

Rabbit Project - Nepal

OBJECTIVES:

Primary:

1. Increase household incomes of participating villagers through the benefits of raising and the sale of rabbit products.
2. Improve the nutrition status of families through consumption of much -needed additional protein.
3. Project sustainability.

Secondary:

1. Raise the status of women in their families and in the communities at large
2. Replication and expansion of the target group at minimal cost to the project. By means of the “pass on the gift.”
3. Increased knowledge of, and expertise in, building and sustaining rabbit projects.



SUMMARY:

This is a three-year, \$43,000 global grant proposal that falls within two Rotary areas of focus.: Maternal and Child Health & Economic and Community Development. It will introduce rabbit farming in rural Nepal villages. The project is designed to be sustainable, as it involves community management and the operation of “risk-management funds”. It will include the training of new generation farmers who will be receiving the “gift” of breeding stock from the original beneficiary rabbit farmers.

Host Sponsor: Rotary Club of Tripureshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal

International Sponsor: The Rotary Club of Kingsville, Texas, USA

WHO & WHERE

120 rural families of Wards 1 and 2 of Panauti Municipality, Kavre District, Nepal, to the east of Kathmandu.

WHY

This humanitarian project will foster economic development, provide nutrition for rabbit-farming families, foster gender empowerment, and give vocational training to people in rural Nepal.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Partner in this international project by making a monetary contribution from your club. To date the Kingsville club has raised \$4,000 to contribute to this global grant, and an additional \$4,000 is budgeted to be raise this year.

DAR Y SERVIR - MONTERREY

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Dar y Servir organization currently allocates 36 scholarships annually to students recommended by social service organizations in marginalized areas of Monterrey. Rotary extends their program by sponsoring scholarships for additional students. Since 2012 we have granted \$42,679. Funds were raised by our club and its members along with additional support from district 5930.

Annual scholarships are awarded to Monterrey low income students. Each semester recipients must provide receipts for all of the expenditures they incurred which may include; education institutional fees, books and materials, transportation, uniforms, and other related costs. Dar Y Servir committee will monitor the funds expended each semester. The committee will also verify academic progress and the collection of receipts for each scholarship recipient. Dar y Servir volunteers, meet with students, and their parents four times a year to check their progress. Rotarians visit on an annual basis to assist with the process.



We have received so many thank-you letters from students like Patricia Lizeth de la Rosa Castillo, who writes: (translated from Spanish):

“From all of my heart, many thanks for this great effort. I don’t have words to thank you. Perhaps for you it is just a sum of money, but for us it is our future.”

WHO & WHERE

Adolescents and young adults from 9th grade through college; in the metropolitan area of Monterrey, Mexico.

WHY

Scholarships are needed to support the education of students in this area. We would like to provide more scholarships per year, but we lack the resources to do so. In the absence of these scholarships, many of these youth would prematurely engage in casual labor, or worse. Many young people in areas of Monterrey such as La Campana—where the police are afraid to enter—become drug addicts and/or drug dealers. The number of students supported by Dar y Servir has declined in past years because of decreased funding as foreign expatriates have left the city due to security issues.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Become a student sponsor by committing \$500 for one year. You may choose to sponsor more than one student per year.