



2007-08 Water Resource Group

Terms of Reference & Goals

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(as defined in the 2007-08 Official Directory)

This resource group will work to increase awareness of the importance of conservation and development of potable water resources in all parts of the world.

Description

This will include, but is not necessarily limited to, providing information, support and encouragement for Rotary clubs and districts to take an active role in projects/programs to develop water and sanitation resources as a means of promoting health and alleviating hunger. Within this context, the resource group encourages all Rotarians to become aware of the importance of conservation and sustainability, and of local and global water-related issues.

Within these guidelines the group shall:

- Disseminate information on appropriate technologies for supplying, conserving and purifying water
- Develop and encourage mutually beneficial alliances with other organizations, corporations, agencies and NGOs sharing common water-related goals
- Identify alternative sources of financing from outside The Rotary Foundation, e.g. private foundations, corporations, government agencies, etc.
- Assist in the identification and definition of programs and projects that will promote sustainability

Emphasis will be given to programs that:

- Address the needs of women and children
- Demonstrate effective alliances with local non-governmental organizations, ministries of health, and other groups that specialize in safe water management and sanitation
- Demonstrate linkages between water, sanitation, health and hunger
- Provide education on the management of water resources through protection, conservation, purification, re-charging, re-use, and recycling
- Provide the basis for sustainable community development

Our Goals

1. To encourage and facilitate major programs that will demonstrate Rotary's capability to mobilize local resources and to work with international agencies, NGOs and the private sector to create a sustainable, water-based, disease-free, healthy community.

2. To have every Rotary club involved in a sustainable water and/or sanitation project during the 2007-08 Rotary year.
3. To encourage every Rotarian to become aware of local and global issues relating to water and/or sanitation.
4. To create a guide to best practices.
5. To optimize the use of locally available manpower and material in order to economize the cost of water projects.
6. To publish and distribute a monthly electronic newsletter.
7. To promote sustainable water and sanitation as a discussion topic at district conferences and zone institutes.

Mission:

1. Area coordinators to be an effective link between general and zone coordinators
2. Area coordinators to be responsible for advocacy of clean water in discussions with governments, public agencies, NGOs, etc.
3. Area coordinators to oversee the zone coordinators in development of pilot programs/projects by clubs and districts
4. Zone coordinators to ensure that water and sanitation projects are emphasized by the district governor in their district goals
5. Zone coordinators to encourage the establishment of district task forces and club committees on water and sanitation issues
6. Zone coordinators to encourage each Rotary club within their zone and area to implement a water and sanitation project. They should assist clubs in securing financial assistance from local and international sources like TRF, WCS and Twin Club relationships, and other organizations
7. Zone coordinators to encourage clubs and districts to identify partners in service, such as spouses, Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Community Corps (RCC), the United Nations, and other organizations, to assist on projects
8. Zone coordinators to encourage communication between/among general coordinators, zone coordinators, and district coordinators
9. Zone coordinators to offer a menu of projects to clubs in water and sanitation, such as
 - a) Rain water harvesting

- b) Local sanitation
 - c) Water conservation
 - d) Micro credit – particularly women
 - e) Drilling wells
 - f) Water purification-removal of bacteria and poisonous substances
 - g) Water-borne disease eradication
 - h) Mini pipelines
 - i) Check dams
 - j) Local irrigation technology
 - k) Organizing local community in self-help water projects
 - l) Educational project on water
 - m) Water monitoring
 - n) “Adopt-a-watershed”
10. Zone coordinators to motivate and facilitate district governors to implement sustainable water and sanitation projects
 11. Zone coordinators to conduct zone-level seminars/workshops in water and sanitation issues/opportunities
 12. Zone coordinators to offer their assistance to zone institute conveners in giving a presentation on water and sanitation efforts
 13. Zone coordinators to encourage participation of water and sanitation projects in local project fairs
 14. Zone coordinators to provide resource materials relevant for their zone
 15. Zone coordinators to be a resource for district conferences, PETS, etc.
 16. Zone coordinators to report to general coordinators on activity in their districts, success stories, and new initiatives
 17. Zone coordinators to ensure clubs and districts continuously supply information on community needs, available technology, potential partners, sources of funding, and other resources to the Water Resource Group Web site