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EMPOWERING GIRLS

A 2021-22 Presidential Initiative

D9214 Uganda



- RIP Shekhar Mehta's initiatives 2021 – 2022
 - **Empowering Girls**
 - Grow Rotary – Each One, Bring One
 - Rotary Days of Service
 - Areas of Focus Presidential Conferences

- D9214 program targeting girls below 18 years faced with challenges

IMPLEMENTATION



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- **Empowering Girls project** – Each Club is encouraged to undertake a project empowering girls in any of the seven areas of focus
- **Empowering Girls Officers** – Each Club was requested to nominate an officer to coordinate project activities
- **Youth Leaders** – mobilization is done by members of the community led by the Youth Leaders at the Local Council level.
- **Sustainability** – each club has to ensure that each project is sustainable in order to carry this initiative on even after the year end.



EMPOWERING GIRLS INITIATIVE



Something is being done in all
the seven areas of focus:



ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



- The Rotary Club of Kajjansi has set up St. Padre Pio Rotary Institute Buikwe
- The \$ 250,000 project is skilling young girls who become pregnant and drop out of school in tailoring, hair dressing, baking and other life skills.
- This year 400 girls were graduated and all were provided with starter packs.



WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE



- RC Kampala Nsambya set up re-usable sanitary pads project in Nakasajja, Mukono.
- It is a two year program 2020 – 2022.
 - Training girls on how to make re usable environmentally friendly pads
 - Empowering the girls to train and sell to the public
 - Training the girls to train others
 - Pads are distributed in the area and also in Kampala in Kabalagala & Kibuli areas.
- Results;
 - School enrollment of the girls has gone up, earned them an income, & environment is protected.

HOW TO STORE

HOW TO USE

HOW TO CLEAN

1. Rinse them out until the water runs clear.
2. Soak them in cold water with mild detergent.
3. Rub and hang to air dry.
4. Machine washable.
5. WASH SEPARATELY.
6. DO NOT IRON.

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MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH



- RC Munyonyo has an ongoing skilling project in Agago district for the young mothers
 - Maama kits are provided
 - Skilling so that the mothers can look after their young families after child birth
 - Young girls are given re-usable sanitary pads
 - Communities are sensitized on how to engage the teenage mothers

■ Rotary Fellowship for Empowering Women

- Born in D9211 out of the Rotary Roses Program 2020/2021
- Vision – Creating a future where girls and women thrive and lead.

■ Rotaract Ladies Initiative (ROLI)

- All our Rotaract Clubs collaborate with Rotaract Ladies Initiative (ROLI) in empowering of girls.
- Each Club has a ROLI officer
- All projects in all the seven areas of focus

■ Rotary Vijana Poa

- The Vijana Poa program started in D9211 in 2015/2016 as an initiative to support the young people (Vijana)
- Provide attitude/Mindset that will help them to get employed or develop their entrepreneurial skills to earn a living.

- Rotary and Rotaract Clubs have a wide range of projects that are going to be undertaken in all the seven areas of focus
 - Improving medical facilities to focus on the girls in areas of medical care, guiding, counselling, reproductive health
 - Improving school facilities to help the girls stay comfortably in school
 - A lot more focus is going to be given to Menstrual Hygiene management which is much required in our communities
 - Saving the environment

- Girls will be kept in school
- Girls better educated and skilled in different areas
- Change of perception towards girls
- Parents will be engaged and will therefore be able to look after the girls better
- The communities will appreciate the girls better
- The economies of our nations will be better

- The need is great
- Limited resources
- Partners on board are still limited
- Some cultures/communities are still rigid

- All leaders should embrace this initiative
- Let us look beyond one year
- Let us convince other organisations outside Rotary to empower girls
- We need more partners on board both within and out of Rotary to commit resources to this initiative

- RIP Shekhar Mehta for coming up with a good initiative just in time
- Rotary family for embracing Empowering of Girls.
- Our partners for the support
- The community for the cooperation, mobilization and taking ownership of the Rotary projects.



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Thank you!



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