

# The Rotary Foundation: International Service



As I further my Rotary journey, our Rotary Foundation affords me a greater opportunity to serve the world community.

## ***Session Goals:***

- Learn about opportunities for international service
- Utilize our vocational skills on international projects
- Learn how Rotary Action Groups broaden our service
- Explore ideas for international service

## ***Resources***

- What is an International Service Project? PDF
- Bringing it Together in International Service PDF
- Rotary Showcase (log in)  
[https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project\\_showcase.aspx](https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_showcase.aspx)
- Rotary Friendship Exchange <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange>
- Guide to Global Grants <https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/guide-global-grants>
- 6 steps to Sustainability <https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/six-steps-sustainability>
- Community Assessment Tools <https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/community-assessment-tools>
- Global Grant Calculator: <https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/global-grant-calculator>

*All session materials are also available at [www.rlifiles.com](http://www.rlifiles.com)*

## ***Session Topics***

- 1) What is International Service?
- 2) Why do we do international service?
- 3) What kinds of grants are available for an international project?
- 4) If we want to apply for a Global Grant, what do we need to have?

- 7) How can we utilize our vocational skills in international service?
- 8) How can we find an international project? What if we want a partner for a project in our country?

### ***Summary***

- International Service is part of the Object of Rotary
- There are many ways to create and fund international service projects

# What is an International Service Project?

## International Service Projects aim to:

1. Improve the **quality of life** of those in need through international service
2. Encourage **cooperation** between clubs and districts in different countries as they carry out international service projects
3. Provide an effective **framework** for exchanging information regarding project needs and assistance
4. Increase **awareness** among Rotarians of International development and cultural issues as well as the importance of implementing projects that help people help themselves
5. Assist participants in **related programs** of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation
6. **Communicate** successful project experiences to other Rotarians
7. Foster **international understanding, goodwill, and peace**

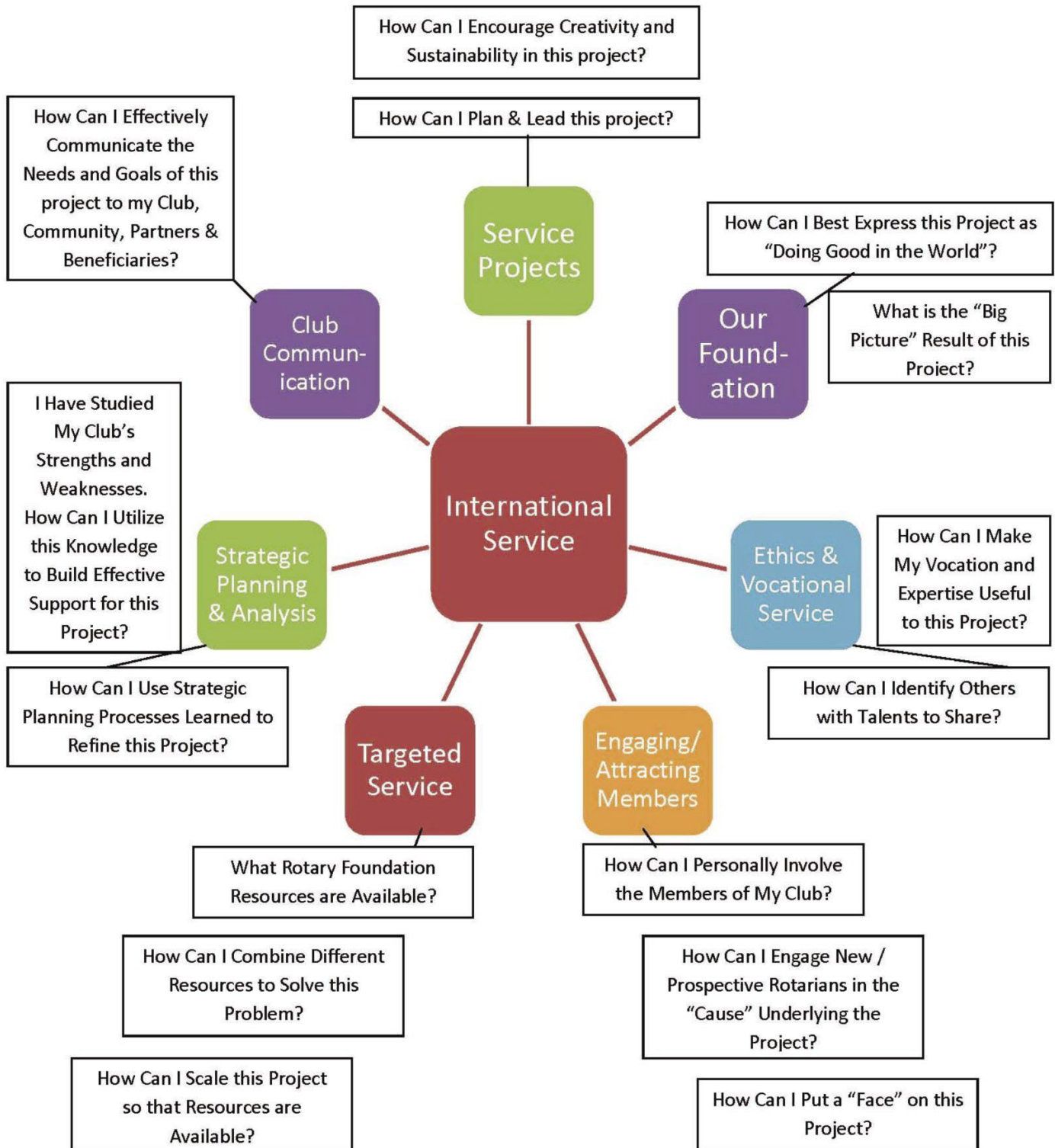
**Global Grant projects** must adhere to specific criteria.  
Visit the Grant Center at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

## Getting Involved

Rotary clubs that get involved find that a project's benefits extend far beyond the communities where their projects take place. Clubs have the opportunity to (1) Undertake more ambitious projects (2) Empower all participants in service efforts (3) Develop closer ties with Rotarians abroad (4) Further international understanding and goodwill AND, (5) Address global concerns

Many clubs start participating in International Service Projects because of **informal contacts** among Rotarians. **Rotary Showcase** is another way Rotarians can get involved in International Service. This searchable database lists hundreds of club and district community service projects worldwide in need of funding, volunteers, donated goods, and partners for Rotary Foundation Grants. It also offers a list of model projects, which can be a source of best practices.

# Bringing It Together in International Service



## Exercise Worksheet

Project Needs \$40,000 to complete. Work out funding using this worksheet.

		TRF Match
Host Club	\$ _____ 1000 _____	\$ _____
Sponsor Club	\$ _____	\$ _____
Host District	\$ _____ 000 _____	\$ _____ 0 _____
Sponsor District	\$ _____	\$ _____
Donations	\$ _____	\$ _____
Fundraiser	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____	\$ _____
Minus 5% Fee	\$ _____	
TOTAL	\$ _____	\$ _____

**Note:** Whenever cash is contributed to the Foundation to help fund a global grant project, an additional 5 percent is applied to help cover the cost of processing these funds. Clubs and districts can receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for the additional expense.

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