Our International Service
Global Grants

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A Global Grant by US clubs for Native Americans (US)*

* Normally, US clubs are the “international partners” in global grant projects, but in this case, we needed to go outside our country to find international partners.
In 2017, a Rotarian from our club, who also was a member of Americans for Native Americans, took a trip to the Zuni and Navaho tribal lands in New Mexico. He returned shaken by the immense poverty, lack of nutritious food, and poor access to healthcare; he asked our club if we would support a global grant to help improve life on the reservations. The ANA was ready to commit thousands of dollars to a project with Rotary.

Our first task was to find a Rotary Club near the tribal lands willing to do a Global Grant Project with us. As you can see from the map, the Gallup, NM, Club was perfectly positioned to provide insight and oversight for a Rotary Project.
Examples of tribal isolation in New Mexico and Arizona.

Barren land with little reliable rain yields few crops with little diversity.

Many roads are deeply rutted and get washed out during Spring deluges.
Four Corners Map indicating the extent of the Zuni and Navajo tribal lands, as well as the proximity to them from Gallup New Mexico.
With agreement from the Gallup Club to join us in a project, we next needed to work with them and the tribal elders to identify the most important community needs on the reservations. A Gallup Club member, who was also a local hospital administrator, knew of a community assessment that the hospital had already done. The primary need identified was better access to healthcare inside the tribal areas.
The elders decided that a mobile healthcare system was needed to provide weekly visits to the Zuni and Navaho Community Centers, which were difficult to reach due to poor road conditions. However, these mobile healthcare clinics were too expensive for a Rotary Global Grant. They are several hundred thousand dollars.

So, the hospital applied for a governmental healthcare grant and received $200,000 towards the truck and trailer.
So, was there a project for Rotary? What about equipping the mobile clinic with X-ray and ultrasound equipment, at an estimated cost of $78,000?
Would the primary need align with a Rotary Area of focus?
Would the project be sustainable?

Yes, because the healthcare services delivered to Native Americans could be paid for by various insurance coverages. And the cost to employ and train health care providers would be included in the cost for services.
Who would be our international partner?

Our District Governor reached out to Canadian Districts (who have a lot of experience with GG projects for Native Americans in Canada) and Indian Districts (to whom our district has given a lot of financial support) to find partners. Both countries signed on!
# How would the project be funded?

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The mobile medical clinic was completed at the start of 2020. It was many years in the making, from the initial concept to the finished project. But the x-ray and ultrasound equipment that Rotarians paid for are saving lives on the go, making it easier for sick, injured, elderly, and newborn Zuni and Navaho people to get critical, consistent care without the need to travel long distances.
A Successful Partnership
Centennial Secondary School
Mattru Jong, Sierra Leone, West Africa

Built in 1955
1200 students
Grades 7-12

School Infrastructure Destroyed During 1990’s civil war
5 Year Visioning Meeting - 2014

Attendees: About 25 Stakeholders of Centennial
- Included Admin, Students, teachers, parents, ministry of education, bishop and delegate, town chief, Bo Rotary, CIIB, EWB, CEOSA, Peace Corp and others

Format
- Used Visioning methodology provided by experienced Rotarians
- Split into 4 groups and mixed stakeholders
Sustainability

• EWB
  Minimum 5 Year Commitment
• CIIB
  Centennial Infrastructure Improvement Board
• Student Infrastructure Fee - $3 per Year
• “Sweat Equity” on Infrastructure Projects
• Community pays 5% of project cost
• Strong Leadership
  Sulaiman Sengeh, Principal
• CeOSA
  Centennial Old Students Association
Bo Rotary Club – Our Host Partners
Teacher Training
How Do You Know When Your Work is Finished?
Parents Meeting
Centennial BECE Exam Scores
(Jr. High to Sr. High Exam)
Thank You