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A roundup of Rotary news



How Rotary works to alleviate refugee crisis

In 2019, 79.5 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced. An estimated 40% were under the age of 18. On World Refugee Day, held every year on 20 June, people worldwide salute the strength, courage, and contributions of refugees who abandon their homes in a desperate search for safety. Rotary clubs have demonstrated how we are people of action by assisting refugees in a variety of ways. Learn how Rotary clubs in Switzerland created a program that supports the professional integration of young refugees into society. [Read more.](#)

This week's stories

Hope for Venezuelan refugees

Roughly one in seven Venezuelans have left their homeland since the country's economic crisis began, prompted by hyperinflation, lack of jobs, rising crime, corruption, and a monthly minimum wage of just \$2.40. Every day, thousands of caminantes stream into Colombia through "trochas," or improvised crossings trails along the Colombia-Venezuela border. Learn how Cristal Montañez Baylor and members of her Rotary E-club of Houston, Texas, USA, are helping provide food, sanitation, and supplies to those refugees through the project Hope for Venezuelan Refugees. [Read more](#)



Stopping the spread of COVID-19 in Bangladesh

The rate of infection from COVID-19 has slowly been dropping in Bangladesh, but in April the death rate was frighteningly high. Members of several Rotaract clubs in Dhaka banded together to distribute face masks and provide safety information in the city's populated market places and public areas. Learn more about their efforts, one of the ways Rotary [has been addressing the pandemic](#) and collaboration to promote vaccinations. [Read more](#)



Rotary magazine's What Would You Do?

This issue's dilemma: Your club president is on the board of a local organization, but it doesn't have many resources that will enhance your club's projects. Your club president is persistent about creating the partnership and wants you, as service chair, to find a way to make it work. What would you do? Send your response to magazine@rotary.org

Programs of Scale

The application process for the 2021-22 Programs of Scale grant is now open! [Learn more](#)

