

# Foundation III: International Service



As I further my Rotary journey, our Rotary Foundation affords us 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 Rotarian Action Groups broaden our service

Explore ideas for international service

## Inserts & Online Materials

- ◆ **Insert IS-1:** What is an International Service Project?
- ◆ **Insert IS-2:** Bringing It Together in Int'l Service
- □ Communities in Action *605-EN-(112)*  
<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/577>
- Rotary Showcase Search  
[http://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project\\_showcase.aspx/](http://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_showcase.aspx/)
- □ Rotary Friendship Exchange Handbook (*909*)  
<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/146976>
- Guide to Global Grants *1000-EN (1015)*  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/guide-global-grants>

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

## Session Topics

- 1) What is International Service?  
*Discuss needs, goals, of specific projects. Personalize the project to your club members where possible.*
- 2) A Rotarian while traveling internationally visited a club and became interested in helping with a problem in the community she was visiting. After obtaining the local Rotary club's commitment to address that problem, how should the Rotarian (and the local club) proceed to bring the project to fruition?  
*Facilitators should review the TRF brochure "Lead Your Club: Service Projects Committee" found on the RI web site for guidance in leading this discussion. In particular, see pages 5–6 of that publication for steps in planning a service project.*

3) International service can be **with** Rotary Foundation support or **without** Rotary Foundation support. Discuss the advantages of each.

7) How can we utilize our vocational skills in international service?  
***By volunteering to help organize or work on a project using our unique vocational skills, by volunteering with a Rotarian Action Group that makes use of skills or talents that we have. A list of Rotarian Action Groups can be found on Rotary Opportunities RO-3. Refer to Vocational Training Teams.***

8) Global Grant Exercise—The class will engage in the process of creating an international Global Grant project, including the funding flow.

***Preparations by the Discussion Leader ahead of time:***

- ***Prepare description of the host and sponsor clubs, one for each member.***
- ***Global Grants Process sheet (from the RI web site)***
- ***Pre-printed “cash” (may use colored index cards, etc.) Suggest \$10,000 for each of the host and sponsor clubs.***

***Explain to class that they will be creating an International Project. Split the class into two—one to be the host club and one the sponsor club(s). Have the host create a project and discuss it with the sponsor. Each group to internally discuss their roles, interacting with the other as required. Allow 10 to 15 minutes.***

***Have each group report to the class about the project and what they did.***

***At the end, have one person from each group come to the board and fill-in a giving matrix that would include the following and the matching funds for each category:***

***Host:***      • ***Club \$\$***  
                  • ***District \$\$***

***Sponsor:*** • ***Club \$\$***  
                  • ***District \$\$***

***Third Party and individual donations:    \$\$***  
***Minus TRF 5% administrative fees***

***Emphasize how the “Rotary math” can multiply the funds available and what can be accomplished.***

## Insert IS-1: 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** ([http://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project\\_showcase.aspx/](http://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_showcase.aspx/)) 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.

## Insert IS-2: Bringing It Together in International Service

