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Take action to create positive change locally and globally



## Encouraging healthy habits through a comprehensive water, sanitation, and hygiene project

The Rotary Club of Intramuros-Manila, Philippines, worked with the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay, New South Wales, Australia, to implement an integrated water, sanitation, and hygiene program that serves Indigenous communities in the Philippines by providing access to water and sanitation. The project installed 28 toilets and paid teachers a stipend to lead workshops for families and include safe hygiene in their lesson plans. [Learn more about this project.](#)

## Supporting education through The Rotary Foundation

International Literacy Day is 8 September. At a time when educators face extraordinary challenges in meeting the changing needs of their students, it's especially important to support their efforts. You can help empower educators to inspire learning:

- **Donate** to The Rotary Foundation.
- Share **our impact on education** with your fellow members, friends, and family.
- **Create a fundraiser** to support basic education and literacy through Raise for Rotary. Raise for Rotary, our crowdfunding platform, is available in English and uses U.S. dollars. Individuals who make a gift through Raise for Rotary are eligible for donor credit and any appropriate recognition opportunities.

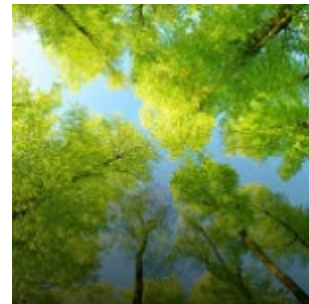
Together, we can support educators in making a difference in communities around the world. Happy International Literacy Day!



### GRANT UPDATES

#### Environment-focused global grants are now available

Clubs and districts can now apply for global grants for projects that protect the environment! If you want to apply, review the **Areas of Focus Policy Statements** carefully to make sure that the project you're planning is eligible for funding. You can then apply through the **Grant Center**.



#### New area of focus managers

Two managers have joined our area of focus staff. Nyreese Castro is the new manager for disease prevention and treatment as well as for maternal and child health, and Keith Madden is the manager for the new environment area of focus. They, along with the other **area of focus managers**, can answer your questions about our areas of focus and the eligibility requirements for global grants in those areas.

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## Grant management recertification and qualification

The **Grant Management Seminar** and **Grant Management Recertification** courses have been updated and are available in Rotary's Learning Center. You can use these online courses as part of the club **qualification** process. Remember that your club must qualify each year if you plan to apply for global grants.

District leaders: Remember that Rotaract clubs will be able to apply for global grants starting in July 2022. Invite Rotaract members to participate in grant management seminars so their clubs can be qualified, and consider involving them in your grant activities this Rotary year.

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## Rotary adopts a new diversity, equity, and inclusion statement

To guide our organization in living up to our values of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), the RI Board of Directors, with guidance from the DEI Task Force, strengthened the DEI statement that we adopted in 2019. **Read the updated commitment** and learn more about how we're reinforcing diversity, equity, and inclusion in Rotary's culture, from club meetings to grant-funded activities.



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Learn about the 2021-2022 Presidential Initiatives



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## General secretary's report to the convention

2020-21 was a big year for giving and for grants. During a year that communities needed our help more than ever, the generosity of our donors made doing good in the world possible. We approved more than 2,000 global grants — that's 40% more than in the previous Rotary year! Read more about Rotary's successes last year in the [general secretary's 2021 report to the convention](#).

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## Presidential initiatives

RI President Shekhar Mehta has created three service-oriented initiatives and is encouraging Rotary members and program participants to strengthen communities through them:

- Empowering Girls. Address the inequities that girls worldwide face by using district grant or global grant projects to empower them.
- Rotary Days of Service. Organize a day of meaningful, hands-on service to bring Rotary members and friends together to improve your community.
- Presidential conferences. Attend a conference to celebrate our service accomplishments and get inspired to increase our impact.

Learn more about [Rotary's presidential initiatives](#).

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**ATTEND A ROTARY PROJECT FAIR**  
TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION

VIEW UPCOMING  
PROJECT FAIRS

### Updated cooperating organization MOU

Are you working with a cooperating organization to implement your global grant-funded project? If so, you'll need to complete

### Increase Your Impact webinar series

Rotary's Programs and Grants staff recently hosted a three-part [Increase Your Impact webinar series](#) that's now available in the

a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with that organization and upload it as part of your global grant application. Please remember to use the **current version of the MOU**.

Learning Center. Learn how to increase the impact of your local and international service projects by implementing successful activities on a larger scale and designing programs that achieve results.

## General resources

- **The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide** provides an overview of Rotary Foundation programs and services.
- **A Guide to Global Grants** is for members who are interested in applying for a global grant or developing more effective and sustainable service projects.
- The **Learning Center** offers a variety of materials, including information about fundraising and participating in grants.

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