

# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



## District 9600 Newsletter

Building On A Solid Foundation



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"Someone once said, 'If you want to send a message, wrap it in a person,' Jenny Horton is the ideal wrapping for our story at this stage of the war [against polio], not from command headquarters but from the front line."  
-- Past RI President Clem Renouf

### Sustainability & Rotary Foundation Global Grants

Rotary Foundation Global Grants support large, grant - funded activities that relate to one or more of the six areas of focus and have a long - term impact. Clubs and Districts can either create their own global grant - funded activities or sponsor packaged global grants that The Rotary Foundation develops in cooperation with its strategic partners. One requirement of a global grant is that activities must be sustainable and measurable. The Rotary Foundation defines sustainability as the capacity for maintaining outcomes long - term to serve the ongoing need of a community after grant funds have been expended.

The Foundation's principles of sustainability provide Rotarians with a guide to incorporating sustainability into their projects and activities. These eight principles are stated below, along with examples for putting them into action:

- 1) Global grants include activities and safeguards that continue a project's impact after Foundation funding is fully expended.
- 2) Global grants work toward multiple levels of sustainability.
- 3) Global grants make use of local resources, regional input, and local knowledge as much as possible.
- 4) Global grants respect the natural resource base and avoid deterioration or destruction of the local environment.

Examples of sustainable projects:

- Rotarians developing a malaria prevention project select an area for bed net distribution where the greatest numbers of people are at risk of infection or where bed nets are scarcest.
- Rotarians developing a water project ensure that the proposed technology uses resources that are available, easy to access, and not destructive to the local environment. The project's ongoing source of funds covers maintenance and any necessary improvements.
- 5) Global grants attempt to reach the most beneficiaries possible.
- 6) Global grants prepare scholars and individuals to contribute to new and innovative methods in professional fields within a Foundation area of focus.
- 7) Global grants prepare participants to increase impact and improve effectiveness in the communities and vocations in which they work.
- 8) Global grants utilize the input and skills of grassroots individuals and groups, such as Rotary Community Corps, to ensure continuation of projects and activities.
- Rotarians developing a basic education and literacy project want to support a scholar in the study of adult literacy methods. They discuss the area of focus goals with candidates and ask them to identify how their studies and future career path may advance these goals.
- Rotarians develop an economic and community development project that sends a VTT to a developing country to train small business entrepreneurs to market their services. The training curriculum also includes a "train the trainer" component to ensure that the knowledge can be passed on to the greatest number of individuals and they also ensure that the training program is given to a group that can truly use and apply the skills.
- Rotarians incorporate the assistance of Rotary Community Corps members in building interest in project activities as well as using their local support and guidance to assist with ongoing monitoring.
- Rotarians take social norms into account, such as gender roles and how men and women can participate in the project successfully.
- Rotarians planning a small business development project target businesses that use sustainable materials in their production process and that don't produce pollution - generating goods or services.



Timor-Leste – (Alex Dalley)

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#### RI EXCHANGE RATE

The exchange rate for **September** is **1.14**

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

##### **WORLD POLIO DAY**

(Schedule an event)

24 October

##### **DISTRICT TRF SEMINAR**

7 November

**St Columban's College, Caboolture**

## Second report from our Peace Fellow Luisa Ryan

This semester I took three subjects: Qualitative Research Methods; Development and Conflict and an Independent study on Monitoring and Evaluation in Media Development. For my Qualitative Methods subject, I chose to work with a group of Bhutanese refugees who have recently resettled in North Carolina. I am very familiar with their plight, as I used to work with the UN in Nepal, where the Bhutanese refugees have been living in camps for the past twenty years. They are ethnically Nepali (although culturally distinct) and were expelled from Bhutan for this reason. Since first semester, I have been involved with the Duke Refugee Working Group, which has been working with the Bhutanese community.

This semester I attended weekly homework tutoring sessions with young Bhutanese refugees in an apartment complex in Raleigh. Using this as a point of contact (and with informed consent) I asked students how they were using media to navigate their new lives in the US. My preliminary conclusion was that they are not engaging with US media, but are instead using Nepali media to maintain a connection with their home culture (many of the students I was working with were born in the camps in Nepal).

For the Rotary core class at Duke "Conflict and Development" I worked with another Rotary Fellow, Chad Shipmaker, on a paper on the recent Madhesi uprising in Nepal. This was a fascinating subject, as there has been almost no research on the Madhes. Nepal has been afflicted by a ten year Maoist insurgency, which ended with the 2006 Peace Accords but after the signing, the southern border with India (the Madhes) erupted. While there are hundreds of papers on the causes and impact of the Maoist insurgency, there are currently only two papers on the Madhes, both by the same author. Chad and I applied for UNC university funding to go to Nepal to research this further with the support of our professor, but unfortunately were unsuccessful at this time. I would like to base my thesis on this (with an emphasis on the role of the media), so am continuing to seek funding for a research trip to Nepal over the Christmas break. I have been using my internship with the UN in New York over the summer to raise interest in my thesis, and the Department of Political Affairs is preliminarily interested in distributing it if I can conduct a research trip.

Finally, I worked with the Washington D.C.-based NGO Internews, and the University of Pennsylvania (Annenberg) on a project on Monitoring and Evaluation in Media Development. I wrote a paper on this project, for which UNC gave me course credit. Media Development occurs when donors train journalists, or provide media infrastructure as part of a wider development or post-conflict reconstruction effort. While a lot of money is spent on media development, there have been few mechanisms in place to measure whether media projects are having the desired outcome: normally an increase in freedom of speech and democracy. I have been working with Internews and Annenberg to survey the mechanisms currently available, and to draw sector attention to the importance of M&E. This work culminated in a high-level workshop hosted by the Central European University in Budapest, which I attended in July. The workshop was attended by NGO heads from Afghanistan to Ethiopia, and also included the Head of the Australian Broadcasting Commission's International Development service. This was an invaluable experience for me to be involved in, and allowed me to put the theory I have been studying into practice. I also widely publicized the Rotary Fellowship, as many of the attendees have staff from developing/conflict-affected countries who would greatly benefit from the fellowship, and would be a great contributor to the program in turn. I will continue to work with these organizations for the next semester, with UNC again giving me course credit.

I also presented a paper on Blasphemy Law in Ireland and its relation to the European Court of Human Rights at a conference. As part of this year's Rotary Fellowship conference, I was able to meet many Rotarians in the District, as part of both the conference and the major-donors cocktail party. At these functions, I hosted a table, and so was able to converse with Rotarians about the purpose of the Rotary Peace Fellowship.

*To be continued next month*

The inbound Peace Fellows are now available to do presentations at clubs if requested but they are not available for every request as they have lectures in the evenings. One of the Peace Fellow Graduates of Bradford University, UK, Aime Saba (originally from Sierra Leone) is now studying for a PhD at the University of Queensland and he has indicated that he would be willing to talk to clubs about the Peace Fellows Program and his experiences.

Alex Dalley, our Global Grant Scholarship recipient (for study in D1600 Netherlands) is back in Timor working with World Vision to market their horticultural production. So far they've been training farmers on growing more vegetables but not really focussing on where to sell them!! See photo below. Alex would be happy to speak to Clubs about his work in Timor-Leste and his plans for the future – contact Scholarship Sub-Committee Chairman Shaughn Forbes to make a booking.

**There are thousands of charitable organisations working throughout the world that make a positive impact on those in need. But The Rotary Foundation is the only charitable organisation funded by contributions from Rotarians, for programs and projects identified by Rotarians, and administered by Rotarians at the project site.**

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EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR**  
*What other charity allows the donor such control  
over its funds?*



*Your contribution to Every Rotarian,  
Every Year makes humanitarian projects possible.*



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