



2018-2019 International Service Project

## **Hippo Water Roller Project**



# Project Partners

This project was an example of what happens when Rotary clubs work together to deliver goodwill to their local communities.

Six Rotary clubs in South Africa were eager to help in the distribution of the 195 hippo rollers funded by District 5060 clubs and a \$10,000 District Grant:

- Rotary Flamingo Welkom
- Rotary Klerksdorp
- Rotary Aliwal North
- Rotary Bloemfontein
- eRotary Club of South Africa One
- Rotary Maloti-Maseru, Lesotho

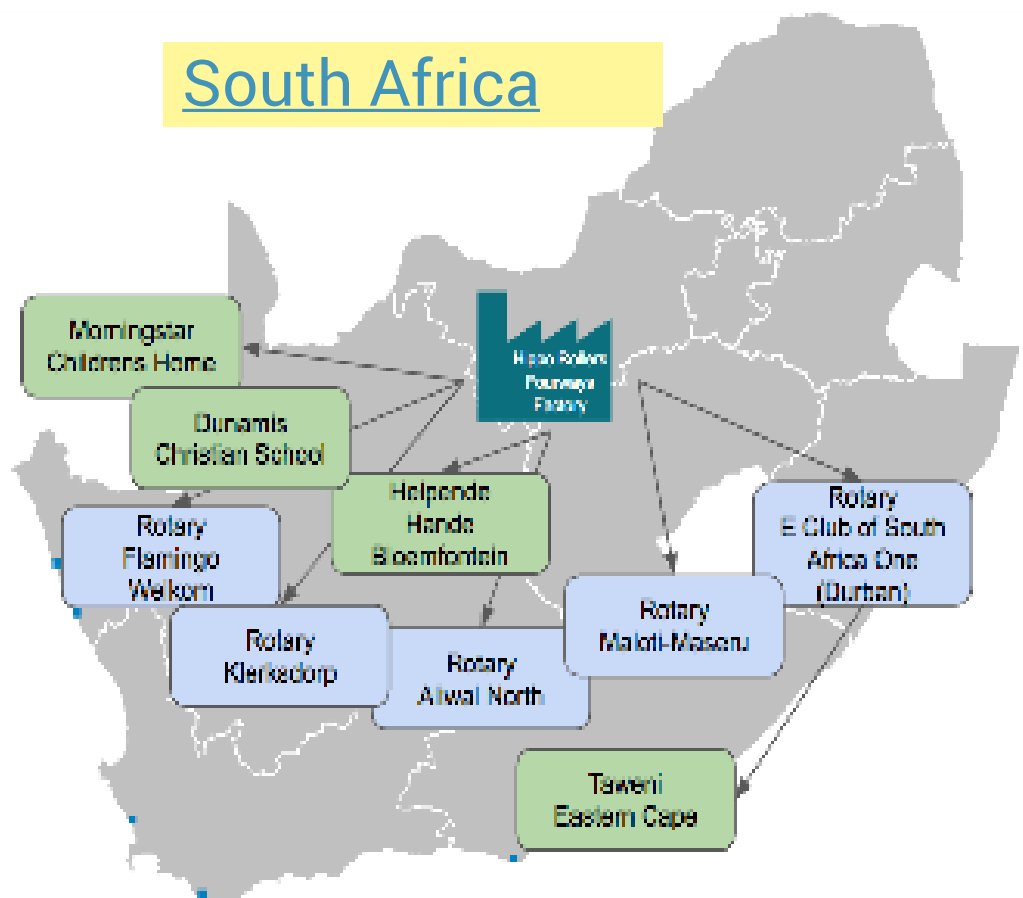
Along with the members and resources of these clubs, **three Rotarians** from the **Rotary E-Club of South Africa One** managed the logistics and coordination of the hippo roller deliveries. Priceless!

- Khaya Mposula
- Charmaine Wheatley
- Monique Labatt, Club President

Additionally, **Lasher Tools** of South Africa donated 100 shovels, rakes and hoes to go with 100 of the hippo rollers.



## South Africa



## Delivery Logistics

Khaya Mposula, a Rotarian with the Rotary E-Club of South Africa One, coordinated the delivery of 50 hippo rollers to the villages of Taweni and Ngcwanguba, and eight Early Childhood Development schools in the Eastern Cape.

Rotarian Charmaine Wheatley from the Sunshine Coast Rotary Corp (Australia), co-ordinated a group of Aussie volunteers for several Rotary projects in South Africa. In collaboration with the Klerksdorp RC, the Sunset RC and the RC of Welkom Flamingo, they delivered 120 hippo rollers to local projects including squatters camps, the Morningstar Children's Center and the Dunamis School.

The Aussie team then went to Lesotho to assist with the distribution of 25 rollers with the RC of Maloti-Maseru.



*Khaya Mposula with Grant Gibbs, CEO of Imvubu Pvt. the hippo roller manufacturer, and Charmaine Wheatley and her Aussie volunteers.*



Rollers	Tool Kits	Destination	Planned Handover event	Receiving Organisations	Planned End Users
18 32	0	Taweni, Cape Ngcwanguba, Cape	Delivered Delivered	Wana Johnson Development Montessori Partner	Community Gardens Community Gardens
40	15	Klerksdorp	28 Feb Collection: Cheryl Katz	Rotary Klerksdorp	Township residents
25	10	Welkom	1 Mar Collection: Dries	Sunset Rotary Club	Township residents
30	15	Welkom	4 Mar Collection: Dries	Rotary Welkom Flamingo Dunamis School	Welkom Squatter camps
25	15	Welkom	4 Mar Collection: Dries	Morningstar Childrens Centre	Agricultural classes
25	25	Maseru	8 Mar (with Oz team) Collection: Grant and sons	Rotary Maloti-Maseru	Impoverished farming com



## 50 hippo rollers were delivered to Taweni and eight Early Childhood Development Schools.

The **Obonto Foundation**, a Dutch non-profit, operates a network of 8 Early Childhood Development schools in the Transkei region of South Africa.

**Rotarian Khaya Mposula** from the **eRotary Club of South Africa One** arranged to have each of the schools receive 3 hippo rollers that are used to grow produce and teach sustainable farming.

Additional hippo rollers were distributed to 20 women in the village of Taweni, where the **Rotary Club of Gibsons** is funding the building of another EDC school.

18 hippo rollers were delivered to residents -- mostly younger children -- who are responsible for collecting their household's daily water needs.

Imagine how this simple innovation will change their lives, especially those of the girls, who often miss school because they are collecting water.

The involvement of **local Rotary clubs** in the distribution of hippo rollers has been a rewarding aspect of this project.





To these kids, a hippo roller is as life changing as the latest iPhone is to kids in our culture.

The hippo roller was introduced to the kids who will be responsible for collecting their daily household water. Each of the schools cultivate vegetable gardens as part of their teaching curriculum.

- 3 – Ikhaya Labantwana Montessori pre-school
- 3 – Enjojweni Montessori pre-school
- 3 – Ngoko Montessori pre-school
- 3 – Mawotsheni Montessori pre-school
- 3 – Good Hope Montessori pre-school
- 3 – Zithulele Montessori pre-school
- 4 – Ncinci's Montessori pre-school
- 4 – Bulungula Incubator that operates four pre-schools in a larger area
- 4 – Lubanzi: 1 to a new pre-school, 3 to their communal gardens.





## The project's success was in collaborating with other South African Rotary clubs on their local projects.

- Klerksdorp Township Garden Project - 40 rollers
- Welkom Squatters Camp - 25 rollers
- Morningstar Children's Center - 25 rollers
- The Dunamis School for Children - 30 rollers





This project leveraged a network of Rotary clubs — from both sides of the Atlantic — to deliver community service and goodwill.

195 families were directly impacted by this project. At seven members per household, that's 1365 people. But that's just a figure.

These fortunate families will impact their neighborhoods as a result. Sharing, educating and growing gardens is an immediate step towards long-term sustainability.



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you!*

As the International Service Chair for the **RC of Gibsons**, BC, working on this project with **District 5060** and with Harold Heyming and Carol Eamer was very inspiring.

With their attention on fundraising, we were able to focus on the distribution side of the project. Colaborating with other Rotary clubs requires diligence and work. But as this project revealed, the rewards are well worth it.

This project directly impacted 195 families. But the number of people it touched is well into the thousands. This is the power of Rotary at work.

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