

# THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



ROTARY DISTRICT 7030. ZONE 34

October 2019

## RI President Mark Maloney's Monthly Message



Rotary's long-term, sustained battle against polio has defined our organization for decades. We have a right to be proud of all that we have accomplished through the years. Our progress is real and noteworthy. In 1988, polio was endemic in 125 countries, with more than 350,000 new cases a year worldwide. Since then, Rotary and our Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners have reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99.9 percent, vaccinated more than 2.5 billion children against the virus, and prevented 18 million cases of paralysis. Over the years, Rotary has helped country after country move into the polio-free column. This includes India, which some considered impossible not long ago. Of the three types of poliovirus, type 2 has been eradicated and type 3 could soon be certified as eradicated. Nigeria has not reported a case of wild poliovirus in nearly three years. If this trend holds, we will be down to just one type of wild poliovirus in only one section of the world, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

There are major challenges in that region. But it is crucial that we remain optimistic. Look at all that we have accomplished so far. This is no time to get discouraged or to think that the task is impossible. We will end polio forever, but only if we remain steadfast and vigilant. World Polio Day is a time for Rotarians from all over the globe to come together, recognize the progress we have made in our fight against polio, and plan the action we must take to end polio forever. The key word is action, because we still have important work to do.

This year, we want to see as many Rotary clubs as possible holding World Polio Day events around the world. Need some ideas? How about organizing a viewing party for friends and club members to watch Rotary's Online Global Update? You could also dedicate a club meeting to World Polio Day or create a fundraising event. Remember, every dollar raised is matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Once you have created an event, register it at [endpolio.org/register-your-event](http://endpolio.org/register-your-event). Then promote it using the World Polio Day toolkit, available at [endpolio.org/world-polio-day](http://endpolio.org/world-polio-day).

Mark your calendar to tune in to Rotary's World Polio Day Online Global Update on 24 October. This year we will stream our program on Facebook in multiple time zones around the world. Visit the Rotary International Facebook page to RSVP to your region's program. And do not forget to follow the event on social media and share it with your network.

When we reach our goal, polio will become only the second human disease eradicated on the planet, and Rotary will receive international acclaim. But what matters most is the children who will never again have to face this terrible, disabling virus. Rotary must continue to connect the world in the effort toward polio eradication. It is up to us. Let us finish the job.

October 2019

Mark Daniel MALONEY, President, Rotary International

## October is Economic and Community Development Month

Rotary members train people to become resources for their community, offering networking activities, advice on new business development, and mathematics and financial management training. Why is Rotary involved in local economies? Well, here's some statistics to note:

\$9.2 mil

The amount The Rotary Foundation has spent to grow local economies and reduce poverty last year

795 mil

people — or 1 in 9 people in the world — do not have enough to eat

60%

of the world's hungry people are women and girls

70%

of the world's poorest people live in rural areas and depend on agriculture and related activities for their livelihood

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## District Governor's Monthly Message



In Rotary, October is observed as Economic and Community Development Month. During this month clubs are expected to focus on this subject, at their meetings, in their projects and/or in their public image campaigns.

Economic development is the process of transforming simple, low-income economies into advanced industrialised economies, or into modern, sophisticated and prosperous economies. This is of utmost importance to us in District 7030, as our countries are all categorized as emerging and developing economies. While, at the macro level, the economic development agenda is the domain of national Governments, it is important that all segments of the community are involved in, and contribute to, the process. It is the aggregation of each individual's output that translates to national product, so the increase in the numbers of persons gainfully employed, and the enhancement of individual productivity, lead to economic growth.

Community development is closely associated with economic development. It is defined by the United Nations as "a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems." It could be seen as the overall grassroots movement wherein community leaders, activists, NGOs and people, generally, take action to build their local communities and improve the lot of the citizenry. Civil society could therefore play a pivotal role in boosting economic activity in local communities, and by extension promoting national development.

Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians are encouraged to connect with other social partners to pursue sustainable development initiatives that promote social inclusion and the empowerment of the more vulnerable members of their communities, in an apolitical and non-partisan manner. Projects involving vocational skills training, literacy and educational activities, provision of tools and equipment, small/micro business development and support, and other employment creating activities, all contribute to this area of focus.

Also, during this month, on October, 24<sup>th</sup>, Rotary observes World Polio Day, with the theme – **'One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio'**. On this day, thousands of clubs across the globe will be united in a focus on this signature Rotary initiative, raising awareness of the fight to end polio, and of the remarkable progress made to date. I trust that all of the clubs in our District will join in this global experience, and host an event, whether it be a viewing party, a concert, a polio walk or ride, or whatever it may be, to observe this day and to raise funds for the continuation of the immunization and surveillance programs. While we are close to the end, the job is not yet over, and a greater push is necessary to take us over the finish line.

I also trust that you have, by now, registered your event, so that, in addition to your own publicity campaigns, it could be featured in RI's social media pages. Let us connect to raise awareness globally.

October 2019  
DG Trevor Blake, 7030

## Over US\$1 16,000 Pledged To Hurricane Dorian Relief Efforts – Report 2

At 16 October 2019, eighteen of the thirty-seven (37) clubs that pledged to contribute towards the fund have already wired funds totaling US\$ 59,532 to the relief fund. One of the twin clubs contributed US\$1000 to the cause as well.

Twenty of the clubs who have pledged a total of US\$55,577 are expected to wire their contributions shortly. Total amount expected from the district is US\$116,109.

**Let's get those pledged funds wired before the end of October 2019!**

## Go GLO 2019

Rotary Club of Paramaribo Residence On the 24th of August 2019, Rotary Club of Paramaribo Residence, in collaboration with Rotaract Club of F.R.E.S.H. successfully held their 18th annual Go GLO event. On this day students from primary schools throughout Suriname, who scored a total of more than 60 points for their final exam in 7 subjects, were awarded for their excellent school performance.

Go GLO is a project that started in 2002, and its objective is to motivate primary school students to do well in school by achieving excellent results in all subjects. With this the intention is also to increase the graduation rate from primary schools and to decrease the drop-out rate in primary schools. This project also promotes fellowship during the preparation phase and on the day of the event itself as fellows come together to make this a successful day. During the preparation phase our club visited the H.P.G. Latour School and held a motivational talk to motivate 6th graders to do well in school and the upcoming exams.

In 2018 this school delivered its first Go GLO graduate Erian Martosowewito. To reach students throughout the country, Go GLO was also promoted through the Rotary Club of Paramaribo Residence Facebook page and by the 25th of August Go GLO posts had reached more than 40,000 views. The Go GLO event started with an official award ceremony in TBL Cinemas. The Go GLO graduates, as they are called, received a certificate and a schoolbag with lots of gifts and goodies as a token of appreciation for their excellent performance. There were 124 Go GLO graduates this year compared to 118 in 2018.

Gaby Karijoikromo of the O.S. II NW. NICKERIE was the graduate with the highest total score of 67 points for 7 subjects. Gaby received in addition to the other gifts, a cheque amounting to SRD 2,500 from one of our sponsors. This year The Vrije School had the most graduates, 10 Go GLO graduates. The school received a cheque of SRD 3,500 to be spent on a school project. After the award ceremony, the students were taken to Fernandes Bakery for an educational tour at the bakery. Afterwards they went to the Go-Kart track premises for a fun and educational play day that was coordinated by our Rotaract Club of F.R.E.S.H. helped by Interact Club Triple T and Interact Club of Paramaribo CANW.

Throughout the day you could hear the motivational theme: "Ready Steady... Go GLO!". The funds for the Go GLO event were gathered through donations and sponsorships from the business community. The Go GLO event received a lot of attention through the media this year. Go GLO has become a well-known concept in society of which Rotary Club of Paramaribo Residence is very proud of and it can be said that Go GLO 2019 was a success!

## DG Visits in September ~ Grenada



Governor Trevor Blake paid his first official visit to Grenada 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2019. Grenada became the 9<sup>th</sup> official tour of his term in office, and the first in which he was accompanied by his partner-in-service Michele de la Coudray-Blake.

Following his arrival late evening Wednesday (September 18<sup>th</sup>), his first order of business on Thursday was project visits with the Rotary Club of Grenada, the first of which took him to Quarantine Point (Rotary Park), the last remaining bit of park land in the south of Grenada leased to the Rotary Club by the Government of Grenada for the creation of a public park. Next, he visited the Grenada School for Special Education, the campus of which was constructed in 1977 by the Rotary Club of Grenada with matching-grant funding in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Scarborough.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, the Governor and the “First Lady” of the District, accompanied by Assistant Governor Richard Strachan, met with Dr. Sonia Nixon, the Ministry of Health’s point person on fighting diabetes – one of the Governor’s district-wide platforms. Here they discussed the role that the Clubs in Grenada could play in a greater effort of education at the schooling age.

They later journeyed to Grenville where they held a pre-lunch meeting with the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Grenada East, chaired by PP Wilvorn Grainger in the absence of President Steve Horsford. In addition to discussing the usual Club projects and business, Mrs. Blake, whose background is in counselling, was also invited to speak on the Governor’s other platform, ‘Youth at Risk’.

Later that evening, an inter-city meeting of both Rotary Clubs in Grenada, jointly chaired by President Judy Mc Cutcheon and PP Leslie Ramdhanny, hosted the Governor and Mrs. Blake at cocktails, followed by dinner at the Spice Basket Pavilion. The Governor addressed both Clubs on the ideals of service. PP Kay Simon and PP Wilvorn Grainger presented the Governor and his partner-in-service with token gifts of Grenada.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, the Governor held a breakfast meeting with the Rotary Club of Grenada Board of Directors, chaired by President Judy to discuss their plans & projects, followed by a luncheon of Grenada’s national dish, “oil down” – a stew of corned (salt-cured) meats and vegetables in coconut milk and turmeric.

On Sunday morning, just prior to his planned departure, he unofficially met with Past President Hugh Dolland, who had been off island during the official activities. PP Hugh is probably best known in the District for the stirring speech he made to a standing ovation at the 2005 District Conference on Disaster Relief having served as President of Rotary Club of Grenada at the passing of Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Ironically, the Governor’s departure from Grenada was delayed by one day due to airport closure in anticipation of Storm Karen.

The Rotary Club of Grenada (Chartered 1968) has the distinction of having produced PDG Dr. Sir John Watts as the first Governor of the District. The Rotary Club of Grenada East (Chartered 1975) is where PDG David Edwards, a current RI official and advisor to the Governor, was made a Rotarian. The current serving District Chair for RF fundraising, PP Leslie Ramdhanny, is a Charter member of this Club.



DG Visits in September – St Vincent Clubs

The Rotary Clubs of St. Vincent and St. Vincent South; and the Rotaract Club of St. Vincent welcomed District Governor Trevor Blake to St. Vincent and the Grenadines on September 16 and 17, 2019, as part of his official visit to Rotary and Rotaract Clubs.

DG Trevor engaged with members of the Rotary family during his visit to SVG, discussing planned projects for the 2019-2020 Rotary year. He paid a courtesy call to Her Excellency Governor General Susan Dougan as well as the Minister of Health and Education. Included in his packed activities was a visit to the management and students of the School for Children with Special Needs, which the Rotary Club of St. Vincent built and continues to maintain with recent refurbishments of the school's roof and walls. He also visited the World Paediatric Project offices which provides free paediatric surgery for children in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and neighbouring islands. This project has been supported by the Rotary Club of St. Vincent South since inception. Our Rotary Clubs were also delighted to be able to celebrate DG Trevor's birthday with him on September 17th with a bottle of champagne and a gift basket.

For the 2019-2020 Rotary year, DG Trevor has asked our Clubs to focus on projects geared towards the prevention and management of Diabetes, and on Youth at Risk.



DG Trevor's Birthday Celebration



Governor General being pinned



Meeting with St Vincent South



## DG Visits in September – Trinidad Central Clubs



DG visited the Central cluster Clubs of Trinidad during the period 3rd - 7th September 2019. First, he visited the RC San Juan, which is an environmental club, at its usual meeting venue at the Emperor Valley Zoo in Port of Spain. Following his meeting with the Board, the DG visited the recycling of plastic project for this club at the Zoo and was appraised of their Zoo to You project done in collaboration with the Zoo where a petting zoo of various animals are brought to primary schools in Trinidad.



The DG also met with board members and rotaractors of Rotaract Club of Mt Hope, which is primarily medical students, at the RC San Juan meeting venue.

The DG next visited the RC of Chaguanas and met with board members at the Chaguanas Borough Building. This club also arranged for DG to meet with the Mayor of Chaguanas His Worship Mayor Boodhan where they had cordial talks for about 45 minutes about Central Trinidad and the close ties and relationship enjoyed with the Mayor and the RC Chaguanas. The mayor was pinned by DG with this year's theme pin.



DG then visited the RC of Felicity/Charlieville where he met with board members and rotaractors of the Rotaract Club of Felicity/Charlieville. He was given an overview of this club projects which included distribution of over 3,000 wheelchairs over the past 12 years. He also had a project visit of a homework centre at Durham Hindu School, which is managed by this club in conjunction with its Rotaractors, which assists with children in need of special attention. DG enjoyed a special skit and program which involved the children spearheaded by PP Nisha.



The RC of Maracas St Joseph also met with DG at their place of meeting at Valpark Chinese Restaurant where the club presented their goals and overview of projects one of which include the environmental project with the Maracas Waterfall. The club showcased its joint project at the Veritas House project which is a facility constructed and being used as a learning centre for young persons and guidance, training and mentorship for youth at risk.

Finally on the 6th September 2019 the clubs enjoyed a wonderful evening at Ortinola Estate, a cocoa estate located in the hills of Maracas/St Joseph. DG was firstly given a tour of the cocoa estate by its owners. The meeting was held at the Great House on the estate, which approximately 200 years old. All of the central cluster clubs participated in the joint dinner meeting.



## DG Visits in September – Dominica Clubs



The District Governor arrived in Dominica two days before his official visit to the Rotary family in Dominica commenced. His visit started on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, with breakfast with the Assistant Governor and the Presidents of the rotary clubs of Dominica. From there, the DG went on to make courtesy call to his Excellency the Acting President of Dominica Mr Desmond Blanchard.



We are in the age of technology and that means in order to receive a quality education you need access to technology. With this in mind the Rotary Club of Portsmouth in collaboration with the Rotary Clubs of Barbados, Barbados South, and Barbados West were able to source 16 Chromebooks, 2 projectors and 2 printers for the Paix Bouche Primary School. These were officially handed over to the school by DG Trevor on September 26, 2019, a day that the students and teachers will vividly remember. DG Trevor, in his remarks, told the students to take care of and make good use of the equipment so future students can benefit from them as well. In attendance at the ceremony, along with the District Governor Trevor and Assistant Governor Sammy Wkye, were members of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Portsmouth. The students, to show their gratitude treated the Rotarians to a cultural performance.



At a luncheon meeting, DG Trevor met with the board members of Rotary Club of Portsmouth. He learnt about the club's past achievements and future plans. DG Trevor challenged the club to assist with education of persons in Dominica as the work Rotary International is doing regarding Polio and to set up an EarlyAct Club as well as an Interact Club which the club gladly accepted and will work on this in the future.



Following this, the Rotary Club of Portsmouth took DG Trevor to another project, the handing over of kitchen supplies and equipment to the Savanne Paille Primary School. The items were donated by the Rotary Club of Wylde Green and Rotary Club of West Midlands. The refrigerator, grill, air fryer, pots, pans and cutlery will be utilised to ensure hot meals are prepared for the students daily.

Later in the evening, DG Trevor met with general membership of the Rotary Club of Portsmouth. This was preceded by a meeting with the members of the Rotaract Club of Portsmouth. As a past Rotaractor he indicated to the group that they have the power to make a difference in their communities through the platform of the club. Excited and motivated by DG Trevor's promise to return for their charter night if it occurs during his term, the first step towards being chartered was taken and the club's election for a Board of Directors for 2019-2020 was held on October 2, 2019.

The following day the DG had breakfast with AG Sammy, AG Frances-Ann (St Kitts- Nevis), and President Lima before leaving to visit the Rotary Club of Dominica projects. Projects Director PE Delbert provided information on the Massacre primary school railings project supported by the Rotary Clubs of Barbados and Rotary Club of Dominica. They then visited the rehabilitation home for the Homeless financed by the Government of Dominica, the Sandals Foundation and the Rotary Club of Dominica (RCD).

After these projects, he then met with the Rotaract Club of St Martin School and then had a luncheon meeting with the board of the RCD. Finally, the DG met with the members of the club at a 70s social held in honour of his visit.





ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INCOME GENERATION AND SAVINGS

**190 million people**  
are funding their business endeavors through microfinance.



**Partner with a local microlender**  
to improve access to financial services and provide financial infrastructure in the community.

**Develop mobile banking resources**  
in partnership with a microlender. Cell phones, which can be used to make deposits and transfer funds, can increase access to banking systems in developing communities.

**TIPS FOR SUCCESS**

- When supporting service projects in a developing community, purchase goods and supplies locally to stimulate the economy and avoid unnecessary shipping fees.
- Establish a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) and empower members to take action. RCC members are in a unique position to identify barriers to the community's economic progress and develop sustainable solutions.



JOB CREATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**1.4 billion people**  
— nearly half of them employed —  
live on less than \$1.25 a day.



**Expand vocational training**  
opportunities, including job placement programming, at local nonprofit organizations.

**Send a vocational training team**  
to teach business leaders in developing communities how to create a business plan and maintain accurate financial accounting.

**Provide equipment or supplies**  
to a cooperative to increase production and sales in the local market.

**Partner with a cooperative**  
that provides training, joint economic ventures, and ownership of assets to its members through a democratic structure.

**TIP FOR SUCCESS**  
Support entrepreneurs and small businesses in developing communities. The success of local business leaders can multiply employment opportunities in the community.



Satellite Clubs

Did you know there are two Satellite Clubs in District 7030? What exactly is a Satellite Club? Here's a bit of information below:

What is a Rotary Satellite Club?

- Satellite clubs provide another option for creating Rotary clubs.
- A satellite club functions as a short-term, transitional step on the way to becoming a full, independent Rotary club. This allows interested persons to become Rotarians without meeting the requirement of having at least 20 persons to organize a separate Rotary club.
- Rotarians who are absent from regular Rotary club meetings can make these up by attending satellite club meetings.

Is there a minimum or maximum number of members for a satellite club?

- New satellite clubs must have at least 8 members at the time they form in order to satisfy the requirements of Article 13, Section 6(b) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.
- There is no maximum number of members.

How are satellite clubs named?

- Satellite clubs have the same name as the sponsor club plus a qualifier that distinguishes it from the sponsor,

Where are the two Satellite Clubs in District 7030?

- Both are in Saint Lucia
  - Saint Lucia Sunset (22 members)
  - Gros Islet South (16 members)

To learn more about Satellite Clubs visit the link below:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/satellite-club-frequently-asked-questions>

District Governor's Schedule

September


- 4 – 8 Sept DG Visits Trinidad (Central)
- 15 – 18 Sept DG Visits St Vincent
- 18 – 21 Sept DG Visits Grenada
- 25 - 29 Sept DG Visits Dominica

October

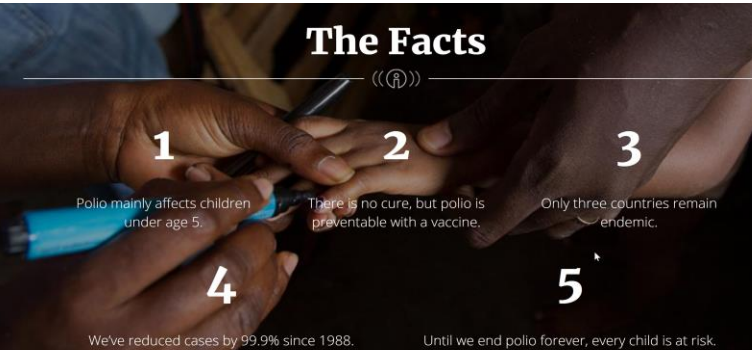
- 8 – 12 Oct DG Visits Trinidad (South)
- 16 – 19 Oct DG Visits Antigua and Montserrat
- 24 – 30 Oct DG Visits Martinique
- 30 Oct – 2 Nov DG Visits French Guiana

**World Polio Day**  
24 October  
One Day, One Focus, Ending Polio.

World Polio Day



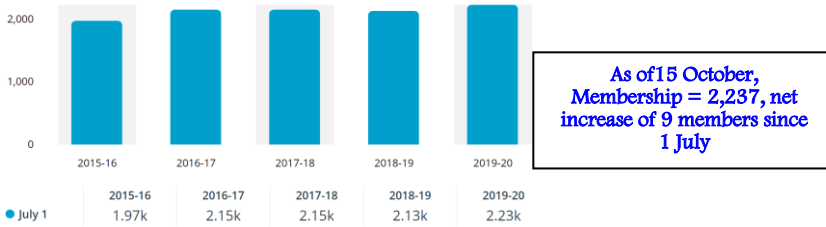
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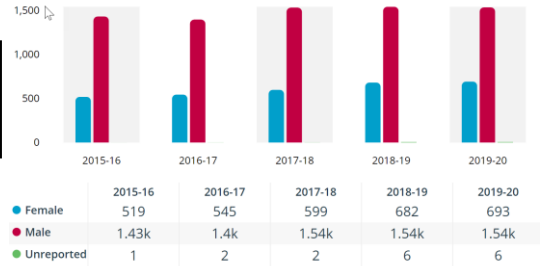
- 1 Polio mainly affects children under age 5.
- 2 There is no cure, but polio is preventable with a vaccine.
- 3 Only three countries remain endemic.
- 4 We've reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988.
- 5 Until we end polio forever, every child is at risk.

## District 7030 Dashboard after 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019-2020

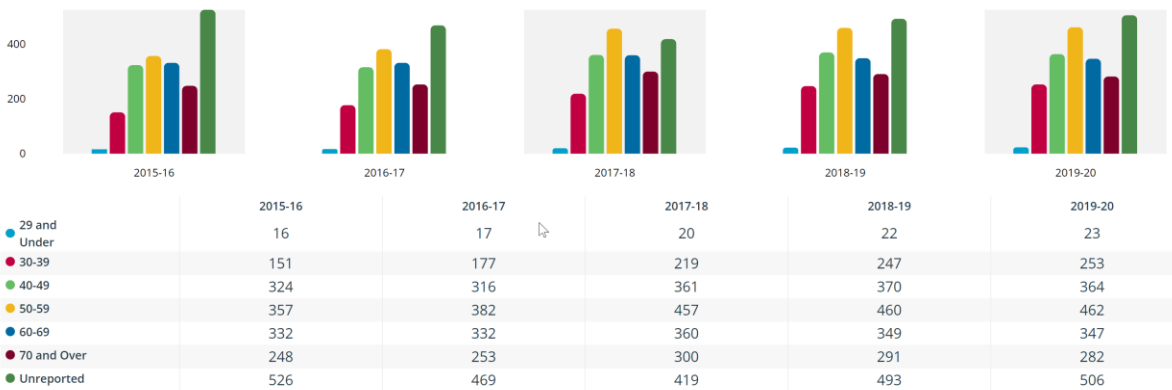
### Membership Trends



### Gender Trends

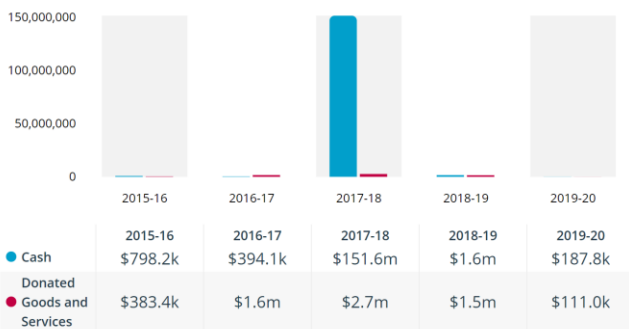


### Age Trends



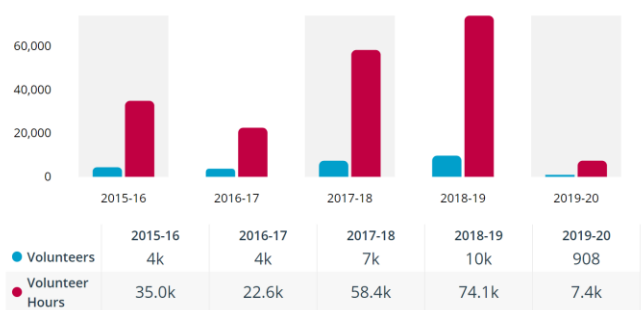
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### Project Trends - Funding



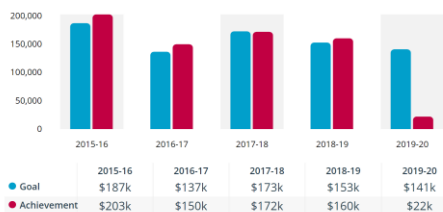
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### Project Trends - Volunteers



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### Annual Fund Trends



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