**Vocational Training Teams (VTT)**

The Rotary Foundation Trustees have taken the original premise of Group Study Exchange (GSE) and added a formal training component to create Vocational Training Teams (VTT).  VTTs foster the transfer of knowledge and skills in an effort to help communities in need for the long term. VTTs also offer an opportunity to interact socially and advance cross-cultural understanding.

VTTs can be supported with both District and Global Grants.  Using a District Grant, you can sponsor a wide range of vocational training activities.

District Grants place no restrictions on the number of travelers, their age, or the length of travel and teams may include Rotarians. District Grants can also be used to send a group of Rotarians to plan a future project.

Using Global Grants, you can support vocational training that aligns with one or more of the six areas of focus, have a measurable impact on communities in need, and provide training that is essential to ongoing efforts. The teams must consist of at least two members (either Rotarians or non-Rotarians) with at least two years of professional experience in the designated areas of focus and a Rotarian leader who has expertise in the area of focus, international experience, and general Rotary knowledge. In certain cases, the Foundation may grant permission to designate a non-Rotarian as team leader. There are no restrictions on the age of participants. Global Grant VTTs may also be a component of a larger humanitarian project.

Global Grant VTTs are funded using cash and/or District Designated Fund contributions from the Grant sponsors and are matched by the World Fund, allowing Clubs and Districts greater leverage on their contributions. A minimum of $30000 budget is required for a Global Grant

Unlike GSE, VTT is not an exchange program so it is more than likely that it will be either an inbound team or an outbound team.

Interested in forming a team? Need more information? Funding sources available?

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