

Global grants in nearly complete draft form include our *Peace Through Education* (Afghanistan) proposal, the *Hope for Togo* proposal and the *La Vega Water Project*. The latter is a Humanitarian project intended to provide a safe water supply to citizens of La Vega, a resettled population of Guatemalans living in the tropical Pacific coast region whose primary health need is a safe water supply. If approved, \$315,200 will fund what appears to be a comprehensive plan to serve approximately 1340 persons by providing safe drinking water.

The *Hope for Togo: Center for Excellence Hospital & Health Centers* Humanitarian project launched at Omaha Suburban will fund, if awarded, the purchase of radiography equipment and a stock supply of pharmaceuticals to support the health care needs of persons in this West African nation. The total funding package is \$97,460 and the award would provide health care services for thousands of patients. The grant committee is working with the RGO to revise and refine the proposal.

The most recent, and completed, Afghanistan project originating at the Omaha Suburban Club was the *Zabuli Education Center Science Lab Project*. It was designed to supply the existing science education program at the school with materials necessary to support the transition from a temporary to a permanent science lab facility, and to provide additional science teaching supplies. The award permitted us to deliver just under \$40,000 (the final amount may have been closer to \$35,000) of educational materials to the school, and in the process we directly affected the lives of the roughly 600 girls studying at the Education Center.

The *Peace Through Education: Teach the Teachers in Afghanistan* project being sponsored by the Suburban club is in the works and will, if funded, support a major effort to export the Zabuli Education for Girls educational model into the greater Kabul region. The cooperating organization is the Center for Afghan Studies at UNO, a group that is, and has been, on the ground educating teachers for decades. The total funding package comes in (will come in if funded) at \$94,350 and will directly support the training of hundreds of teachers in the greater Kabul region and indirectly, one would expect, thousands of students from the area. Several roadblocks have delayed submission of the proposal, but the team is one step from locking the document and securing authorizations.

The *Improving Neonatal Mortality in Nakuru, Kenya Through Healthcare Education and Capacity Building* project recently sponsored by the Omaha Millard club, is (nominally at least) a Vocational Training project, although my understanding is that they are also providing airway treatment equipment (continuous positive airway pressure units) in addition to the development of what appears to be a rigorous training curriculum related to relevant clinical protocols. The Millard club provided a total of \$45,000 to support this project that will/should positively impact the lives of thousands of infants and children in the region with respiratory health care needs.

The *Medical Equipment for the Koutiala Women's and Children's Hospital network* is a Humanitarian project sponsored by both Omaha Millard and Omaha Night clubs. The \$118,100 project design is to provide the hospital with equipment to help improve its existing services and offer expanded needed services to the community.

The *Improve Access to Rehabilitation Services in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic* Humanitarian project being sponsored by a Lincoln club (I'm guessing club 14). The objective of this grant is to improve provision of much needed physical therapy, psychiatry and rehabilitation services to injured and disabled persons in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic. \$37,317 worth of Rotary funds will provide service to ~ 125 persons per month. This project is currently unpaid.