

PACKAGED GRANTS

WHAT ARE PACKAGED GRANTS?

Packaged grants have been pre-designed by Rotary and our strategic partners. The activities they fund are similar to those funded by global grants in many ways—they support our areas of focus and can include scholarships, humanitarian projects and vocational training—but the work of designing the activity's general framework has already been done.

This allows Rotarians to focus their talents and energies on bringing the project to life. With a packaged grant, your role could include:

- Assessing community needs and identifying those who could benefit from a project
- Selecting and mentoring scholars
- Assembling teams of professionals for peer-based training
- Providing technical expertise or direct service
- Promoting and publicising activities
- Monitoring and evaluating the project

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PACKAGED GRANT?

The Rotary Foundation accepts packaged grant applications on a rolling basis throughout the year. Before a district or club can apply, it must complete the qualification process.

WHAT PACKAGED GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE?

Five types of packaged grants, described below, are currently available. As we transition into our new grant system, we'll be steadily increasing these opportunities to include a wide range of projects and activities, locations and levels of Rotarian involvement.

Health educators training and nursing scholarships

Aga Khan University and The Rotary Foundation offer two packaged grants in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda: the first provides training to health educators and the second offers scholarships to nursing and midwifery students at the university's East Africa campuses.

Developing local entrepreneurs

In this packaged grant with strategic partner Oikocredit, Rotarians collaborate with microfinance institutions in their own communities to develop programmes that help increase the impact of microcredit lending.

Vocational training and medical service

This packaged grant with Mercy Ships helps assemble vocational training teams of medical professionals to work aboard the state-of-the-art hospital ship Africa Mercy, to deliver free, world-class health care, capacity building and sustainable development to those without access in the developing world.

Water and sanitation scholarships

This packaged grant provides scholarships for graduate students at UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education in Delft, The Netherlands. The institution is the largest post-graduate water education institution in the world and aims to tackle the world's water and sanitation crisis.

HOW ARE PACKAGED GRANTS FUNDED?

Packaged grants are funded by the World Fund and the strategic partner for the grant.

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with Mercy Ships and the first grant to India and the Zone for a VTT.

The team was led by District Governor of RI District 3140, Dr. Balakrishna Inamdar who is a well known gynaecologist himself. The team had four ophthalmologists. The team leader was Rtn. Dr. Arun Chaudhari, RC Mumbai West Coast. Members were Rtn. Dr. K.V. Ravishankar, RC Mysore West, Dr. Jenin Patel and Dr. Nirav Agarvat. Rtn. Girish Mittal was the primary contact for the project. Mr. Mark Wright was the co-ordinator from the Mercy Ships Foundation and was responsible for coordinating activities on the ground.

Originally, the entire programme of treatment and training was to be held on board the Mercy Ship and DESSO Eye Clinic but due to some political unrest and consequent security concerns, the treatment was shifted to the Eye Department (DESSO) attached to the Medical College in Conakry. Additionally, facilities at Bartime Eye Clinic were also utilised. The team was in Conakry for two weeks from 21st April 2013 to 5th May 2013. The team of visiting ophthalmologists screened over 4,500 out-patients in two locations and they demonstrated 65 eye surgeries. Training was given to 17 eye surgeons in various aspects of treating eye related diseases through the latest surgical methods and other procedures. The team also donated 16 Ophthalmoscopes to Bartime and DESSO clinics.

It is always 'people first' for Rotarians around the world and the Rotarians who volunteered in this noble project had an opportunity to directly contribute their valuable expertise and share their skills with the people of West Africa through the Mercy Ships which seeks to become the face of love in bringing trust and healing to the poor.

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