
Purpose

Establish a formal framework for the District International Service Committee (ISC) to lead and coordinate international service efforts, strengthen global partnerships, and maximize sustainable humanitarian impact aligned with Rotary priorities.

Vision

To develop, support, and promote international service projects within the district that advance global understanding, goodwill, and peace through sustainable, high-impact initiatives aligned with Rotary's Areas of Focus.

Mission and Strategic Role

The ISC's mission is to serve the district by supporting international service projects as an advising strategic partner with the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC):

- Identifying and developing international service projects
 - Building global Rotary partnerships
 - Identifying resources and maintaining a District Resource Network (DRN)
 - Supporting clubs in grant-ready initiatives
 - Promoting member engagement in international service
 - *Non-voting* district advising resource for Global Grants and international service District Grants
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Core Functions

District Resource Network

- The District Resource Network (DRN) is a curated, annually updated roster of subject-matter experts, project mentors, and technical advisors (TRF Cadre and others) available to clubs upon request through the ISC. The ISC maintains the roster, ensures expertise is current, and coordinates connections.
 - Individuals with skill set, knowledges and experience with Rotary's Areas of Focus
 - Individuals with grant writing expertise
 - Material resources
- The ISC works collaboratively with the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) to recommend and confirm DRN resources to aid Global Grant and District Grant international service projects.

- The ISC and DRFC jointly work to ensure that subject-matter experts neither benefit personally or professionally from the project nor exert undue influence over its scope, design, or implementation.

Project Development

- Assist in the design of sustainable international projects
- Align initiatives with Rotary's Areas of Focus
- Mentor and assist project teams with execution of an effective Community Assessment

Partnerships

- Establish relationships with international clubs and districts
- Encourage global collaboration and exchanges
- Encourage service project club partnership, collaboration, and support

Grants Project Support

- The ISC confers with the DRFC and grants subcommittees to engage resources for improved grants.
- ISC members provide technical review of club grant proposals prior to official intake and during the project to ensure alignment with Area of Focus policy statements.

International Service Project – Club and District Leader Education & Engagement

- Provide international service project training, tools, and awareness for clubs
- Provide international service project connections to Rotary support groups
 - The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors
 - Rotary Action Groups
 - Regional Grants Officers (RGOs)
 - Rotary Area of Focus Managers
- Increase district and club participation in international service

Post-project Impact

- The ISC members collaborate with the DRFC and its subcommittees to ensure the project uses measurement techniques throughout the project that will allow definition of post-project sustainable positive impact.

Organizational Committee Structure

- Steering Subcommittee
 - District International Service Chair (DISC)
 - Vice Chair / Chair-Elect
 - Grants & Partnerships Coordinator: Shared position between DRFC and ISC
 - Primary: DRFC Global and District Grants Chairs participating on ISC
 - DRFC Grants Chair

- DRFC District Grants Chair
 - Outcome and Impact Lead : Shared position between ISC and DRFC
 - Primary: ISC Outcome and Impact Lead participating on DRFC
 - ISC Outcome and Impact Lead
 - Member Engagement / Training Lead
- Project Resource Subcommittee
 - Community Assessment Lead
 - International Service Projects (Global and District Grants)
 - Area of Focus Leads (Participates in an advisory capacity on international service projects specific to the lead's Area of Focus skill set and experience (Global or District Grant) (Rotary and non-Rotary):
 - Water & Sanitation Lead
 - Disease Prevention Lead
 - Maternal & Child Health Lead
 - Education & Literacy Lead
 - Environment Lead
 - Peacebuilding Lead
 - Economic Development Lead

Relationship between the International Service Committee (ISC) and the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC)

The ISC and DRFC operate as strategic partners:

- **ISC:** Leads international project resource identification and engagement; Maintains the DRN; Supports project Area of Focus identification, partnerships, project implementation, and assessment of measurable post-project sustainable impact.
- **DRFC:** Official intake of international Global and District Grant proposals; Coordinates funding, Area of Focus identification, grant approval, stewardship, compliance, and DISC connection; RI reporting
- **ISC / DRFC Collaboration Includes:**
 - Initial intake of international service proposals is the DRFC.
 - The DRFC communicates proposals to the ISC.
 - Any proposals received by the ISC are referred to the DRFC
 - Area of Focus selection for proposed Global Grants
 - Global and District Grant international service development
 - Joint training
 - Fiduciary oversight and reporting through interaction with Host Partner and International Partner is the responsibility of DRFC.

- An ISC designate and/or District International Service Director for both partners may collaborate with the DRFC as requested to review fiduciary and reporting documents.
 - Strategic alignment of Rotary International priorities and district initiatives
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Governance & Operations

- Operates under the authority of the District Governor
 - Monthly meetings with annual strategic action planning
 - Quarterly reporting to district leadership
 - Annual performance and impact review
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Performance Metrics

- Number of international projects engaged
 - Club participation levels
 - Beneficiaries served
 - Measurable outcomes with sustainable project impact
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Value to the District

- Expands global impact and visibility
 - Increases Rotary Foundation grant utilization
 - Strengthens international partnerships
 - Enhances member engagement and retention
 - Ensures alignment with Rotary's humanitarian mission
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International Service Committee Member Education and Learning

- Visit the International Service Committee section of the D7120 website and explore the available resources. This section can be accessed through the blue **Resources** link located at the top right of the website landing page. <https://rotary7120.org/>
- Register for the RI Learning Center Courses <https://learn.rotary.org/> > Type In: *Search Catalog*, Press Enter, and scroll down to find *District International Service Committee Essentials* (Only take the following modules at this time.)
 - *Get Ready: District International Service Committee (15 Minutes)*
 - *Evaluating Your Project (15 Minutes)*
 - *Conducting a Community Assessment (15 Minutes)*
 - *Measuring and Reporting Our Impact (45 Minutes)*

- Register for the monthly *International Service Global Support Network*
 - Register using this QR code or by completing the online registration form at: <https://forms.gle/nU2JatChU3Pa6t3z5>



Annual Review

This International Service Committee (ISC) document will be reviewed annually to maintain a coordinated, strategic approach to international service, ensuring District 7120 maximizes its global impact through effective project development, strong partnerships, and responsible stewardship of Rotary Foundation resources.

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