

# Empowering Women & Girls

RI Presidential Initiative in  
Rotary District 9350



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# Introduction

and hello from the  
ambassador team!

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**According to the WWW Foundation in 2020, only 47% of women have access to the internet in Namibia**

**In South Africa, an equivalent of one woman is killed every three hours (*StatsSA, 2020*)**

# **The Stats**

**THE FACTS AND REALITIES IN  
OUR COUNTRIES**

**Females in Angola were 34% less likely to have the same opportunities as males in the country (*Statistica, 2021*)**

**More than 3 600 teen pregnancies have been recorded in Namibia so far in 2021**

**South Africa's femicide rate is five times the global average**

**In 2019, Namibia recorded 200 cases of domestic violence per month (*Borgen Project*)**

**33.5% of women in Angola aged 20-24 years were married before age 18 (*UN Women, 2020*)**

2377 babies born 1 April – 1 Aug 2021 to girls aged 10 –19 (Hermanus)

# The Stats

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SA – One in three girls aged between 10 and 19 years in South Africa fall pregnant and do not return to school, a presentation by the Department of Basic Education to Parliament has shown. (SEPT 2021)





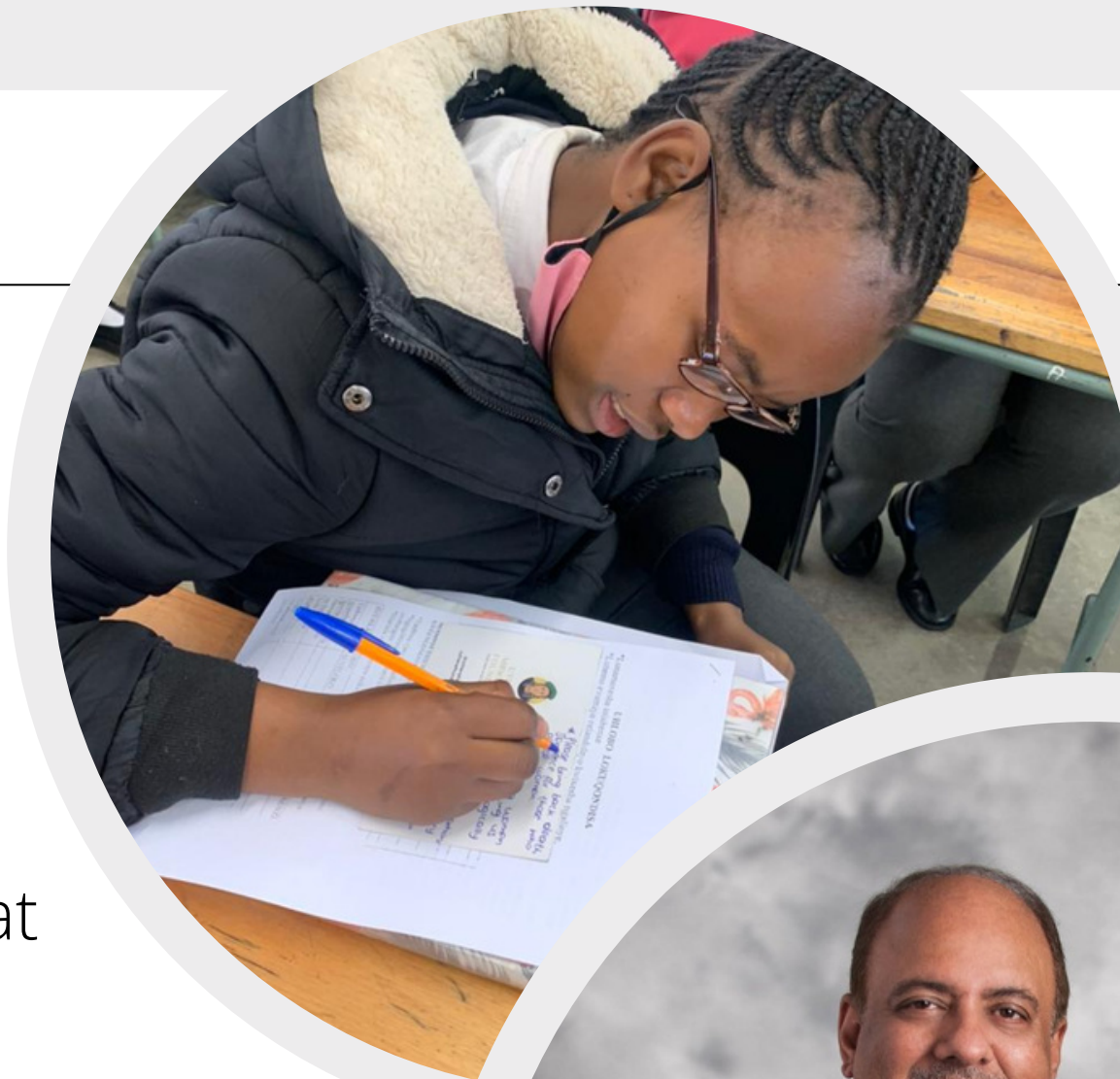
# Call to Action

From RI President Shekhar Mehta:

"We will serve all children, but our focus will be especially on the girl...You as leaders will ensure that we try to mitigate the disadvantages girls face"

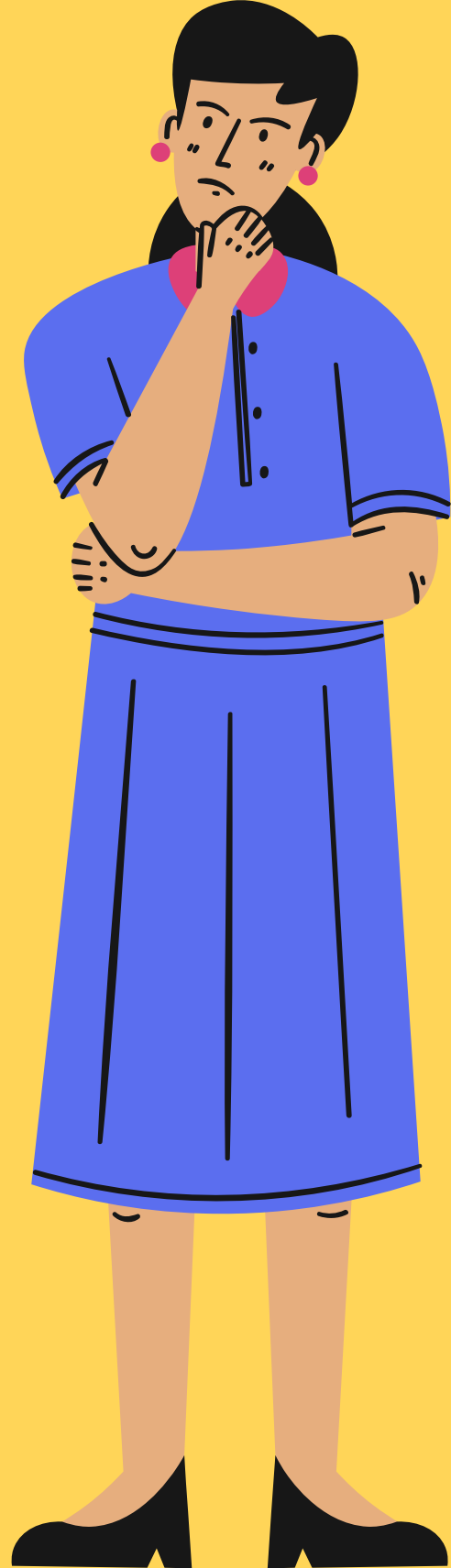
From our Team:

As ambassadors, we challenge Rotary Clubs to empower women and girls. In particular, **we challenge every club to modify or create a project to benefit girls in this Rotary year..**



**Are you  
ready?**

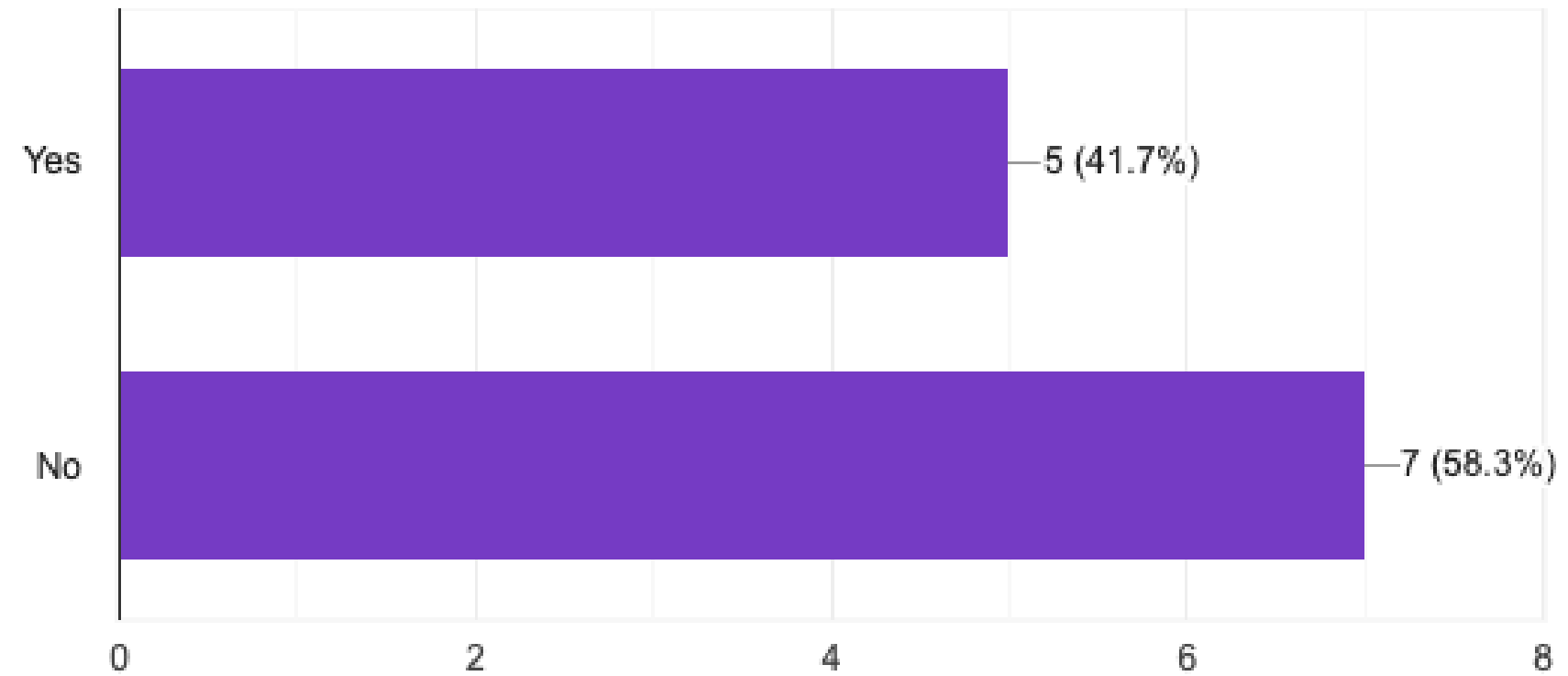




# Women and Girls in Rotaract

Has your club carried out a project for women and girls in the current or past Rotary year?

12 responses





# Action already taken in

## Namibia



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**Namibia Diverse Women's Association (NDWA)** Focus: Beyond gender

**Regain Trust** Focus: GBV, Reproductive health

**Sister Namibia** Focus: Women's voices

**Women's Leadership Centre (WLC)** Focus: Leadership

**Women's Action for Development (WAD)** Focus Empowering rural men and women



# Action already taken in

## Angola

### **Clube de Luanda:**

Child & Adolescent Solidarity

Rotary collaborates with the Ministry of Education

### **Luanda Sul Rotary Club:**

Supports orphanage in Luanda

### **Lobito Rotary:**

Disabled Girls and Polio Survivors Orphanage in Lobito.



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# Action already taken in

## South Africa

### **RCo Century City:**

Nell Harrison: Fundraising for Menstruation Dispenser

### **RCo Constantia:**

Peter Rogers: Care Packs for Victims of Abuse

### **RCo Hermanus:**

Ann Wright: Entrepreneur & High School Funding

### **RCo E- Club:**

Merle O'Ryan: Mentoring Formerly Incarcerated Women

### **RCo Newlands:**

Vanessa Rousseau: GG Empower 16 ECD Women

Wendy Goddard: GBV Post Office to Parliament



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**More projects in the pipeline by:** Strand, Stanford, Blouberg, Cape of Good Hope, Kleinmond, Franschoek & Drakenstien, Am Kap





# Action already taken in South Africa



**Newlands Rotary:**  
Vanessa Rousseau: GG  
Empower 16 ECD Women  
Wendy Goddard: GBV Post  
Office to Parliament



# What about Rotary D9350?

A CHALLENGE!



Let's make this personal and practical





# What can we do?

## Empowering Girls

Equality is a fundamental human right that's critical in order to have a peaceful, prosperous world. Still, girls and women worldwide face inequities in areas including health and education. They experience significant violence and disproportionate poverty. Rotary encourages clubs and districts to support projects that improve the health, well-being, education, and economic security of girls and women around the world. Develop a club-based initiative, a district grant, or a global project. Encourage your community in a project that will protect and empower girls. Work to increase their access to resources that will improve their lives.

### Resources

- [Empowering Girls Initiative Ambassador Role and Responsibilities](#) (PDF)
- [Empowering Girls Talking Points](#) (PDF)
- [Empowering Girls presentation](#) (Power Point)
- [Empowering Girls brochure](#) (PDF)
- [Rotary Youth Protection Guide](#) (PDF)
- [How to add a project to Rotary Showcase](#) (PDF)



Now:

- a changed or informed perception helps
- Visit:  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-initiatives>

# What can we do?



Later

- a modified or new project helps!
- Visit: <https://www.rotary9350.co.za/page/submit-your-club-story>
- Set a deadline to have club members receive official police and sexual offences clearance



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## Conclusion

Girls who are safe, healthy,  
educated and empowered, earn  
more, have healthier families and  
they help grow economies

Together we can serve to change lives by  
empowering women and girls

**Join us!**



POLL:

"Based on what you've just heard, do you feel encouraged to take action and empower women and girls?"

# Thank you!

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