

# Rotary Foundation Global Grant Project

## District 7910 Clubs - Join Us...



### Help Save the Lives of Children and Adults from Malaria in Africa

According to “The Rotarians Eliminating Malaria a Rotarian Action Group,” Malaria is a debilitating illness, which can lead to chronic anemia, brain and kidney damage and death, **especially amongst children and pregnant women**. It is caused by a parasite that is injected into the blood system by an infected female mosquito. **Africa is terribly affected**, and accounts for over 90% of reported cases of malaria. About 10% of hospital admissions are for malaria, as are 20-30% of doctors' visits. As bad as that is, some experts foresee as much as a 20% annual increase in Africa's rate of malaria-related illness and death. No Western disease is nearly so prevalent or growing at anything like that rate.



Dr. Brian Lisse and his colleagues at “Bridges To Malawi” leads a medical team each year to Malawi, Africa. The team includes doctors and up to 10 high school volunteers. Dr. Lisse says, “Although we save lives, the team feels sad and helpless each time an infant or new mother dies of Malaria. So we founded Bridges to Malawi ([bridgestomalawi.org](http://bridgestomalawi.org)), whose latest endeavor is to spray a contact killing insecticide which targets the mosquitos that spread Malaria, using techniques endorsed by the World Health Organization.” The results have been fantastic, with fewer deaths and much healthier and productive villagers. The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley in District 7910 has initiated a Rotary Global Grant application, with plans for quadrupling the scope of the pilot

program to serve 20,000 people in the near future. The Grant joined by the Rotary Club of Lilongwe, Malawi and cooperating organization called K2-TASO, a health clinic in the Malawi project area.

This \$60,000 plus Rotary Foundation Grant is looking for Rotary Club partners to begin this life saving Malaria project next year. BTM is funding \$16,000 in the project in addition to funding by Rotary Clubs. We are pleased to be partnering with Lon Penna of the Rotary Club of Niskayuna in New York and his club has already committed over \$1,000 with other New York Rotary clubs expected to join. The Grant joined by the Rotary Club of Lilongwe, Malawi, as the host project Rotary Club.

We are making appointments for Dr. Lisse to speak at your club. Full 20 minute and 5 a minute quick presentation, to fit in with a main speaker, are available. Prospective clubs that want to fund/partner an International Rotary Foundation Grant Project should have funding in the \$1,000 range and we will accept \$500 pledges. Should your Club/Board want to participate please fill out the “Club Pledge Form”, attached.

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# CLUB PLEDGE LETTER

*Senders name, return address, phone, email & date:*

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To Rotarian Ron Bott, Executive Secretary/Treasurer  
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**RE: Letter of Support for a Matching Grant Application;  
Provide indoor residual spraying for mosquitos, to reduce the incidence of Malaria.  
DISTRICT 9210, MALAWI, AFRICA**

The Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_ is pleased to pledge  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ for the subject matching grant.

We understand that this grant will benefit approximately 7,800 villagers in 5 villages at an average cost of \$2.66 per person. Although malaria is very common in this part of Malawi, it is the infants and pregnant women who succumb to it. The others infected, however, also often suffer a significant degradation of their productivity and health. The grant will pay for indoor residual spraying for mosquitoes following World Health Organization (WHO) standards. The insecticide lasts for 6 months after application, so the grant will pay for each household to be sprayed twice, ensuring protection for a year. Less than 9 months after our first spraying, the chief of Makanda village thanked us for our efforts and said, "there are no mosquitoes at all in our village!" Although malaria may seem like an insurmountable problem, worldwide the number of deaths and infections has been cut in half in the last decade. Please become a part of the crusade to wipe this scourge off the face of the Earth!

We understand that if we submit a check now with this letter, made out to "The Rotary Foundation" (TRF), that our check will be forwarded to TRF only after the grant is approved. Or we may wait until the grant is approved. We also understand that our Rotary Club will receive **Paul Harris Credit** for the contribution.



**Yours in Rotary,**

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President 2015-2016