

Rotary Club of Manzini

Rotary Club of Manzini in Eswatini has embarked on several medical projects. The Dr Basil Khosa Medical Outreach Project provides health services at the Kaphunga Clinic. It is a joint Project of the Rotary Clubs of Manzini and Phalaborwa with funding amounting to \$3,000 that was received from Rotary Club of Los Altos, for this year's project. Unfortunately, it has been postponed to October 2021 due to the COVID situation. The overall objective is to improve the quality of life of the people of Kaphunga area. However, more specific objectives are to establish a partnership between the Rotary Clubs of Manzini and Phalaborwa with the Eswatini Ministry of Health for the provision of free healthcare services at Kaphunga; to mobilise resources (including drugs, medicines and food) to enable the provision of healthcare services to 600 people at Kaphunga area; to offer free healthcare services to the people of Kaphunga through a collaborative partnership with the Ministry of Health and its partners.

The Rotary Club also runs two other projects focused on medical support. The Michelo Project – a school dental and educational project - is normally held annually at St. Joseph Special Needs School. The international partner is the Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads, USA. The project which usually takes place in July has been postponed to June-July 2021. The other project is the Good Shepherd Hospital Project where the RC of Manzini collaborates with RC Los Altos to provide medical equipment to the Good Shepherd Hospital in Siteki.

The Manzini Youth Care project of the Salesian Community and the RC of Manzini has supported the Homes administered by Manzini Youth Care for the past 40 years, with clothing and shoes for orphans, bedding, and food. Most recently, two bags of 40 kg of rice and 15 blankets from Sihlalosemusa Foundation were channelled through the RC of Manzini and presented to Manzini Youth Care.

The RC of Manzini in partnership with Second Wind Foundation, Texas, USA; Rotary Club of Grand Bend, Ontario, Canada; Rotary Clubs in Eswatini, Municipal Council of Mbabane, Municipal Council of Manzini, FLAS, Ministry of Education also runs a Book Centre Project. Los Altos Rotary Club's World Community Service (WCS) Committee, voted to award RC of Manzini US\$7,000 toward the conversion of two of ten shipping containers into ten school libraries. Apart from the distribution of books, this project also includes the provision of furniture, containers, medical supplies (wheel chairs, canes, crutches) to the needy.