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## ROTARY CLUB OF NEWLANDS

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## WEEKLY UPDATE

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**MEETINGS:** Western Province Cricket Club Sports Centre, Ave De Mist, Rondebosch, every Monday at 18h00 for 18h15 (Except for first Monday of the Month which is a Partner's Meeting, 18h30 for 19h00).

**ATTENDANCE:** Notice of apologies and guests and/or meal specifics to email Vanessa Rousseau at [rousseau@iafrica.com](mailto:rousseau@iafrica.com) and copy to Melinda Stapleton at [mjstapleton@webafrica.org.za](mailto:mjstapleton@webafrica.org.za) before 10h30 on Monday mornings please.

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### Comment

*The Editor*

### **A charity's radical experiment: giving 6,000 Kenyans enough money to escape poverty for a decade**

*by Dylan Matthews at [www.vox.com](http://www.vox.com)*

[GiveDirectly](#), a charity that gives money directly to poor people in Kenya and Uganda, is launching a big new project: a basic income.

A basic income – also called a universal basic income (UBI), guaranteed minimum income, citizens' dividend, demogrant, etc. – is a regular payment to a group of people just for being alive. Normally, basic income proposals call for the payments to be administered by the government, but there's nothing in principle stopping a non-profit like GiveDirectly from doing it.

So it's giving the policy a shot, and will give about 6,000 people in Kenya a guaranteed flow of cash for the next 10 years or more. In doing so, GiveDirectly is testing out an idea that's rapidly gaining interest in Finland, Silicon Valley, and Ontario, Canada, and could radically transform welfare policy in both rich and poor countries in the future.

More than that, it's creating what is perhaps the first true universal basic income in recorded history. There have been previous policies that are at least somewhat like this. But GiveDirectly's introduction of a universal payment for whole villages over a long, long period, set at a level of basic subsistence, is truly historic.

GiveDirectly currently uses M-PESA and MTN, cellphone-based payment systems popular in East Africa, to distribute big lump-sum payments to desperately poor people in Kenya and Uganda. So far, it's gotten results: A randomized evaluation of the charity found that recipients ate more and experienced less hunger, invested in expensive but worthwhile assets like iron roofs and farm animals, and reported higher psychological well-being. They were less hungry, richer, and all-around happier.

For its basic income project, the group will randomly select dozens of villages in Kenya (it already has a specific region selected) with about 6,000 people in them total and, starting at the end of this year, provide every current resident with a basic income for the next 10 years, potentially continuing even after that. The group is still finalizing details, but the payment is expected to be about \$0.70 to \$1.10 per person per day. It will likely vary from village to village to allow for more testing. More than 15,000 people total will get some form of cash transfer from the project, including the 6,000 getting a full UBI.

While \$250 to \$400 a year is a pittance by US standards, it's as much as or more than the recipients ordinarily make annually. "These recipients are some of the most vulnerable people in the world, living on the U.S. equivalent of less than a dollar a day," GiveDirectly co-founders Michael Faye and Paul Niehaus write.

The group is planning to randomize which villages get the grant and which will serve as "controls." That lets the project double as an experiment generating scientifically valid results about what basic income policies do when implemented over the long run for entire villages. GiveDirectly is bringing in MIT economist Abhijit Banerjee, a co-founder of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) and one of the most-respected development economists in the world, to run the evaluation. Also involved is Albert Wenger, a partner at the venture capital firm Union Square Ventures and an angel investor in companies like Etsy and Tumblr, who's donating to the effort.

GiveDirectly expects results well before the 10 years are up. Even within a year or two, consumption patterns and other behavior will likely change in the villages getting the UBI, in large part because participants know the payments will continue for the foreseeable future. That will likely lead to planning and work shifts that wouldn't take place in a temporary trial.

Read the rest here: [A charity's radical experiment: giving 6,000 Kenyans enough money to escape poverty for a decade](#)

Also, read what co-founders Michael Faye and Paul Niehaus write in *Slate*: [What If We Just Gave Poor People a Basic Income for Life? That's What We're About to Test.](#)

Or got to the website [GiveDirectly](#)

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## Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 30 May 2016

Scribe: Jenna Monk

**Sergeant** Chris Beech opened meeting.

President Colin welcomed guests and asked for silence as we reflected on the life of Tim Harker a previous member of the club.

**4 Way test** – by Lew Botha with an added 5<sup>th</sup> one... is it sustainable?

**Toast to Rotary International** – Bill Holland

**Stirrer spoon** still with Christine Calothi

**Wine swindle** won by Eric

### Speakers

Terry Lancaster introduced 2 Global Grant awardees that were to give us an over view of what they were doing here in SA.

David Wolfer and nurse at Groote Schuur from South Carolina.

He qualified in 2015 and will be going on to join Doctors Without Borders

Jennifer Binley from Pasadena, South California. She was looking into the benefits of the aftermath of the transparency of the supply chain and dev of the sub-Sahara Africa where US aid has been given.

**Thanked** by Andy Ismay.

### Slots

Carolina Helotera, incoming exchange student from Finland, gave feedback of her year with the Nell family. A well rounded year, full of travelling and new experiences. She was finishing at Rustenburg and would then go and finish her schooling when she gets back with 2 more years to go then into studying for a Law degree.

Graham Finlayson promoted next week's partners meeting talk about the CT Marathon with Elana Meyer and Janet Welham. He encouraged all to come.

Colin reminded all of Tim's memorial service on wed at 11am in Chairman's view room and thanked Andy for organising it.

Exchange of banners with Global Grant students.

Happy Rands collected

Chris closed the meeting at 7.50pm



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[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

**FUTURE FIXTURES**  
Year Planner  
Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

**June 2016**  
Mon 6 Partners  
Mon 13 Ordinary  
Mon 20 Business  
**Fri 24 Induction Dinner**  
Mon 27 Business

**July 2016**  
Mon 4 Partners  
Mon 11 Ordinary  
Mon 18 Ordinary  
Mon 25 Business

**Happy Birthday**

8 June  
Sandra Pitt

7 June  
Judy van Aswegen

11 June  
Eric Diazensa



## UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	6 June	13 June	20 June	27 June
MEETING	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Ordinary</b>	<b>Ordinary</b>	<b>Business</b>
SERGEANT	<b>Pieter van Aswegen</b>	<b>Daphne Lyell</b>	<b>Rochelle Malherbe</b>	<b>Bill Meyer</b>
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Willie Wijenberg	Melinda Stapleton	Mike Young	Des Brown
GRACE & TOAST	Menno de Wet	Richard Burnett	Wybe Meinesz	Henry Campbell
ATTENDANCE	Regine le Roux	Janey Ball	Heidi Andersson	Lucian Pitt
FELLOWSHIP	Shân Biesman-Simons	Jenna Monk	Christine Calothi	Bill Holland
MINUTES	Jamie Hart	Peter Ennis	Johan Beukman	Chris Beech
COMMENT	Richard House	Tinus de Jongh	Brian Pickup	Pippa McLeod
THANK SPEAKER	Glynis Menné	Andy Ismay	Jenny Howard	
INTRO SPEAKER	Graham Finlayson	Jenny Ibbotson	Nora See	

### Invited GUEST SPEAKERS

6 June **Janet Welham** – *Cape Town Marathon*

13 June **Joy Olivier** – *Ikamva Youth*

29 June **Lucinda Evans** – *Philisa Abafazi Bethu*

If you cannot do your job on the day, please find someone who can do it instead of you, then contact the Sergeant on the day to update the roster. Please don't leave this until the Monday afternoon – let the Sergeant know in advance if you have not been able to arrange a swap. If you are going to be away for particular future meetings let Peter Ennis know.



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