



# ROTARY

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## ROTARY AND WATER

Rotary recognizes the importance of clean water, adequate sanitation and hygiene and has named Water and Sanitation as one of the organization's six Areas of Focus. Through its network of 33,000 service clubs, Rotary encourages its clubs and districts to support efforts which help people to provide themselves with improved access to water and sanitation. This policy is reflected in Rotary projects of all sizes in all parts of the world.

Rotary partners with other nongovernmental organizations, corporations and agencies to improve water and sanitation access throughout the developing world. Additionally, Rotary club members initiate thousands of projects each year— all with the goal of providing access to clean water and sanitation to communities in need.

### **Below are examples of clean water projects:**

- Recognizing Rotary's strength at the grassroots level, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has teamed up with Rotary in an alliance called the International H<sub>2</sub>O Collaboration, which is currently implementing long-term, sustainable, water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and the Philippines. Alliance activities in each country are funded jointly by USAID and Rotary, with approximately \$2 million of funding per country.
- In the state of Guanajuato, Mexico, the Rotary Club of San Miguel de Allende Midday has implemented a series of water supply projects that focuses on training community members on the construction of household water cisterns. In addition to addressing the community's water supply needs, the project also provides valuable skills which can be used in future economic activities. Through one Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation, the Rotary Club intends to provide cisterns and training to 18 benefiting communities.
- The Rotary Clubs of Guatemala Vista Hermosa and Sequim have received a Rotary Grant for a water and sanitation project in Guatemala. The project includes the restoration and preservation of existing water sources and construction of composting toilets. Rotary members will work closely with each village's community development council to ensure local ownership and sustainability.
- The Rotary Clubs of Moshi and Chico received a Rotary Grant for a multifaceted water and sanitation project for schools in Tanzania. Through this project, several schools around the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro will receive toilets, rainwater harvesting storage units, and hygiene training.
- The Rotary Club of Paramaribo, Suriname, worked with clubs in Germany, the Netherlands, and the United States on a \$73,000-project to set up a new water system, including holding tanks, filters, pumps, and other equipment, powered by solar panels. Additional support came from Alcoa Foundation, Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, and Georg Fischer Clean Water Foundation.

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