

WEEK 14 – ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

October is Economic and Community Development month. This theme is also one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus. Rotary supports investments in people and/or communities to alleviate poverty by creating measurable and enduring economic improvements in poor and underserved communities.

For the Rotary Foundation, community economic development is the process of increasing the economic strength and effectiveness of communities through creating access to sustainable livelihoods, improving quality of life, and increasing participation in community decision-making processes to achieve sustainable, measurable and long-term economic improvements.

For many years, clubs in our District have supported training programs to support entrepreneurship, financial literacy, vocational training and community leadership development. Rotary's global grants have supported agricultural development, micro credit programs to create income producing businesses run by women, vocational training teams and support for refugee and other marginalized populations.