

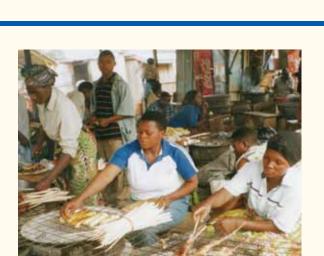
ROTARYCOMMUNITYCORPS





"One of the first RCC projects seen by Past RI President M.A.T. Caparas [of the Philippines] was a well in Cagayan de Oro, in the big island of Mindanao, Southern Philippines. When the water started flowing, there were tears in the eyes of women in the community; they no longer had to carry water buckets up a hill to their homes!"

— Jun Tambunting, Past District Governor



For more information on Rotary Community Corps and how to start an RCC, contact International Service Programs staff at RI World Headquarters (international.service@rotary.org) or the international office in your area. Find RCC resources, downloads, and more at www.rotary.org.



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"I have traveled the world and seen with my own eyes the good work done by Rotary Community Corps. Whether they are equipping libraries or developing clean water systems in their villages, people are joining together to help their neighbors and themselves. Their accomplishments, as well as the skills they have gained, will improve their communities for many years to come."

— John Kenny, 2009-10 RI President





What Is a Rotary Community Corps?

A Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a Rotary club-sponsored group of non-Rotarian men and women who share Rotary's commitment to service and long-term, sustainable development of their community.

Under the guidance of a sponsoring Rotary club, RCC members plan and implement projects that address concerns such as clean water, public health, literacy, community safety, and employment. They may also help support Rotary club projects. Like Interact and Rotaract clubs, Rotary Community Corps are Rotary's partners in service.





Since 1985, the Rotary Community Corps program has been spurring grassroots service efforts in communities around the world. RCCs are active in both urban and rural areas in developed and developing countries. They plan and carry out projects for an entire village or community, or for a smaller group within the community. An RCC can exist anywhere that Rotarians and non-Rotarians want to work together.

Although each RCC develops service projects in response to specific community needs, all RCCs share these goals:

- To encourage individuals to take responsibility for the improvement of their community, village, or neighborhood
- To recognize the dignity and value of all useful occupations
- To mobilize self-help activities and collective work to improve the quality of life
- To encourage the development of human potential to its fullest, within the context of the local culture and community

RCC FACTS

A Rotary Community Corps \dots

Is a group of non-Rotarian men and women

Is formed in any country or geographical area with active Rotary clubs

Must be sponsored by a Rotary club or clubs in the same country/district

May be cosponsored by a Rotary club or clubs in another country

Must have a minimum of 10 members to be officially chartered by RI

Meets at least once per month and elects officers

Pays nominal dues, if any

Raises funds necessary to carry out its own activities and projects

Implements projects that can be registered on ProjectLINK by the sponsor Rotary club

Works with Rotarians toward the sustainability of Rotary club projects



RCCs Around the World

An RCC has tremendous potential to make a positive impact in its community. Here are some inspiring examples of RCCs that are making the world a better place to live, one community at a time.

- Brazil An RCC in Recife organizes classes in literacy, professional development, and food distribution for the community.
- United States An RCC in Maryland organizes an annual run to raise money for projects helping local youth.
- Philippines An RCC in Sta. Ana (Davao) operates a day care center and organizes medical checkup clinics.
- Taiwan An RCC in Fengshan runs a flea market and recycles garbage to raise funds for projects assisting the young and elderly poor.
- Central African Republic An RCC in Bangui cosponsored by a club in Italy supports education of AIDS orphans.
- India An RCC in Amravati has aided flood victims by distributing clothes, grain, utensils, and blankets.
- Turkey An RCC in Samsun carries out a new project, such as supplying an elementary school with equipment, every year with its sponsor club.