementation and execution of the project. This includes planning, coordination, and supervision of all project-related activities.
- Funds Management: The Rotary Club Tomebamba will receive and manage the grant funds. To ensure transparency and proper financial management, a separate bank account will be opened specifically for the project funds. All financial transactions related to the project will be conducted through this account, ensuring clear and accurate control of the resources.
- Coordination with CINTERANDES Foundation: The Rotary Club Tomebamba will work closely with the CINTERANDES Foundation to ensure that all project needs and objectives are adequately addressed. This includes equipment acquisition, organization of training sessions, and monitoring of project activities' implementation.
- Monitoring and Reporting: The Rotary Club Tomebamba will monitor the project's progress and prepare regular reports on the progress and results obtained. These reports will be shared with all stakeholders, including the Rotary Club of Cupertino and the project beneficiaries.
- Oversight of specs and quotes of equipment and vender selection.

International Sponsor: Rotary Club of Cupertino

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Project Oversight: The Rotary Club of Cupertino will oversee the project. This includes the periodic review of financial and progress reports submitted by the Rotary Club Tomebamba, ensuring that the grant funds are used appropriately and efficiently.
- Technical and Administrative Advisory: The Rotary Club of Cupertino will provide technical and administrative guidance on all project components. This includes guidance on the acquisition of medical equipment, implementation of training sessions, and long-term sustainability strategies.
- Process and Results Review: Through scheduled visits and virtual meetings, the Rotary Club of Cupertino will review the implementation process and project results, ensuring that the established objectives are met, and the impact on the community is positive and lasting.

- Support in Fundraising: If necessary, the Rotary Club of Cupertino will also support in fundraising efforts and identify financing opportunities that support the grant.

In summary, the Rotary Club Tomebamba will be responsible for the direct execution and funds management of the project, working in coordination with the CINTERANDES Foundation to ensure goal achievement. Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Cupertino will focus on oversight, technical and administrative advice, and support in additional fundraising, ensuring the project's proper implementation and sustainability.

Describe how the partnership between the host and international sponsors was formed. What agreement have the sponsors made toward ensuring that the project will be implemented successfully? How will they manage any challenges that arise throughout the project?

The collaboration between the local sponsor, Rotary Club Tomebamba, and the international sponsor, Rotary Club of Cupertino, was established through a shared commitment to humanitarian efforts and successful past partnerships. Notably, both clubs previously worked together on a project with the María Amor Foundation, which focused on supporting women affected by domestic violence. This past collaboration was successfully executed and completed, laying a strong foundation of trust and effective coordination between the clubs.

To ensure the current project’s success, both sponsors have reached an agreement that includes clear communication channels, defined roles, and shared responsibilities. Rotary Club Tomebamba will oversee local project management, logistics, and implementation, while Rotary Club of Cupertino will provide fiscal oversight, expertise, and guidance. Regular updates and progress reports will be shared between the clubs to maintain alignment and transparency.

To address any challenges that may arise during the project, both sponsors have committed to proactive problem-solving and joint decision-making. This approach includes leveraging the experience and resources of both clubs, as well as the active involvement of local partner organizations to ensure continuity and adaptability in response to potential obstacles.

Budget

What local currency are you using in your project's budget?

The currency you select should be what you use for a majority of the project's expenses.

Local Currency	U.S. dollar (USD) exchange rate	Currency Set On
USD	1	10/11/2024

What is the budget for this grant?

List each item in your project's budget. Remember that the project's total budget must equal its total funding, which will be calculated in step 9. Project budgets, including the World Fund match, must be at least 30,000 USD.

#	Category	Description	Supplier	Cost in USD	Cost in USD
1	Equipment	Electro-hydraulic Surgery Table	Corpoimpex	35937.5	35938
2	Equipment	Defibrillator for the OR	Corpoimpex	7043.75	7044
3	Equipment	Vital signs monitor	Corpoimpex	26207.06	26207
4	Equipment	Electrosurgical Unit ESU	Corpoimpex	27427.5	27428
5	Equipment	Portable Anesthesia Machine	Corpoimpex	15668.75	15669
6	Supplies	70 Hem-O-Lok Polymer Clips	Ecuasurgical	3737.62	3738
7	Equipment	Sterilizer	Recor	3225.75	3226
8	Supplies	60 Disposable Trocars, 11 mm, without blade & 60 Disposable Trocars, 11 mm, with blade	ALEM	9660	9660
9	Supplies	120 Disposable Laparoscopic Trocars, 5 mm, with Blade	ALEM	8970	8970
10	Equipment	2 Hopkings 30- Degree Panoramic Vision Optics	ALEM	18293.92	18294
11	Operations	2 - yearly maintenance for equipmente	Corpoimpex	1679	1679
12	Operations	Contingency fund	Contingency fund	5114	5114
Total budget:				162965	162967

Supporting Documents

- CT-030624--2.pdf
- FUNDACION_CINTERANDES_4_RECORD_DENTAL.pdf
- P_2024040606_signed.pdf
- Proforma_Nº_28143_FUNDACION_CINTERAANDES.pdf
- Rotary_WCS_Ecuador_GG_2572095_LP-220425FC-1.pdf

Funding

Tell us about the funding you've secured for your project. We'll use the information you enter here to calculate your maximum possible funding match from the World Fund.

#	Source	Details	Amount (USD)	Support*	Total
1	District Design ated Fund (DDF)	4400	2,000.00	0.00	2,000 .00
2	District Design ated Fund (DDF)	5170 Rotary	51,158.00	0.00	51,15 8.00
3	Cash from Club	Tomebamba-Cuenca [Rotary Club]	1,000.00	50.00	1,050 .00
4	District Design ated Fund (DDF)	7980	1,500.00	0.00	1,500 .00
5	District Design ated Fund (DDF)	6970	7,000.00	0.00	7,000 .00
6	District Design ated Fund (DDF)	7890	8,000.00	0.00	8,000 .00
7	District Design ated Fund (DDF)	5150	3,635.00	0.00	3,635 .00
8	District Design ated Fund (DDF)	5440	5,000.00	0.00	5,000 .00
9	Cash	5440	2,500.00	125.00	2,625

	from district				.00
10	District Designated Fund (DDF)	5910		7,800.00	0.00 7,800.00
11	District Designated Fund (DDF)	5580		2,500.00	0.00 2,500.00

*Whenever cash is contributed to the Foundation to help fund a global grant project, an additional 5 percent is applied to help cover the cost of processing these funds. Clubs and districts can receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for the additional expense.

How much World Fund money would you like to use on this project?

You may request up to 70,874.00 USD from the World Fund. 70874

Funding Summary

DDF contributions:	88,593.00
Cash contributions:	3,500.00
Financing subtotal (matched contributions + World Fund):	162,967.00
Total funding:	162,967.00
Total budget:	162,967.00

Sustainability

Humanitarian Projects

Project planning

Describe the community needs that your project will address.

The Cinterandes foundation is a non-profit organization that for nearly 3 decades has provided quality surgical care in 18 of the 24 provinces of Ecuador, conducting over 9,000 cases to date, in 118 communities with excellent results and very high patient satisfaction. The communities served lack adequate access to equitable surgical and anesthesia care. Many of the most common surgical treatable pathologies become neglected and impact the individual and community quality of life and productivity, many times impacting the ability to provide for their family’s well-being.

How did your project team identify these needs?

Cinterandes has a long-standing relationship with many of the communities visited throughout the years and, through previous community health assessments has been able to identify the surgical needs in conjunction with the local leaders. Cinterandes routinely conducts post-operative follow-ups to ensure appropriate patient care in coordination with local leaders and medical personnel.

How were members of the benefiting community involved in finding solutions?

Local leaders with key community stakeholders have reached out to Cinterandes and requested us to visit their communities, first to understand the surgical needs and then to provide surgical care.

How were community members involved in planning the project?

Local community leaders respond to direct requests from individuals in their communities or in coordination with local health authorities. Cinterandes then works with the local leaders to coordinate the timing for the surgical mission to occur.

Project implementation

Summarize each step of your project's implementation.

Do not include sensitive personal data, such as government ID numbers, religion, race, health information, etc. If you include personal data, you are responsible for informing those whose personal data is included that you are providing it to Rotary and that it will be processed in accordance with Rotary's [Privacy Policy](#).

#	Activity	Duration
1	Purchasing the replacement and new equipment needed	2- 6 months
2	Installation of equipment	1 month
3	Personnel Training	1-2 weeks
4	Monitoring and evaluating the project	6 months

Will you work in coordination with any related initiatives in the community?

Yes

Briefly describe the other initiatives and how they relate to this project.

We routinely work in coordination with community leaders, and additionally with local governments, local health ministry officials, and other institutions and non-profit organizations.

Please describe the training, community outreach, or educational programs this project will include.

During our mission trips, we conduct educational activities not only for the patients and their families, but also for the communities in the areas of daily routine healthcare and sanitation, aligned with the WHO's sustainable development goals.

How were these needs identified?

Our existing equipment is 30 years old and needs replacement. As well, outreach programs in the communities means we anticipate needing additional equipment that we do not currently have and we need to keep up to date.

What incentives (for example, monetary compensation, awards, certification, or publicity), will you use, if any, to encourage community members to participate in the project?

Cinterandes does not offer economic incentives. Our prior work and reputation, as well as the results obtained by our surgical interventions are well known in the communities and speak for the program.

List any community members or community groups that will oversee the continuation of the project after grant-funded activities conclude.

Cinterandes conducts its own quality improvement program regularly to ensure constant improvement of the services we provide. Additionally, the Ministry of Health conducts an annual supervision of our facility and equipment in order to ensure that we meet the national standards of care.

Budget

Will you purchase budget items from local vendors?

Yes

Explain the process you used to select vendors.

We have a previous relationship with the Company supplying the equipment and from a prior experience trust in their expertise and commitment. If we are successful with this grant, they have committed to donate two small pieces of equipment.

Did you use competitive bidding to select vendors?

Yes

Please provide an operations and maintenance plan for the equipment or materials you anticipate purchasing for this project. This plan should include who will operate and maintain the equipment and how they will be trained.

The training will be provided by the company from whom we acquire the equipment. This training will be provided to our main personnel and to the surgical and medical volunteers that will be using the equipment under the supervision of Cinterandes staff. The installation and maintenance of the equipment will be provided by the company that provides the equipment, with the first year free.

Describe how community members will maintain the equipment after grant-funded activities conclude. Will replacement parts be available?

Cinterandes in coordination with our provider will be maintaining the equipment.

If the grant will be used to purchase any equipment, will the equipment be culturally appropriate and conform to the community's technology standards?

Yes

Please explain.

Prior to acquisition we will ensure compliance with the standards imposed by the regulatory bodies of the Ministry of Health.

After the project is completed, who will own the items purchased by grant funds? No items may be owned by a Rotary district, club, or member.

The equipment acquired will become part of the Cinterandes Foundation and will continue to be used for the life of the Mobile Surgical Unit.

Funding

Does your project involve microcredit activities?

Have you found a local funding source to sustain project outcomes for the long term?

Yes

Please describe this funding source.

Cinterandes relies on donations to maintain its mission of providing access to medical and surgical procedures in underserved communities. Sources include private donors, foreign medical student contributions, industry corporation and institutional support, as well as service groups such as Tomebamba Rotary club and many volunteers.

Will any part of the project generate income for ongoing project funding? If yes, please explain.

N/A

Supporting Documents

- BLASCO_GUZHÑAY_CV_signed.pdf
- CINTERANDES_LETTER.pdf
- EDGAR_B_CV_June_2024_-_Copy_-_Copy.pdf
- Flyer_Cinterandes.docx
- photographs.docx

Authorizations

Authorizations & Legal Agreements

Legal agreement

Global Grant Agreement - to be authorized by the primary contacts and club presidents (or DRFC chairs if district-sponsored)

This Global Grant Agreement (Agreement) is entered into by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (TRF) and the grant sponsors (Sponsors). In consideration of receiving this Rotary Foundation Global Grant (Grant) from TRF, the Sponsors agree that:

1. All information contained in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate.
2. We have read the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants (Terms and Conditions) and will adhere to all policies therein.
3. The Sponsors shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Rotary International (RI) and TRF, including their respective directors, trustees, officers, committee members, employees, agents, associate foundations and representatives (collectively Rotary), from and against all claims, including but not limited to claims of subrogation, demands, actions, damages, losses, costs, liabilities, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and other legal expenses), awards, judgments, and fines asserted against or recovered from Rotary arising out of any act, conduct, omission, negligence, misconduct, or unlawful act (or act contrary to any applicable governmental order or regulation) resulting directly or indirectly from a Sponsor's and/or participant's involvement in grant-funded activities, including all travel related to the grant.
4. The failure of the parties to comply with the terms of this Agreement due to an act of God, strike, government regulation, war, fire, riot, civil unrest, hurricane, earthquake, or other natural disasters, acts of public enemies, curtailment of transportation facilities, political upheavals, civil disorders, outbreak of infectious disease or illness, acts of terrorism, or any similar cause beyond the control of the parties shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement. In such an event, the Agreement shall be deemed terminated and the Sponsors shall refund to TRF all unexpended global grant funds within 30 days of termination.
5. TRF's entire responsibility is expressly limited to payment of the total financing amount. TRF does not assume any further responsibility in connection with this grant.
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Primary contact authorizations

Global Grant Agreement - to be authorized by the primary contacts and club presidents (or DRFC chairs if district-sponsored)

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District Rotary Foundation chair authorization

I hereby certify that this global grant application is complete, meets all Foundation guidelines, is eligible for funding, and that the sponsoring club and/or district is qualified.

All Authorizations & Legal Agreements Summary

Primary contact authorizations

Name	Club	District	Status	
Javier Ordóñez	Tomebamba-Cuenca [Rotary Club]	4400	Authorized	Authorized on 10/05/2025
Marcia Elmer	Cupertino [Rotary Club]	5170	Authorized	Authorized on 10/05/2025

District Rotary Foundation chair authorization

Name	Club	District	Status	
Fressia Abad	Machala Moderno [Rotary Club]	4400	Authorized	Authorized on 16/05/2025
Savita Vaidhyathan	Cupertino [Rotary Club]	5170	Authorized	Authorized on 12/05/2025

DDF authorization

Name	Club	District	Status	
Daniel León Gándara	Tsachila de Santo Domingo [Rotary Club]	4400	Authorized	Authorized on 12/05/2025
Fressia Abad	Machala Moderno [Rotary Club]	4400	Authorized	Authorized on 16/05/2025
GF Duerig	Livermore Valley [Rotary Club]	5170	Authorized	Authorized on 11/05/2025
Savita Vaidhyanathan	Cupertino [Rotary Club]	5170	Authorized	Authorized on 12/05/2025
Robert Friend	Madison [Rotary Club]	7980	Authorized	Authorized on 12/05/2025
Ronald Webb	Woodbury-Southbury-Middlebury [Rotary Club]	7980	Authorized	Authorized on 15/05/2025
Mickey Ulmer	Flagler Beach [Rotary Club]	6970	Authorized	Authorized on 11/05/2025
Richard Turnbull	St. Augustine Beach [Rotary Club]	6970	Authorized	Authorized on 13/05/2025
Eileen Rau	West Hartford [Rotary Club]	7890	Authorized	Authorized on 10/05/2025
Vincent Marinaro	Pittsfield [Rotary Club]	7890	Authorized	Authorized on 11/05/2025
Gary Chow	South San Francisco [Rotary Club]	5150	Authorized	Authorized on 10/05/2025
Steven Wright	Pacifica [Rotary Club]	5150	Authorized	Authorized on 10/05/2025
Chris Woodruff	Greeley (Centennial)	5440	Authorized	Authorized on 11/05/2025

	[Rotary Club]			
Julie Johnson Haffner	Loveland [Rotary Club]	5440	Authorized	Authorized on 12/05/2025
Bobby Chapman	Texas [Rotary Club]	5910	Authorized	Authorized on 11/05/2025
Leon Willhite	Palestine [Rotary Club]	5910	Authorized	Authorized on 13/05/2025
Timothy LeClair	Fargo-Moorhead AM [Rotary Club]	5580	Authorized	Authorized on 12/05/2025
Kay Parries	Moorhead [Rotary Club]	5580	Authorized	Authorized on 12/05/2025

Legal agreement

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Mateo Estrella	Tomebamba- Cuenca [Rotary Club]	4400	Accepted	Accepted on 10/05/2025
Kathleen Yates	Cupertino [Rotary Club]	5170	Accepted	Accepted on 12/05/2025