

Rotary Western Africa Flooding Recovery Fund

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In response to the devastating flooding in Western Africa during September and October 2010, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is temporarily accepting contributions to help fund Rotary projects for longer-term disaster recovery efforts in Western Africa. The *Rotary Western Africa Flooding Recovery Fund* was opened on 25 October 2010 and will remain open until 30 June 2011. All contributions received will be available to match cash and DDF contributions during the 2010-11 and 2011-12 Rotary years.

The *Rotary Western Africa Flooding Recovery Fund* will be administered through Matching Grants and global grants and can be used for projects providing humanitarian assistance and disaster recovery in the affected areas of Western Africa. The *Rotary Western Africa Flooding Recovery Fund* will act as TRF's match for disaster recovery projects taking place within the country. A club or district in the affected regions in Western Africa may partner with a club or district outside of Western Africa and apply for a Matching or global grant.

HOW TO ACCESS THESE FUNDS

- Complete the standard Matching Grant application (non-pilot clubs/districts only) or the global grant application (Future Vision pilot clubs/districts only), with the partners pledging District Designated Funds and cash contributions.
- Request that the club/district contributions be matched by the *Rotary Western Africa Flooding Recovery Fund*. Remember that pilot districts may only partner with other pilot districts and nonpilot districts may only partner with other nonpilot districts. This may impact project locations.
- Ensure that the project follows all Matching Grant or global grant guidelines, deadlines and eligibility criteria.

Notes:

- Applications received by TRF for disaster recovery projects in Western Africa will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. The applications will receive top priority for processing.
- The Rotary Foundation will accept and approve these Matching Grants and global grants regardless of World Fund availability, until all of the funds in the *Rotary Western Africa Flooding Recovery Fund* have been committed.
- If the *Rotary Western Africa Flooding Recovery Fund* should be fully expended but the World Fund budget is still available, applications can be funded through any remaining World Fund at that time.

Tips:

- Projects needing international partners may be registered on RI's projects database, [ProjectLINK](#), or sent to the [matchinggrants.org](#) or [matchinggrants.org/global](#) websites managed by District 5340.
- Other potential sources of international partners are Rotary clubs/districts that previously helped with a Foundation grant for Western Africa, previous GSE exchange partners or contacts made through TRF Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Peace Fellows or RI Youth Exchange students. The Reach Out to Africa Committee can also assist with partnering at <http://www.reachouttoafrika.org>.