



International Service Projects

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International Projects: Where, Why, and with Whom?

- Where you have a strong host club partner
- Where local needs have been identified by the host club
- Because you can make a sustainable difference
- Because your club is willing to participate
- With partners (other D5190 clubs, host club, local organizations)

How to pick a project

- Focus on topics that matter to your club
- Listen to the needs identified by the host club
- Assess host club's interest, experience, and capacity for managing projects locally
- Evaluate risks
- Be passionate AND be realistic!

Motivating your club

- Present to Board and membership
- Encourage members to visit project location
- Create opportunities for club members to participate locally (fundraising, other support)
- Share your stories

Funding your project

- Make sure your club has cash contributions in budget
- District Grants for projects under \$35K
- Global Grants for projects over \$35K
- Recruit partners from other D5190 Clubs
- Know what your host club and host district will contribute
- Fundraise beyond Rotary

Project Planning

- Visit location (if possible)
- Skype early/often with host club project team (if possible)
- Start project planning with host club at least 6 months in advance
- Identify risks and develop mitigation plans
- Understand who will do the work
- Expect delays!

Project Implementation

- Visit annually if possible – Skype regularly if not
- Partner with local organizations (schools, hospitals, non-profits)
- Know who in host club will manage the project and identify at least 2 backups
- Know who is responsible for project execution (day-to-day)
- Expect delays!

Working with Other Cultures

- Respect norms, holidays, schedules, etc.
- Remember that other countries do NOT work on U.S. timelines
- Leverage the Rotary network in host country to navigate the local environment
- Expect delays!

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Communicate regularly to your host club partners
- Work with host club to collect/record all information required for annual reporting to District and RI
- Know who in local community will be responsible for sustaining the project and engage them in project evaluation

Thank you for your participation!

Please complete your evaluation and see you at lunch!