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# EDITORS' NOTE



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## The Month Of Rotary Foundation

I feel that it is only appropriate to start this note by extending gratitude to all the Major Donors, the members of the Paul Harris Society, Bequeath Society and Arch Klump Society in our district.

The Rotary Foundation is a gift that keeps giving, for years since the beginning of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), 100 years ago, over \$4 billion has been injected to different projects globally.

November is one of the special months of Rotary. It does not only shade light on The Rotary Foundation but also shades light on one of Rotary’s most important projects globally, **“END POLIO NOW”**.

Rotary is the founding partner of the “Global Polio eradication initiative” together with the World Health Organization (WHO), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, CDC, UNICEF and GAVI; 20 million volunteers brought together by these organizations have invested about \$8 billion into 200 countries to ensure that polio is eradicated.

The success of ending polio worldwide has been achieved for about 99.9% and Rotarians worldwide are not resting until the 0.1% is achieved.

This 5th edition of UBUNTU is an eclectic issue with a variety of articles on TRF, Polio and different outstanding club activities and projects.

Yours in service!

*Diana Elinam*

Editor in Chief

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

# Shekhar Mehta President 2021-2022

I first discovered the value of service when I saw how a few simple acts can immeasurably change lives. It began when I joined others in my club for a project to bring toilets and clean drinking water to rural villages near our city. It moved forward when we promoted sanitation and provided opportunities for education across the country, thanks to generous gifts from supporters who believed in our projects as much as those of us on the ground did.

There is no better time of the year to be reminded of that generosity than November, which is Rotary Foundation Month.

As the charitable arm of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation is the engine that powers so many Rotary projects throughout the world. The Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives. It is the Foundation that helps us to get closer to our goal of eradicating polio, to show more people how we promote peace through tangible actions, and to demonstrate the impact our projects have in our areas of focus.

Consider some recent projects that were made possible by the Foundation:

- The Rotary clubs of Guatemala La Reforma, Guatemala, and Calgary, Alberta, received an \$80,000 global grant to organize a comprehensive plan to train nurses and rural health care workers to prevent and treat cervical cancer and to implement a sustainable system of referrals in seven



regions of Guatemala.

- More than two dozen hospitals in Honduras received personal protective equipment for their medical staff thanks to a \$169,347 global grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Villa Real de Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Waldo Brookside-Kansas City, Missouri.
  - The Rotary clubs of Cotonou Le Nautille, Benin, and Tournai Haut-Escaut, Belgium, received a \$39,390 global grant to provide agricultural training at an ecologically responsible permaculture mini-farm connected to a center for children in Sowé, Benin. This will help a new generation of farmers become economically self-sufficient.
- I like comparing The Rotary Foundation to the Taj Mahal, a monument of one man’s love for a woman. The Foundation is a dynamic monument of our love for all of humanity.
- This month I am asking all Rotary clubs to bring attention to the Foundation. It is what connects all Rotarians worldwide and transforms our collective passions into projects that change lives. Visit [rotary.org/donate](https://rotary.org/donate); once there, you will have an opportunity to give directly to the program you’re most passionate about.

Thank you for giving your all to Rotary. You are the reason that Rotary is able to do more and grow more. Let’s continue to represent that important legacy this month, this year, and beyond as we Serve to Change Lives.

*Together, we can serve to change lives*



DG YOUNG KIMARO



DG's Note

We are Rotarians because we want to do good in the world, to change lives for the better. It is The Rotary Foundation (TRF) that enables us to do more. Arch Klump started TRF in 1917 with an initial giving of USD26.50 (USD567.90 in current dollars) and to date, it continues to provide funding support with donations from Rotarians to this day. So, dear Rotarians of District 9214, let us

GIVE MORE TO DO MORE TO GROW MORE

The GG utilization by our Mother District 9211 has grown rapidly as clubs in Uganda and Tanzania have become more proficient in putting together impactful projects, deserving of TRF funding. Great for the District, but as the usage of TRF funding began to outpace the rate at which District 9211 Rotarians were donating to TRF, we saw TRF’s ability to fund D9211 (and now, D9213 and D9214) GG projects become constrained.

For many years, ardent promoters of TRF giving, like PDGs Kenneth Mugisha and Sharmila Bhatt, had warned of inevitability of such outcome, and beat the drums loudly for Rotarians to up their giving to TRF. Unfortunately, that feared scenario has caught up with us.

Without going into detail, the leveraging clubs could have expected from GG to fund a project had to be lowered from around 1:10 in the past to 1:5 or even less. That is significantly dampening our clubs’ ability to deliver bigger and bolder projects. Clubs are working around it by forming multi-club projects with multi-club support from the international partner’s side. But to normalize the situation in our District, we Rotarians have to give more. Let’s make sure that by the end of the year, if not early, our District has improved in giving the TRF.

NO ZERO GIVING CLUBS

Amidst us. In recent club visits at one zero giving club, CC/DGN Francisco took the initiative to donate UGX100,000 toward the club’s contribution to TRF and challenged the club members to donate. I followed suit and donated UGX100,000 also and passed a basket

around, urging all present to donate to TRF. Instantly, the club raised UGX360,000 (USD100) in total. A modest sum, but a step that put the club on a new path as a giving club. That change of mindset happened because of asking and leading by example. The club pledged to be more mindful of TRF and to continue to give.

What if every club that is zero giving at the moment designates one meeting every month to TRF giving and ask its members to chip in UGX 30,000/= or TSh 20,000/= on those days. That is affordable for Rotarians. Yes, we could surely give this a try and expect the best.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

For those aspiring for PHF, they could opt to contribute UGX300,000/= or TSh 200,000/= every month on the same TRF giving day of the month.

**Let’s get started.** Even though we missed the first four months of this year, if we can get all these clubs into the habit of giving, that practice will hopefully continue into the next year and beyond to make a substantive difference to the District’s TRF funding.

What if all our Change-Maker Presidents resolve to be PHFs? They will indeed be leading by example, and their drum beat for TRF giving will sound louder and more convincing for others to follow.

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW

And for all the Major Donors and members of the Paul Harris Society, Bequeath Society, Arch Klump Society of our District, thank you for your strong support to TRF. Please continue to support TRF, as it depends on our contributions each year to enable TRF to do justice to our District’s project funding needs. In that, our very own Governor Emmanuel Katongole has set us a great example and challenges us by continuing to contribute USD50,000 each year to TRF since he became an Arch Klump Society member. For that we are immensely grateful, and should endeavour to follow the good example within our own capacity.

The Rotary Foundation Demystified



By Rotarian Ciren Gracias (Rotary Club of Njiro Arusha)

In the few years that I have been a Rotarian, at many of the meetings I have attended, there is always the rallying cry, “Let us contribute to the Rotary Foundation” or “How much are we contributing to the Foundation?” or the “District Governor is visiting our club next month, we need to set a target and inform him/her how much we are contributing to the Foundation this year”. Rotarians then reach for their pockets and contribute to the “Foundation”. However, many do not know actually what for or to whom they are contributing to. They just go with the flow or contribute as some sort of a Rotary obligation.

This article will in brief try to demystify the above and to assure you that your contribution goes to a very good cause. The Rotary Foundation is the Charitable Arm of Rotary. It is over a century old and was established in 1917 by the Rotary International President at the time, Arch Klumph. What started as a US Dollar 26.50 endowment fund has now grown to over USD 1 Billion. The motto is simply – Doing Good. Something which every Rotarian takes pride in.

The Rotary Foundation gets contributions yearly from Rotarians and well-wishers and invests and in turn gives grants for the seven areas of focus, promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies

and protecting the environment. The heart of Rotary is the implementation of sustainable projects to support communities in need and the Foundation gives financial assistance to qualifying clubs in the form of District Grants, Global Grants, Programs of Scale Grants and Disaster Response Grants. To appreciate the scale of contributions, a total of over US Dollars 4 billion has been spent on projects and therefore changing lives. Last Rotary year, a total of 490 district grants were allocated \$33.6m, 339 disaster response grants \$8.4m and 1,359 Global Grants funded to the tune of \$95.6 million.

There is a renowned organization charity navigation.org which rates charities and their transparency. If you search Rotary Foundation, it gives a ranking of Financial 99.16 and Accountability & Transparency 100 (both out of 100). With such a rating, you can get full confidence that every cent you contribute will get used for the purpose it is intended for.

You also get individual recognition when you contribute to the Foundation. The source of pride as a Rotarian is to receive the Paul Harris Fellow recognition (certificate and pin) after you have contributed a total of \$1,000=. The more you contribute, the higher you go up the recognition ladder. You can track your contribution progress on MyRotary.

A wealth of information on how to apply for a Rotary Foundation grant is available on rotary.org. If you have a worthy project in mind why not apply now, your community could be the beneficiary and your club will take pride in seeing the smiles that follow!



Rotary Foundation Funded Project - Oldonyowas

A Project funded by a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation at Oldonyowas in October 2017. Oldonyowas is a Village located in the northern part of Tanzania on the slopes of Mount Meru (4800m) – an extinct volcano, in Arusha Region under the Arusha District Council. It is approximately 35 kilometres from Arusha City. The Oldonyowas Village Chairman, giving a

speech at the handover ceremony. To his left are Rotarians from Bjerringbro Denmark and Arusha Mount Meru. The main objective of the project was the replacement of intakes at source and water pipes which distribute water from sources to farms (irrigation areas) and domestic water points. Notice the beautiful Rotary wheel on the water tank.

EACH YEAR, CONTINUE TO  
GIVE MORE, FOR THE DISTRICT TO DO MORE TO GROW MORE  
TO CHANGE LIVES



# The Rotary Foundation



PDG Ken Mugisha

**Fellow Rotarians:**  
In the Rotary calendar year, the month of November is dedicated to The Rotary Foundation. It's often during this month that every Club President and Club Foundation

Chair makes a major pitch to strive to achieve the club's Foundation goal. Each year as a district we are supposed to show the Rotary world what a district can do in raising funds for Our Foundation. It is in this month of November that the Foundation is brought to the attention of members and it should be the month which generates a strong response towards the club Foundation goals. Rotarians want to know about the good which accrues from their giving, and they usually wish to witness the works of their own club in using Foundation funds to accomplish club-based service work.

In many ways, The Rotary Foundation is an invisible presence in our clubs. Most of what we do in our clubs and our districts, on a weekly basis, we do without the active involvement of the Foundation. But our Foundation is invisible in our clubs in the same way the foundation of a building is invisible when you're in it: Just because you don't see it doesn't mean it's not holding you up.

The Foundation that enabled Rotary to take on polio is, in many ways, the foundation upon which our Rotary service is built. Since it came into existence with a first donation of \$26.50, the Foundation has supported and strengthened our service, enabled our ambitions, and allowed us to be the organization that we are. Because of the Foundation, Rotarians know that if we have the ambition and put in the work, very little is truly beyond us.

It is an incredibly effective model that we have here in Rotary, one that no other organization can match. We are completely local and completely global: We have local skills, connections, and knowledge in over 35,000 clubs, in nearly every country of the world. We have a deserved reputation for transparency, effectiveness, and good business practices, and because we are highly skilled professionals as well as volunteers, we achieve a level of

efficiency that very few other organizations can approach.

To put it simply, a dollar given to The Rotary Foundation has a great deal more muscle than a dollar given to most charities. If you want to spend a dollar on Doing Good in the World, you can't do better than to spend it with the Foundation. That is not just me speaking out of pride; it is verifiably true and is reflected in our rankings by independent organizations.

If you give to the Foundation, somewhere in the world, some place you have probably never been, people you may never meet will lead better lives because of you. Ultimately, it is our Foundation that lets us make good on our core beliefs: that we can make a difference, that we have an obligation to do so, and that working together, as well and as efficiently as we can, is the only way to effect real and lasting change.

The Rotary Foundation Benefactor and Bequest programs should not be forgotten. Assigning part of an estate to the Permanent Fund may not only be a meaningful way to give but it will also ensure the ongoing health of our Foundation.

Every Rotarian should strive to contribute something to the Rotary Foundation. However small your donation may be, it will Make a Difference in somebody's life - that someone you may never meet, will thank Rotary for changing their life. There are so many in this world who need help, and our Foundation is a very sound investment for everyone! If you won't help, then who will? If not now, then when?

We direct our efforts in promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies to enhance our local and global impact.

I am encouraging each one of you to make your highest level of The Rotary Foundation contribution as a tribute to our own late Rotary International President Elect Sam Owori, who carried the flag of District 9200 to the pinnacle of Rotary. During this month, let it be our obligation to remember our great man by doing something different in his memory towards the Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus.

**Remember, as Rotarians we are here to make a difference!**

# Rotary Foundation Month: Program of Scale



By Goretti Massade

Source: Rotary News

## Programs of Scale – What is it?

The Rotary Foundation recently introduced an annual competitive \$2 million grant awarded to Rotary clubs or districts with locally led evidence-based interventions that are ready to scale. This grant provides Rotary members with resources to implement large-scale, high-impact programmes in Rotary's areas of focus while fostering policy development and sustainable programmes. The grant invests in promising interventions that have already demonstrated success.

Throughout the life of the grant (three to five years), Rotary members must work with one or more implementing partners and be prepared to document the programme's success. Implementing partners add value to the programme by complementing the strengths of the Rotary members involved. They must have expertise, experience and programme management systems, and must be an active participant in carrying out programme activities. Implementing partners may be international or local NGOs, government entities, private sector organisations, or other Rotary entities, such as Rotary Community Corps or Rotary Action Groups.

## Why is the Foundation now awarding a \$2 million grant?

To increase Rotary's impact. Through this grant, the Foundation supports high-quality, member-led programmes that have proven outcomes. Lessons learned will be shared with clubs and districts everywhere to further strengthen our service projects. The grant requires (attracts) co-funding to help increase the number of beneficiaries.

## What type of project has the best chance of being awarded a Programs of Scale grant?

The successful proposal will outline a longer-term project that:

- Is evidence-based and can already demonstrate success.
- Is locally relevant to the intended beneficiaries.
- Is ready to grow because it has the right stakeholders and systems in place.
- Monitors, evaluates, and shares data.
- Employs the unique strengths of Rotary.

**The first such grant, announced in February 2021, is providing \$2 million to Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia, a member-led programme focused on fighting malaria.**

Some of the reasons this program was successful are;

1. It is expanding on an innovation that is backed by clear evidence and has worked in the past.
2. Has a high likelihood of working on a larger scale.
3. Is logically organised and grounded in experience.
4. Has partners that have the experience, trust, and strong respect needed to successfully scale up the programme with Rotary.
5. Has co-funders — the Gates Foundation and World Vision US — with the ability and desire to support the programme with Rotary. The two are involved in malaria mitigation efforts and will each contribute \$2 million to the programme
6. Is set up for sustainability and aligned with government efforts.
7. Has clear indicators of success and systems set up to measure them.
8. Has strong demand; malaria is a leading cause of death in Zambia.
9. Allows Rotary members involvement by volunteering, raising money, mobilizing communities, and conducting national-level advocacy work.
10. Has the potential to expand further to combat malaria across Africa.

## Key Terms

- **Scale:** The concept of expanding a proven innovation to benefit more people.
- **Sustainability:** Impact that continues beyond the time frame of the grant funding.
- **Implementing partner:** An organisation that supplements another by carrying out an objective.
- **Impact:** Measurable, positive change.





# The Rotary Foundation Individual Recognition



**By Ericque Okello**  
**Youth Director**  
**RC Muyenga**

The Rotary Foundation offers numerous opportunities for individuals who support our grants and programs to receive recognition and appreciation for their giving. First "The Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member". A Member personally contributes \$100 or more each Rotary year to the Annual Fund. These contributions count toward Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, and Major Donor.



Paul Harris Fellow recognition is another recognition given to anyone who contributes (or in whose name is contributed, using Foundation recognition points) a gift of \$1,000 or more cumulatively to the Annual Fund, the Polio plus Fund, or an approved global grant. The PHF recognition consists of a certificate and pin.

The Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given at subsequent \$1,000 levels. Recognition consists of a pin set with additional stones corresponding to the recipient's recognition amount or a combination of cash contributions and Foundation recognition points received. Multiple Paul Harris Fellow ranges from; \$2,000 to \$9,999, that is PHF +1 "one sapphire", PHF +2 "two sapphires", PHF +3 "three sapphires", PHF



+4 "four sapphires", PHF +5 "five sapphires", PHF +6 "one ruby", PHF +7 "two rubies", PHF +8 "three rubies"

Another recognition is the Paul Harris Society, it recognizes individuals who notify RI of their intention to contribute \$1,000 or more each Rotary year to the Annual Fund, the Polio plus Fund, or an approved global grant. Recognition consists of a chevron-style pin and certificate provided by your district Paul Harris Society coordinator.



The Rotary Foundation also recognizes individuals or couples as Major Donors when their combined giving has reached \$10,000, regardless of the gift designation. This recognition level can be achieved only through personal contributions and not through recognition points. Level Ranges;

- Level 1 (\$10,000 to \$24,999)
- Level 2 (\$25,000 to \$49,999)
- Level 3 (\$50,000 to \$99,999)
- Level 4 (\$100,000 to \$249,999)



Arch Klumph Society; Donors who contribute \$250,000 or more become members of the Arch Klumph Society. Portraits, biographies are housed in the digital Arch Klumph Gallery on the 17th floor of RI World Headquarters; Members are

also grouped by their contributions into, Trustees Circle, Chair's Circle, Foundation Circle, Platinum Trustees Circle, Platinum Chair's Circle, Platinum Foundation Circle and they receive lapel pins and pendants, signed certificates, and invitations to the society's exclusive events, held worldwide.

A Benefactor is an individual who notifies The Rotary Foundation of a commitment for future gifts to the Endowment of \$1,000 or more included in their estate plans or who makes an outright gift of \$1,000 or more to the Endowment. Benefactors receive a certificate and insignia to be worn with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.

Bequest Society; Individuals or couples who notify The Rotary Foundation of their commitment to include future gifts to the Foundation of \$10,000 or more in their estate plans are invited to join the Bequest Society. Each level of giving includes the benefits of the preceding levels:

- \$10,000 A Bequest Society pin and an exclusive art piece suitable for framing
- \$25,000 A Rotary's Promise crystal and a named endowed fund
- \$50,000 Separate named endowed funds
- \$100,000 A customized Rotary's Promise crystal

Lastly, Individuals or couples who substantiate future gifts to the Endowment of \$1 million or more are invited to join the Legacy Society. These donors are listed in Rotary's annual report and are invited to exclusive Rotary International and Foundation events, and all the benefits provided to Bequest Society members.

\$250,000 posthumous induction into the Arch Klumph Society

\$500,000 Special seating and registration benefits at the Rotary International Convention

## BEQUEST SOCIETY

- Provision in estate plan totaling \$10,000+

Examples: living will, life insurance policy



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## Bequest Society Recognition

### Bequest Society Level 1

US\$10,000 – 24,999.99 One Diamond Circle Pin

### Bequest Society Level 2

US\$25,000 – 49,999.99 Two Diamond Circle Pin

### Bequest Society Level 3

US\$50,000 – 99,999.99 Three Diamond Circle Pin

### Bequest Society Level 4

US\$100,000 – 499,999.99 Four Diamond Circle Pin

### Bequest Society Level 5

US\$500,000 – 999,999.99 Five Diamond Circle Pin

### Bequest Society Level 6

US\$1,000,000 Plus Six Diamond Circle Pin

The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund – Leaving a Legacy ... To Secure Tomorrow





## Beach Soccer a Fundraiser with a Difference!

By **PAG Guru Sykes**

In the Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Mbezi Beach, we have a dream that transcends beyond and that is to assist the Kawe Dispensary located in the North of Dar es Salaam City, with much needed medical equipment and machinery. Kawe Dispensary is under the Local Government Municipality of Kinondoni, and services a population of approximately 67,000 plus. The Dispensary attends mostly to women, Maternal and Child Healthcare, with prenatal clinics and a small 3 bed Delivery room catering solely to normal deliveries.

RC of Dar es Salaam Mbezi Beach is a fairly young club, toddling and wobbling along. As we were thinking of several ways to raise funds for our site of project, the idea of a Beach Soccer Bonanza to raise funds came about. On the 2nd October 2021, the first of the Fundraiser Event was launched at Ramada Beach Resort.

The club is excited to have this on a quarterly basis as a Fundraising event.

We would like to see the Beach Soccer Cup become an important fundraising event with the aim of bringing together the community of Mbezi beach and Rotarians from all over for a sports

fun day and at the same time involve each one of us in raising money for the good cause towards improving healthcare facility at Kawe Dispensary, which also services a large part of the surrounding communities.

Honourable Councillor Mutta Rwakatare of Kawe District, graced the event to officially launch and in so endorsing the participation of the local Government and support. The 4 aside teams, from supporting fellow Rotary Clubs, such as Rotary Club Dar Mikocheni, Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam, our Interacts Club of DIS, our Rtn Mother Maryanne Mugo funding 2.

The Rotaract Club of Professionals had a great turn out and we thank you enormously for the participation. Our President Pamela Mutabazi with the launching of what shall be a quarterly Fundraising Event, exercised her masterly skills, business connections and brought on board corporate partners Raphael Logistics (T) Ltd and Premium Sponsor Rochester Reinsurance, participating with teams to make this a fun, highly spirited and superb event.

Watch this page for more updates on the Beach Soccer Bonanza!

Thanking All our Volunteers and friends of Rotary.

## The Rotary Foundation - Quiz



By **Ciren Gracias**

**Whether you are an experienced Rotarian or have recently joined, test your knowledge by trying out this Rotary Foundation quiz (answers on page 29):**

1. The Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians to advance \_\_\_\_\_, goodwill and peace.
2. Among the ways the Rotary Foundation achieves No. 1 above are by improving health, providing quality education, \_\_\_\_\_ and alleviating poverty.
3. What is the motto of the Rotary Foundation?
4. What do you get for each dollar you contribute to the Foundation?
5. Where are the headquarters of the Rotary Foundation situated?
6. The Rotary is organized as a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes and governed by \_\_\_\_\_
7. What Fund is the primary source of funds that support The Rotary Foundation's programs and areas of focus?
8. Another Fund that has been established to provide a permanent and sustainable source of funding is \_\_\_\_\_
9. What words do you see on the Rotary Foundation logo?
10. What recognition do you get when you give \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant?





## KANOs (Kampala North) Against Malaria



**Rtn. Joan Aimbisibwe,**  
**Chair Malaria Project,**  
**Rotaract club of Kampala**  
**North**

In early 2021, the (then) incoming Rotary International President, Shekhar Mehta unveiled his theme for the year: “Serve to Change Lives”. As part of this, he articulated his special focus on empowering the girl child, emphasizing that Malaria has for long been a world-wide concern especially on the African and Asian continents. Malaria is a life-threatening disease that is caused by plasmodium species which are spread through the bite of an infected female anopheles’ mosquito. This disease claims several lives each year. In 2019, WHO estimated about 229 million cases world-wide with an estimated number of deaths at 409,000. Majority of these deaths are amongst children and the African continent contributes 94% of all malaria cases and deaths. This is very unfortunate especially because malaria is preventable and curable.

According to the ministry of health national malaria control program, malaria is a major public health problem. It is the most frequently reported disease at both public and private health facilities in Uganda. Clinically diagnosed malaria is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality accounting for 30-50% of outpatient visits at health facilities, 15-20% of all hospital admissions and up to 20% of all hospital deaths. 27.2% of in-patient deaths among children under 5 years of age are due to malaria. This disease not only has a direct impact on the health of individuals

but also direct and indirect impacts on the economy of families, communities and the country at large.

Several efforts have been made towards the elimination of Malaria world-wide including Uganda. Some countries are indeed doing better than others. WHO suggests 3 major pillars in the fight against Malaria i.e. the proper use of Insecticide treated mosquito nets, Indoor residual spraying and early diagnosis and treatment of malaria cases. These however go hand in hand with health education on the dangers of malaria and how best people can prevent the disease.

At Rotaract club of Kampala North this year, we decided to incorporate the fight against malaria into our adopted community in Kakindu. In this project we aim to promote malaria eradication through the use of all elements in the WHO pillars against malaria. So far, we have been able to carry out 2 visits where we have so far been able to test 235 people in this community of whom 14 had positive malaria test results. This means about 1 in 6 people are infected with malaria so far. Those found to be positive have been treated. We are also providing continuous education on prevention. This includes the environmental interventions like clearing stagnant water, bushes, broken bottles and tires (that may harbor breeding sites) etc. and also the dangers of complicated malaria like kidney and liver failure etc.

Moving forward in this project we intend to empower the village health teams, distribute nets to those with unmet need and carry out Indoor residual spraying in 200 selected homes in one sub-parish. We believe with collaborations and team work we can all come together to eradicate this disease.



Our malaria project launch was marked by the unveiling of our project banner by Rtn. Sheila Birungi, Movit products Ltd and Rtn. CMP. Prof. Augustus Nuwagaba of RC Muyenga.



Some of the children who tested and some who received malaria treatment.



The VHTs of Kakindu were given a megaphone by Malaria Partners International to boost health education in the community.



We were joined by nurses from Mulago hospital and Mwera health centre (HC IV serving Kakindu) who participated in malaria testing services.



A doctor from Mwera HC IV and a 4th year medical student from Makerere University were available to answer patients' queries.



# Mission Green Project a Fascinating and Memorable Bonding Experience

**By Isaac Akugizibwe, CMP Rotaract Club of Muyenga**

When we set off for the joint mission green project in Mpigi district, expectations were skyrocketing. Everything was played straight to our expectations, some even better.

Saturday, 25th September 2021 was somewhat a special day. It was the first time Rotarians and rotaractors were meeting physically after so many months as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Having begun with heavy drizzling, there was worry that it would turn out to be a bad day, instead it was a blessing in disguise.

Because of rain, we were forced to depart from Hotel International, Muyenga at 9 o'clock East African standard time instead of the agreed time, 7:am. Each participant, Rotarians and rotaractors were given a green T-shirt to depict the mission of the trip. Whereas the T-shirts cost Rotarians 9 dollars or more, rotaractors were given at no cost; Rotary norm.

The fascinating journey from Hotel International Muyenga, the home of the mighty Rotary club of Muyenga to Mpigi district took two good hours. It was full of joy and reverential wonder. The day began picking up momentum when we made a stop for breakfast in Mpigi town. The town is prosperous and hospitable though it required several inquiries and wonder abouts to find a restaurant. Thanks to the restaurant that served us the best highway breakfast with utmost respect and consideration. From there, we were destined to give our best.

Reaching the mission green project site, a vast hilly land lay before us, evoking a sense of wonder. Ladies and gentlemen all in green spread evenly across a well tilled land. These were Rotarians and rotaractors from several other clubs who had combined efforts with Rotary club of Muyenga to conserve the environment through a joint tree planting project dubbed mission green. It was evident enough that serious work was in progress and without wasting time, we all jumped out of the bus, grabbed tree seedlings and water and joined the other Rotarians and rotaractors across the hill. We walked and talked, feet sinking into the damp spongy soil as we planted seedlings in the holes that had been prepared.

There was a sharp contrast between the weather we left in Kampala and that of Mpigi, especially at the vast hill that will soon be forested. The

scorching heat from the sun saw us sweat as we wound, twisted and turned through the scene of nature while filling holes with seedlings.

Exhilarating music and jokes from Rotarians took the day to the next level of fun. They joked about children of this generation not knowing what it is like to work hard, to sweat and produce output.

"All they know is wake up, walk to the office, do some little work, take four hours on social media, go for lunch, again try doing something small for an hour or two and ask for transport home at three or five," One Rotarian remarked.

Another woman shared a lovely insight into the mystical remedies a bush can offer that children of this generation have either ignored or do not know.

"These fake diseases like syphilis, the so-called infections you people suffer from in Kampala can be cured effectively by the shrubs in this bush. There are many herbs here that these children don't know about, I pity my girls here. How do you even survive?," She wondered.

When planting was declared complete, we were treated to a delicious luncheon, a mixture of meat and matooke, a meal commonly known as "Katogo". Like it has always been in Rotary, hard work proceeds enjoyment, drinks were served in plenty. The addition of roasted pork to the menu turned everything into a perfect day out especially for the rotaractors for we have never disappointed when it comes to food.

The Mpigi mission green project was one of the many tree planting projects in which I have fully participated since joining the Rotary family as a Rotaractor. Unlike the rest, this was a memorable group-bonding experience, one that really gave us a sigh of relief from a tumultuous COVID-19 lockdown which had for long restricted physical engagements like that. Thanks mother club, the Rotary club of Muyenga and all the Rotary clubs that made it a dream come true.

Soon the trees we planted shall grow into a forest and guess what, the fertile soils upon that hill will be protected from soil erosion and the hill itself will soon become more beautiful a scenery than ever. Then we shall be able to learn that conservation is an affordable luxury. Each one plant one. Long live Rotaract club of Muyenga, long live Rotary club of Muyenga, long live Rotary world over.

# Eulogies of The Late IPP PHF Yoweri Ninsiima



**PAG Moses Galabuzi**

*Yoweri was a determined young man I remember him for changing the club image of rotaract BWEBAJJA into a corporate dress code club the rotaractors embraced their cooperate dress code with the inspiration from this young man. He continually encouraged them to dress in a cooperate manner as this would impact how they are portrayed out there.*

**DGE Peace Taremwa**

*Yoweri was a genius and he sought to learn everyday. He also had great faith in doing big things even if at that present time the resources were non existent. Particularly I remember his dedication to work at service projects. He was meticulous planner and would organize anything to the letter leaving no gaps whatsoever and thus ensuring success of that which he had embarked on to fulfill.*

**Rtn Miriam Kayaga**

*I remember Yoweri for his sacrifices and selflessness. We had a project running during the total lockdown but Yoweri was not phased by the challenges of transport and coordination. He made sure to give morning afternoon and evening briefs about the preparations of the project. He would physically trek to my office at different time intervals during the day to share the progress of the project. I will never forget his zeal to see that a project he was undertaking pulled through.*

**Rtn Hassan Nyenje**

*Yoweri was humble obedient and fun loving. He dedicated time for serious rotary work and delivered on point. He also didn't slacken when it came to having fun and he brought light and merry to a crowd every single time he was present.*



# The Buyiga Water Project – Rotary Club of Rubaga Lake View, District 9214, Uganda

**By Rtn. Christabel Ariekot Madsen**  
**Club Public Relations Director.**  
**Rotary Club Of Rubaga Lake View, District 9214, Uganda**

Real impact is happening on Buyiga Island thanks to the Rotary club of Rubaga Lake View and different local and international partners.

If you have never heard of this small Island, you are one of many! The island, found in Mpigi district (Uganda), is nicely hidden away from most, even those living in the same district. It calls for one to have heard of it from friends or visited to know that it exists.

Buyiga is a 17.7sq kilometer wide island with a population of about 20,000 people. It is located on Lake Victoria, Kammengo sub county in Mpigi district, about 5 kilometers from Buwama town council. The Rotary club of Rubaga Lake View 'adopted' the island through the 5-year project in 2019. The 'Adopt a Village' Buyiga Project mainly concentrates on Education, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child health, and Economic empowerment of the residents.

In 2019, the club took on one of the island's biggest challenges – Clean water for all! A needs assessment conducted by the club showed that the only source of running water on the entire island was a privately owned borehole that residents had to pay quite dearly for per jerrycan. This served less than 10% of the population. 90% of the residents got their water from the swamp, the same place they washed clothes, bathed, and bred their animals. The risk of contracting diseases like cholera, diarrhea and Bilharzia was high, and with little to no access to medical care.

Two years since taking on the Water Project on the Island, five boreholes have so far been launched and handed over to the residents, to be owned and managed by the community. This is very important for us as a club because we want the community to be part of their own project and development.

Water Management Committees consisting of the residents themselves have ensured that there are local building materials (bricks, sand, and stones) for the boreholes, The committees also ensure that residents commit to saving towards maintenance and sustainability of the boreholes and that while on the Island, the technical team doing the actual sinking of the boreholes are welcomed warmly.

With one more borehole left to be constructed, the Island will by the end of this year (2021), have a total of 6 boreholes located within 6 of the big villages that make up the Island. Over 2000 households will benefit from the Water Project, with each household having an average of 8 occupants. As a club we have already seen the positive impact from the 5 villages, with cases of water borne diseases significantly falling. The residents now have sources of clean water that are within their reach. The borehole that was constructed within the vicinity of the only Primary school on the island (St. Martin Buyiga Primary School) has seen more pupils coming into school and exercising better hygiene. This borehole is also close to the only island's Health Centre II clinic, a great advantage to the medical staff who need clean water to provide medical care to patients.

Tackling Water and Sanitation on an island with as many residents as there are on Buyiga Island, is indeed a joint effort. The project would not have been possible without the support of several partners coming on board to partner with us. Partners that have supported the Buyiga Water Project include Distrikt 2390 (Sweden) Rotary club of U-fonden (Sweden) Rotary club of Burlov-Karstop, Help@hand Organisation, Sydvatten, VA gruppen, Consafe Logistics and Malmo Limhamn Rotary Club (Sweden).

We continue to invite even more partners to come on board with us as we work towards lifting the lives of the people on Buyiga Island. There is still need for clean water for more residents, there is need for schools and education facilities, economic empowerment projects and support to health projects.

As a club we are more than happy that we accepted the invitation to 'Adopt' this beautiful island. The people there are very friendly, welcoming, and full of gratitude. They continuously pledge to work in collaboration with the club towards the sustainability of the projects. Most of all, the smiles and laughter from the children, women, and men of Buyiga make each visit to the island worth it.

Please reach us via [rubagalakeview23@gmail.com](mailto:rubagalakeview23@gmail.com) for any more inquiries or partnership suggestions and read more about our Buyiga Adopt A village journey on:

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The beautiful island of Buyiga and its people



The only way to the Island is by Canoe



The only water sources of water before the project



Assessing the possibility of the water project on the island



Boreholes for clean water for the residents at Buyiga Island



Borehole launch at the school and health centre



Partners supporting the Buyiga Water Project



Happiness, joy and gratitude from the people of Buyiga



# Rotarians Have Fun! Major Farm Cookout

By **PAG Guru Sykes,**

A joint social at a Farm in the north of Dar es Salaam.

An idea that President Leina of Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Mikocheni came up with after seeing and tasting the wonderful fresh organic produce, from a farm run by Rtn Torriano of Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Mbezi Beach. Pow..! Let's have a BBQ Cookout, yes let's do it! Preparations and organization of bring a dish, a chair, a glass and a bottle or two.

It was an extended brunch to sunset, with the coming together of Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Mikocheni, Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Mbezi Beach and Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam.

On Nyerere Day, a Public Holiday, lazily chilled and basking under the huge mango tree, overlooking the expanses of the sweetcorn fields, vegetable garden and papaya trees, Rotarians enjoyed the treasures of mother nature. A time for business and pleasure, the Rotarians not only bonded but also discussed strategies on how to increase membership in Dar es Salaam...\*

In the background, some music twanged and glasses cheered, the cocktail concoction of iced mojito and cold beer lightened the encounter, as the leg of goat, chicken, sweetcorn and green banana charcoaled on the BBQ, the smells mouthwatering!

A definite repeat was planned.

# Emayani Enjan! "The Blessing of Rain!"



By **Rotarian Ralph Williams**  
and **CMP Samantha Button**

Monduli is one of the driest districts in Tanzania, with Monduli Juu in Arusha region receiving only 30 inches (760 mm) of rainfall per year. Access to water is a constant challenge; and women walk many kilometres and spend multiple hours each day collecting water. To date, the small government-owned Dispensary in Emairete Village in Monduli Juu has had very limited access to water from its small rainwater harvesting system with a capacity of 5000 liters, and has had to purchase water to operate. The dispensary has the capacity to accommodate one patient for delivery service at a time and could serve an average of thirty out patients per day. However, the limited supply of water has meant that the Dispensary could only be opened once per week when the Doctor would visit from Arusha - if people had medical needs at other times they would have to travel to Monduli village, 15km away.

The Rotary Club of Arusha has partnered with the Rotary club Dunnville of Ontario, Canada, to build a 140,000 litre capacity rainwater harvesting system, which will completely supply the needs of the dispensary.

On 29th Sept 2021 the Arusha District Commissioner Mr. Frank Mwaisumbe, officially inaugurated the rainwater harvesting system. During the opening ceremony he thanked the two Rotary clubs for providing the much-needed support to Emairete village, and urged the villagers to show their appreciation by taking good care of the facility so that it can provide water for a long time to come. He thanked Ralph Williams for being the connection between Emairete village and the respective Rotary clubs, and for spending almost every day of the last two months managing the building of this rainwater harvesting system.

Rotarians Ralph and Twyla Williams work with the Monduli Juu Church of Christ and live in Emairete village. When they moved to the village in 2016, there was no water supply for the village. They built a rainwater harvesting system for their own home, and began sharing water with neighbors. Shortly thereafter, the village started to receive water from a borehole provided by an Irish family, and administered by the Roman Catholic Church.

Two years ago, Ralph obtained funding through a church in Alabama, U.S.A. to build a 75,000 litre rainwater collection system for his church. This provides some of the needs of the community, but was still not nearly enough. The Rotary Club of Arusha agreed to sponsor

a rainwater harvesting project for Emairete Dispensary if Ralph could find the needed funding. This funding came via a Canadian relative of Ralph's, Rotarian Dr. Bob Perry. Dr. Bob and Ralph made presentations to many clubs in the Ontario region, and raised enough money for the project.

Speaking during the launch, the village chairman Mr. Amani Noah and ward councillor Mrs. Monica Yohanna thanked the Rotary club of Arusha and Ralph Williams specifically for partnering with Emairete villager to make this project possible. The village leaders committed to protect it, and to establish a water committee for the village that will sell the excess water to the villagers. The water requirement of the dispensary is 70,000 litres per year, thus the excess 70,000 litres per year will be sold to the villagers and funds raised will be used to maintain the facility and in this way make the system sustainable.

Mr. Ralph Williams thanked the villagers for offering themselves to volunteer to do the manual work for building the rainwater harvesting system, which has helped to significantly reduce the cost of the project. He said that, by the time the project is completed during October 2021, the estimated cost will be Tshs 45,000,000.

One of the major strengths about this project is that it is truly community owned. Ward Councillor Mrs. Monica Yohanna was a leading part of the project committee, turning her hand to everything from the administrative work of obtaining the necessary permits, to organizing volunteers daily, to getting actively involved in the construction, digging and using a wheelbarrow when needed. Elibariki Sulle, doctor for the Emairete Dispensary, also worked alongside other volunteers on the heavy manual work when he was not needed at the Dispensary. He will take charge of the system and its maintenance when it is completed, and has promised that the village, the staff of the Dispensary, and the church will work hand in hand to ensure that the rainwater harvesting system will be maintained and protected so that it can serve the villagers for as long as possible.

During the celebration, the Emairete Women's Fire Singers sang and danced to escort the members of the Arusha Rotary Club into the celebration, and they presented new Maasai shukas to members of the club.

The president of the Rotary club of Arusha, Mrs. Samantha Button, congratulated the villagers of Emairete for the project and she thanked the community for their hard work to complete it. She used the opportunity to explain that Rotary club of Arusha is part of a worldwide association of Rotary International, whose objective is to bring together like-minded friends to work to serve the community.



CMP Samantha Speech during Opening



RCA members at Rainwater Harvesting Construction



# UBUNTU Covers an Interesting Interview by Rotarian Hamza Kassongo, Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam with Past President Kisenyi Sanasio of the Rotary Club of Kyotera, Uganda on his Rotarian Journey



PP Sanasio Kisenyi

**By Waheeda Kassongo**

**Hamza:** Welcome to UBUNTU Chats with Hamza, PP Sanasio. Tell me, what inspired you to join Rotary?

**Sanasio:** I'm a teacher by

profession so sometime back in 2010, I had fellow teachers who were Rotarians and they actually inspired me and called me several times, 'come and join us, come and join Rotary, come and learn more'. As they were my friends, I did not hesitate to go and join the club and the fellowship of Rotary Club of Kyotera. They brought me into the Rotary family slowly by slowly. I've enjoyed it all!

**Hamza:** Tell me Sanasio, did they do anything special to make you stay on because usually, when new members join clubs, it is very hard to keep them in the club?

**Sanasio:** You are right. They didn't do anything so special because even one of the friends who brought me in Rotary left after 2 years. In my heart, I wanted to serve the community. From the beginning, I enjoyed what Rotary was doing.

**Hamza:** You joined in 2011?

**Sanasio:** Actually 2011 was an invitation and I was inducted in Rotary in 2012.

**Hamza:** So you joined the club 2012 and became the President 2019?

**Sanasio:** Yes.

**Hamza:** When you became President, what were your main objectives and what did you achieve during that year of office?

**Sanasio:** Oh that's a good question! When I joined my club, they had several global

grants that were serving the community, Mighty Global Grants like 3H Micro Credit and other community projects. They helped to construct water tanks in schools, paying school fees, giving micro loans in the community etc. Rotary was boosting the communities. Rotary was everywhere. However, by 2013 all these projects closed.

**Hamza:** Why?

**Sanasio:** The grants were over, officially closed by the foundation, so from 2013 to 2018, there was no grant in the club. We only worked with local projects eg Family Health Days, and other local community projects. In my heart, I asked myself 'What's wrong with our club? What's happening here? We need to do something as regards Grants'.

**Hamza:** Is that why you wrote 3 global grants?

**Sanasio:** Exactly. Before becoming President, I was Club Secretary doing all the paperwork for the club even submitting qualification documents etc. The person (charter president Joseph) who was writing the grants at first in our club was ageing (Hamza laughs). We needed to take initiative and get these global grants. As Secretary, I looked for partners. We had visitors from the US who came to visit a club Rotarian, we partnered with them. The same with German Rotarians and Canadian visitors. I did whatever it took to have a global grant. By the time I became President in 2019/20 in the 3rd month, I got a club-to-club partnership to renovate a Health Centre worth US\$12,000. We received the funds from a Club called Drummondville Canada and we were able to renovate the hospital very well.

**Hamza:** What was the 1st global grant?

**Sanasio:** By the end of October, we had the approval from the Foundation approving a Global Grant 20951973 and it was Gayaza

Primary and Secondary School Shiny Project worth \$69,000 This was in partnership with Rotary club of Columbia South and a cooperating organization called Be The Change Volunteers BTCV from USA.

**Hamza:** What was it about?

**Sanasio:** We worked at the school; girls were bathing from poor bathrooms so we prioritized the girls' washrooms, 1 toilet for girls and 1 toilet for boys, 60,000-liter water reservoir. We had to train people on how to manage these facilities and their sustainability. We also gave 5 water bio sun filters for pure water for drinking, constructed a school fence and two handwashing stations at the school.

**Hamza:** What was the other global grant?

**Sanasio:** The 2nd global grant came in when I was almost leaving office, GG209708. This was the Water Powers Education Project worth \$50,000 in partnership with Rotary club of Danischer Wohld Germany.

The 3rd global grant also was approved towards the end of my year as president and this was GG2096828 Adullum community development project worth \$ 43,000 and this was in partnership with the Rotary club of Saanich Canada.

**Hamza:** Our countries, the whole world, is experiencing times through Covid, Corona. What, if anything, did your club do?

**Sanasio:** In my year as president, the 2nd Semi Annual was interrupted by Corona. When it came in, I mobilized my club members and we had another impactful project regarding C-19. We raised some funds, we partnered with our district and we got 32 Health centers and supplied them with protective overalls, masks, N95 masks, gloves, sanitizers, aprons, hand wash stations etc. My club was one of the clubs in Uganda which received the biggest volume of the global grant for Covid.

**Hamza:** Excellent, excellent. Then I understand you have attended 6 DCAs which is very commendable. Also, a Rotary UN Conference? What is that exactly?

**Sanasio:** Rotary partners with different organizations, I think this was the 3rd volume and it took place in Nairobi. Rotary Foundation is trying to build a strong partnership with the

United Nations and this is celebrated every year, nicknamed Rotary UN Day. I was part of the team from Uganda that attended Rotary UN Day in Nairobi.

**Hamza:** Sanasio, right now you are engaged in writing a major project. What is this all about?

**Sanasio:** There are 7 clubs that make up Greater Masaka. Last year we had a major fellowship for 2 days called Greater Masaka Mega Fellowship. We celebrated the fellowship as well as designing something tangible that could bind us together. My proposal was simple – can we have a Mega Wash Project for all these clubs? We are in the early stages and looking for partners. We have designed a global grant and we hope to work on 3 schools per club, leading to 21 schools that will benefit from the grant and the needs assessment has already been done by the clubs.

**Hamza:** Two last questions. One, your clubs are almost on the border with Tanzania. At least Kyotera is, have you made any efforts to partner with the clubs in Bukoba like years past?

**Sanasio:** In Bukoba, no. It would be nice, but we have to revitalize the energy between you people there and our clubs.

**Hamza:** As you are so energetic and you've done it before, I give it to you as a challenge. Will you be going to Arusha?

**Sanasio:** I can't miss it, of course!

**Hamza:** When we meet in Arusha, I will come especially to you and see how far you've gone with your relationship with Bukoba clubs.

**Sanasio:** Let me try that. That is a very strong assignment (laughing hard and making a note of it).

**Hamza:** Is there anything Sanasio, that you'd like to advise young Rotarians?

**Sanasio:** You cannot do anything without support from others. What is important is to get good connections. You cannot serve alone, use your friends. One point is that EVERY Rotarian should take a step, however small it is, to have something done in their community.

**Hamza:** Thank you very much indeed Sanasio Kisenyi from the Rotary Club of Kyotera.



# Polio - The Fight Continues: Interview with Rtn Dr William Mwengee

Leina Lemomo, President of the Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Mikocheni, celebrating an ongoing collaboration with the Ubungo District Medical Officer Peter Nsanya



By Rotarian Julia Seifert

Polio myelitis, commonly referred to as polio, is an infectious disease caused by the poliovirus. In about 0.5 percent of cases, it moves from the gut to affect the central nervous system, and there is muscle weakness resulting in a flaccid paralysis. This can occur over a few hours to a few days.

Thus far no effective treatment for polio has been discovered, however infection can be effectively prevented by vaccination. Through effective immunization Tanzania achieved polio free status last year, however, due to continued existence of the virus globally continuous vaccination remains paramount, to continuously preserve herd immunity.

World Health Organizations (WHO) estimates indicate that in 2019 Tanzania retained a high rate of Polio immunization of 89% among 1-year-olds, Uganda retained an equally high rate of 92%. This trend needs to be held up, considering that immunization rates of 90% or higher are required to sufficiently protect a community from infections.

To support this cause Rotary launched the PolioPlus Fund in 1985 and joined the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988 as a founding member. Through decades of commitment and work by Rotary and its partners, more than 2.5 billion children have received the oral polio vaccine to date.

In commemoration of World Polio Day, celebrated yearly on the 24th of October, and to understand current challenges

around continuous immunization Ubuntu has spoken to Dr William Mwengee, World Health Organization (WHO) Immunization Surveillance Officer in Tanzania and Member of the Rotary Club of Tanga.

**Rtn Julia Seifert:** Last year Tanzania was declared Polio Free. Why does it remain as important as ever for us to keep on pushing for immunization?

**Rtn Dr William Mwengee:** Building herd immunity in the community is so important to avail recurrence of polio. To achieve effective community immunity immunization rates of 90% or more need to be achieved. Though we have recorded our last polio case more than three decades ago, we need to continue vaccinating due to the continuous presence of polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan, hence there remains a risk of reinfection. Only when the whole world has been declared polio free and remained so for three consecutive years will we be able to consider the removal of the polio vaccine.

**Rtn Julia Seifert:** What is the biggest challenge in ensuring large scale vaccination?

**Rtn Dr William Mwengee:** Success comes with challenges. Especially in countries with scarce resources, if no immediate threat is felt resources may be allocated to other, seemingly more pressing issues. Hence, we need to keep on pressing on that vaccination, awareness and continuous surveillance remains paramount until the world has eradicated polio.

**Rtn Julia Seifert:** In recent months we have seen resistance to vaccines around the globe. Is this a concern regarding the polio vaccine?

**Rtn Dr William Mwengee:** Not at all. The

polio vaccine has been well researched and administered for multiple decades around the globe with massive success. Luckily vaccine resilience is not affecting the polio vaccination drive.

**Rtn Julia Seifert:** What is the role of Rotary in eradicating polio?

**Rtn Dr William Mwengee:** With the establishment of the PolioPlus Fund in 1985 Rotary set a clear sign in the right direction and has since then been the lead supporter in the global fight to eradicate polio. The WHO recognizes the tremendous efforts Rotary International has taken to ensure awareness and vaccine distribution around the globe are secured.

At this point, more than ever it is important for Rotary to continue to mobilize resources and ensure the legacy project culminates in the

complete eradication of polio.

In short, we cannot stop now, we need to keep our efforts going till the last second.

**Rtn Julia Seifert:** What can individual clubs do to ensure they support the global efforts?

**Rtn Dr William Mwengee:** Individual clubs should seek collaboration with the local government, their regional and district medical officers, vaccination centers and understand local challenges and where support is needed most.

Also, it is important that we continue to advocate, make noise about the disease, the importance of the vaccine and create awareness through getting airtime on TV, Radio or by performing effective on-ground activities.

## Commemorating Polio Day - Immunization Drive

Collaboration with local governments can be very fruitful, as the recent awareness and immunization drive led by the Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Mikocheni has shown.

On Saturday, 23rd October, the Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Mikocheni was joined by district health officials at Sinza Palestina Hospital, in Dar es Salaam, to vaccinate children and create awareness of the continuous importance of polio vaccination for children to ensure Tanzania retains its polio free status.



Nurse in charge of immunization at Sinza Palestina Hospital administering drop immunization to one of the newborns.



Rotaract President of Dar City, Faith Elisaria, hands out a newborn gift package to one of the mothers at Sinza Palestina Hospital.



Leina Lemomo, President of the Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Mikocheni, and Ubungo District Medical Officer, Peter Nsanya, hand out newborn gift package in the newborn ward at Sinza Palestina Hospital.



Rotarians and Health District Officials posing for a group picture celebrating a successful awareness and immunization drive.



## Kabule Community on World Polio Day

CMP Augustus Nuwagaba, RC Muyenga Launches Polio vaccination on a baby at Kabule HCIII



**By Rtn Monica Nakiwala Chittenden**  
**Polio Officer**  
**Rotary Club Of Muyenga**

against Poliomyelitis.

Through the global polio eradication initiative different partners including Rotary Clubs around the world work together to eradicate polio. Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. It has no cure, but there are safe and effective vaccines. Polio can be prevented through immunization and the vaccine almost protects a child for life. Therefore the best strategy to eradicate polio infection is by immunizing children until transmission stops and the world is polio free and maintains a clean environment.

The Rotary Club of Muyenga partnered with Rotary club of Mityana and Rotaract club of Mityana to celebrate World polio day at Kabule Health Center III. Mr Sekitoleko, RCC Kabule introduced the Kabule community members and he welcomed all Rotarians to the Kabule community. Rtn Dr. Catherine Kimbowa introduced a team of health workers at the health unit and health workers from

Mityana Hospital who came to support the staff at Kabule HCIII. Mr Njangale, Incharge Kabule HCIII made brief remarks of ongoing activities which included vaccination of all young children against Polio, vaccination of young girls below 10 years against cervical cancer, medical checkup, treatment and health guidance to community members on different diseases like High Blood Pressure, eye problems, Diabetes etc.

CMP Augustus Nuwagaba, Rotary club of Muyenga appreciated his team of Rotarians from Muyenga and Mityana for serving above self and the team of health workers from Kabule HCIII and Mityana hospital who turned up to "END POLIO NOW" drive of the rotary year 2021/2022. The Kabule Project team led by Rtn Martin Kasekende of RC Muyenga also introduced the proposed construction project of the outpatient department at Kabule HC111 that will treat the rural village of about 15,000 people, in Kabule, Mityana municipality.

After the polio drive at Kabule HCIII, President August, Director Alex Mugume and Rtn Herbert Lubega led the team of Rotarians from Muyenga to a surprise home hospitality at the home of Rtn Roger Nkuningi. The Rotarians were warmly welcomed by the host, Rtn Roger, who served his guests great food and drinks and shared the love of the Rotary family with everyone. Rtn Roger also took the Rotarians on a poultry farm tour and inspired the young Rotarians with his great retirement lifestyle and investment at his country home in Bulamu village, Mityana district.



CMP Augustus Nuwagaba (center), First Lady Rtn Lillian Nuwagaba (left), Rtn Dr. Catherine Kimbowa (2nd left) and RCM members pause for a photo displaying Kabule HCIII Upgrade new plan structure concept.



Members of RC Muyenga Joined by Rtn Judith of RC Nateete having a light moment of good drinks at Rtn Roger's home after END POLIO NOW drive activity.



After serving above self, Rotarians were served with great food. Many thanks to Rtn Roger for the great meal.



We had the pleasure of being hosted at Rtn Roger Nkuningi's home where we were treated to great food and drinks.



Rotarians being taken on a poultry farm tour.



# Rotary Clubs of Arusha

Pictures from the 5km Polio Walk in Arusha on 24 October 2021



A Young band from a local school was in full swing - leading the Polio Walk - Arusha - Oct 2021

**Submitted by Ciren Gracias and photos courtesy Rotarian Batul Moosajee**



Smiling Rotarians with the Rotary Banner - the walk was organized by the six clubs in Arusha jointly.



These cute twins were not to be outdone and made the 5km walk in the hot Arusha weather, well done to them - Future Rotarians



Walkers pose for a group photograph at the end of 5 kilometres walk. It was a great advert for Rotary and its fight to end Polio world wide.

## Quiz Answers



### Match the answers for the Rotary Foundation Quiz

1. World understanding
2. Improving the environment
3. Doing Good in the World
4. A recognition point. Foundation recognition points are awarded to donors who contribute to The Rotary Foundation through the Annual Fund or PolioPlus, or who contribute to sponsorship of a Foundation grant. Donors receive one recognition point for every U.S. dollar contributed to these funds.
5. In Evanston, Illinois, USA
6. a Board of Trustees
7. The Annual Fund. Contributions to the Annual Fund are invested for three years to generate earnings to meet the Foundation's operating expenses. Another Fund is PolioPlus.
8. The Endowment. Contributions to the Endowment are invested in perpetuity and investment earnings are used to provide a permanent source of income to support Foundation programs.
9. The Rotary Foundation.
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