

# Rotary



## Rotarian Action Groups 2017 Annual Report Form

Rotarian Action Groups are known as one of the most important project resources throughout the Rotary world. With your support, Rotary club and district projects are becoming more impactful and scalable and Rotary's image and impact is growing around the world. Now it is your opportunity to tell RI about your accomplishments and activities from the past year.

Please fill out this annual report form electronically and e-mail it to [actiongroups@rotary.org](mailto:actiongroups@rotary.org) no later than **1 October**. Please note: groups that do not submit their annual report by this deadline will be suspended immediately.

### 1. General Information (REQUIRED)

Official Rotarian Action Group (RAG) name:	Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development	
Website address:	<a href="http://www.rifpd.org">www.rifpd.org</a>	
Which Social media platforms does your RAG use?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RFPD.HQ">facebook.com/RFPD.HQ</a> Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/rfpd.hq">rfpd.hq@rifpd.org</a> LinkedIn: <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/robert-zinser-10617b18">https://www.linkedin.com/in/robert-zinser-10617b18</a> Other: WhatsApp and Google Groups	
Name of the RAG officer submitting this form:	Ingar Brueggemann, Chairperson / Prof. Robert Zinser, CEO	
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Cost of individual annual membership dues:	\$ 25	If there are no dues, please check this box <input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of individual lifetime membership dues	\$ 100	If not applicable, please check this box <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the RAG incorporated?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Which area of focus does your identify with the most?	<input type="checkbox"/> PCPR <input type="checkbox"/> BEL <input type="checkbox"/> DPT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MCH <input type="checkbox"/> ECD <input type="checkbox"/> WASH <input type="checkbox"/> This group does not closely align with only one area of focus	

## 2. Membership and Collaboration (REQUIRED)

How many active members does your group have?	approx. 13,500
How many members are Rotarians?	approx. 12,600
How many are family members of Rotarians?	approx. 900 (Inner Wheel members in Germany)
<p>Checking the appropriate boxes, please indicate whether the following groups are represented in your membership and provide the number of members per category, if known:</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotaractors (current or former)      type here	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VTT participants (current/ former)      type here
<input type="checkbox"/> Interactors (current or former)      type here	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Study Exchange participants      type here
<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Fellows (current or former)      type here	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRF Cadre of Technical Advisors      type here
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRF Grant Scholars (current or former)      type here	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)      type here
<b>How many countries are represented in your group's membership? List the top five countries represented by your members.</b>	75 #1 Germany                      #4 Nigeria #2 USA                            #5 India #3 Austria
<b>Please estimate the number of service projects your RAG has collaborated on over the past year:</b>	Club projects: 18 District projects: 1 Multi-District projects: 2 Other Rotarian-led projects: type here
<b>How frequently does the RAG communicate with all members?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Other:  <i>Please remember to add <a href="mailto:actiongroups@rotary.org">actiongroups@rotary.org</a> in your distribution list.</i>
<b>Has your group advised on or assisted with any TRF Global Grant projects? If yes, please explain how your group was involved with the project(s).</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  GG# 1532510, 1420198, 1860276 Nigeria GG# 1418936 Pakistan GG# 1638081, 1636796, 1531904, 1526312, 1531904 India GG# 1634865 Brazil, 1640420 Philippines, 1528112 Ethiopia,  Rotarian year 2016-2017: 18 Projects Project sum total: 1.382.965 US\$

### 3. Service Activities (REQUIRED)

Please describe in detail the three multi-club projects that your group has collaborated on during the past Rotary year.

#### Project 1

Project Name	Supporting and accelerating the implementation of the Nigerian MPDSR (Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response) guidelines with Obstetric Quality Assurance (OQA)
Club/District partner(s)	Districts 9125, 9141 and 9142 (Nigeria), District 1860, 1842 (Germany) RC Bielefeld-Sued, RC Ludwigshafen-Rheinschanze, RC Bottrop-Wittringen, RFPD
Partnering organizations	Co-funding organizations: German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Project partner in Enugu: CIDJAP (Catholic Institute for Development Justice And Peace) Donations: ICA Foundation (Bayer Healthcare), BASF, Birthing Kit Foundation Australia
Is this a TRF Global Grant project?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Project description (please include at least two detailed paragraphs)	<p>The Rotary MCH MPDSR/OQA Program is a comprehensive approach in the area of focus 'Maternal and Child Health' aiming at a sustainable reduction of maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality in Nigeria. The MCH OQA Program started with a pilot project in ten hospitals in two states of Nigeria (2005-2010) and has been scaled up twice so far to a total of 25 hospitals in five states - Kano, Kaduna, FCT Abuja and Ondo (2012-2015) as well as Enugu (2013-2015).</p> <p>Rotary's newest project, developed and supported by RFPD, was commenced in June 2016 - June 2018. Total Budget of this project amounts to 1 million US \$ co-funded by TRF and the German government (BMZ). The project is mandated by the Nigerian Federal Minister of Health (FMOH). Just like the projects before it is based on experiences and expertise gained by the completed projects.</p> <p>The projects objective is to support and accelerate the implementation of the Nigerian MPDSR (Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response) guidelines with Quality Assurance in Obstetrics (OQA). To achieve this, the project promotes and supports the use and implementation of MPDSR/OQA and particularly supports family planning in 65 secondary and teaching hospitals. The hospitals were selected in cooperation with the FMOH and are distributed between 8 states (Kano, Kaduna, FCT Abuja, Enugu, Anambra, Ebonyi, Ondo and Osun) from North to South. The project also includes measures to improve the access and enhance the effectiveness of Family Planning.</p> <p>With the project, Rotary is substantially contributing to improve the Nigerian health system by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• raising awareness ("Community Dialogues") to inform the population about sexual and reproductive health and rights, clinical assisted births, healthy nutrition for mothers and children, and how to prevent malaria</li> <li>• initiating since November 2016 the conversion from manual to digital data collection (MPDSR/OQA)</li> </ul>

	<p>according to the national guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• implementing and introducing since February 2017 an innovative web-based e-platform for reliable data collection and analysis</li> <li>• systematically analyzing since April 2017 digital data on three levels (national, per state, per hospital)</li> <li>• recommendations are derived from the report and after implementation the results are documented and analyzed</li> <li>• training doctors, midwives and medical record officers in management and analysis of digital data</li> <li>• instructing hospitals and their staff to introduce Quality Assurance in Obstetrics (Structure, Process and Outcome)</li> <li>• improving the access to family planning services and modern contraceptives</li> <li>• starting a "Door-To-Door" family planning pilot project in Ondo and Enugu to improve the provision of FP services in rural areas</li> <li>• providing Birth Kits, modern Contraceptives and Mosquito Nets</li> </ul> <p>This program proves that an NGO like Rotary can have an impact on Health Systems by implementing Quality Assurance in Obstetrics. Usually the necessary improvement of Quality of Care in Hospitals starts in the Obstetrics department. RFPD is initiating replications of the project in Rwanda and Tamil Nadu, India. (space will expand as you type)</p> <p><i>*If your RAG has already reported on this project in previous years, please only provide updates from 2016-17.</i></p>
Project location	States of Kano, Kaduna, FCT Abuja, Ondo, Enugu, Anambra, Ebonyi, Osun (Nigeria)
Number of beneficiaries	Unlimited
Project budget	900,000 EURO / 1,000,000 US
Project outcomes (actual or anticipated)	<p>It is anticipated that with the project the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and Fetal Mortality Rate (FMR) of the project hospitals will be reduced by at least 20 % in average. Since starting the project more than 17.000 Birth Kits from a generous donation, were provided to health professionals by Rotary Clubs during Community Dialogues. With the help of the kits child birth related deaths, especially during risky home deliveries, can be prevented. Additionally, women and families are provided with information about – and access to – contraceptives, significantly reducing the numbers of maternal deaths. Within the last half year 476 patients received a long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC), donated by the ICA Foundation. Furthermore, good nutrition for mothers and babies is being promoted during Community Dialogues. To ensure the effectiveness of the planned distribution of Vitamin Sachets a scientific monitoring and evaluation by the Godfrey Okyoe University in Enugu is being prepared. (space will expand as you type)</p>
Explain in detail the RAG's involvement in this project	<p>RFPD initiated, co-funded and supports this project based on preceding MCH projects in Nigeria which RFPD has also initiated and supported. RFPD wrote the approved GG- 1532510 and the BMZ-application for D1860 /D9125. RFPD arranged the written FMoH mandate for the Rotary project by a visit of the RFPD CEO in April 2016. In this RFPD MCH program we succeeded to train a leading gynecologist in obstetric quality assurance (OQA) who became then the Leading Consultant of the government for the Nigerian National Guideline MPDSR (Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response). Knowledge transfer by Rotary is the core of the Project, equipment will be delivered by the Nigerian government. RFPD advocates with governments and health officials in Germany (BMZ) and Nigeria</p>

	(FMoH), German Embassy. (space will expand as you type)
Is the project complete?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  If no, anticipated completion date: July 2018

## Project 2

Project Name	Postpartum and Post Miscarriage Family Planning in Pakistan
Club/District partner(s)	RC Karachi Cosmopolitan (Pakistan), RC Ludwigshafen-Rheinschanze (Germany) District 3271 (Pakistan) and 1860 (Germany)
Partnering organizations	Association for Mothers and Newborns (AMAN), Pakistan
Is this a TRF Global Grant project?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Project description (please include at least two detailed paragraphs)	<p>The objectives of this global grant project are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Training of student midwives and Skilled Birth Attendants (SBAs) at the Gizri Maternity Hospital (GMH) in family planning counseling and method provision, and proficiency in providing emergency obstetric care;</li> <li>2. Provision of Family Planning (FP) services to at least 30 percent of women who deliver [Postpartum Family Planning (PPFP)] or undergo management of incomplete miscarriage in the selected hospital.</li> <li>3. Provision of quality emergency care to woman during pregnancy, childbirth and newborn babies</li> <li>4. Supply of necessary hospital supplies, training and office equipment</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of 43 doctors, nurses/midwives including 7 from the local community and 2 visiting doctors</li> <li>• Purchase of equipment - training, hospital and office</li> <li>• Service delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Counselling of women in family planning (FP), and help in selecting appropriate method</li> <li>- Providing improved care to women during pregnancy and labour and to newborn babies</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Record-keeping of FP method provided (primary outcome indicator) – printed new delivery registers</li> <li>• Analysis of data to assess impact</li> </ul> <p>(space will expand as you type)</p> <p><i>*If your RAG has already reported on this project in previous years, please only provide updates from 2016-17.</i></p>
Project location	Gizri Maternity Hospital located at the outskirts of Defense Housing Authority, Karachi, Pakistan
Number of beneficiaries	Direct beneficiaries are 2350, but could be limitless over time
Project budget	38,250 US\$
Project outcomes (actual or anticipated)	The impact of the project is that the contraceptive uptake from the baseline 5.5% (2013) to 30% among women delivering in the hospital or undergoing management for incomplete miscarriage was achieved and surpassed with 35.1 %. This was achieved by training doctors and midwives at the GMH in providing family planning counselling and a suitable/effective FP method to women before their discharge from hospital. If appropriate, a long-acting reversible FP method (such as an intra-

	<p>uterine contraception device (IUCD), implantation tubal ligation (TL)) is offered. Nevertheless, short-acting/temporary methods are also offered and provided. In addition, the quality of emergency care during pregnancy, labor and after delivery is improved through training, which is conducted by the project partner organization AMAN (Association of Mothers and Newborns), a non-governmental organization.</p> <p>In addition to these patients the health personnel working in the local community (7 doctors, 2 visiting doctors, 1 lady health supervisor) as well as 23 lady health workers underwent training at the GMH in providing FP services and antenatal care.</p> <p>The attached midwifery school also directly benefits from the project, since the pupils will be trained in PFP and comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC), thereby enabled to provide better health care services and gaining additional skills and knowledge.</p> <p>Additionally, 22 doctors in Bolan Medical College were trained in emergency care as well as stipend payments for 10 pupil midwives were granted after money was saved by NCMNH conducting 2 workshops free of cost.</p> <p>The Final report was approved by TRF without exceptions. (space will expand as you type)</p>
Explain in detail the RAG's involvement in this project	<p>This project is a very important pilot project promoted by RFPD. Every women having delivered should have the chance of spacing her children. She should be able to decide how many children to have, when she can care, feed, cloth and educate them. RFPD co-funded and supported the project based on our 20 years experience. RFPD identified host and international club and wrote the GG application for them. Meanwhile RFPD initiated a replication in Ethiopia, initiating phase 2 in Pakistan and is planning further replications. (space will expand as you type)</p>
Is the project complete?	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, anticipated completion date: type here</p>

### Project 3

Project Name	Awaken Afghanistan
Club/District partner(s)	District 6960 & 2430 Club of Jalalabad, Afghanistan & Club of LaBelle Florida, Rotary Club of Big Sky Montana, Rotary Club of Munice, Indiana
Partnering organizations	AWAKEN (Afghan women and kids education and necessities)
Is this a TRF Global Grant project?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Project description (please include at least two detailed paragraphs)	<p>This project is set up to work with Rotary Clubs in both the US and Afghanistan to create Sahlei Centers for Women, which will expand our current vocational training/literacy/hygiene program and add computer classes and family planning workshops. In addition it will improve sanitation with new latrines and handwashing facilities at the Quala-e-Malakh School and Behsood Health Clinic. Finally, the project will help equip and staff the clinic's new Maternal and Child Care Unit. (space will expand as you type)</p> <p><i>*If your RAG has already reported on this project in previous years, please only provide updates from 2016-17.</i></p>
Project location	The community of Kasmabad, Quala-E-Malakh, Village of Behsood Afghanistan

Number of beneficiaries	Unlimited! Will be based on the number of deliveries plus 120 students completing the tailoring program and 100 students completing the computer program. The project also includes 8 family planning workshops for all of those attending tailoring and computer classes and their spouses and others from the community as space allows.
Project budget	79,130 US\$
Project outcomes (actual or anticipated)	120 students completing tailoring program within two years. 100 students completing the computer program within the two year window. Endless safe births within the new clinic. (space will expand as you type)
Explain in detail the RAG's involvement in this project	RFPD initiated, cofunded and supports this project based on the established and currently operating Saheli centers in India (24) and Nigeria (1). RFPD Board Project Chair, Barbara Maves, met with Cooperating Organization Director from AWAKEN, Mr. Abdulla Noori to discuss the needs in the village where the existing school and medical clinic are locate. It was decided to establish a Saheli vocational center for women and girls and to extend their then current pernatal clinic by establishing a birthing center - labor and delivery services to be funded by Rotary. The AWAKEN board decided for the safety of the patients and nurse midwives, to build a separate building located next to the established clinic, which would allow the facility to be open at night all the while cutting down on security concerns. (space will expand as you type)
Is the project complete?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If no, anticipated completion date: June 2019

Please use this space to provide additional details of how the RAG supports clubs and districts with service activities.

<b>Please estimate how many clubs contacted your group for assistance or guidance on a project.</b>	<p>40</p> <p><b>Select the type of assistance requested by clubs and districts (select all that apply):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conducting a community assessment</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identifying international partners</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incorporating sustainability components</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Securing funding</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advising on a TRF Global Grant application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Creating a plan for monitoring and evaluation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promoting an ongoing/completed project</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subject matter speaker at a meeting or event</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) - provide information about RAGs and RFPD - deliver speeches about AoF and MCH to Clubs and Districts</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- explain how to found an RFPD Country Section (Switzerland and Norway)</li><li>- provide/prepare presentations on District Conferences about MCH and RAGs</li></ul>
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#### 4. Partnerships (REQUIRED)

Does your group have a formal, written\* partnership agreement with other organizations? Please list the organizations and the nature of each relationship.

*\* Formalized by a Memorandum of Understanding, Memorandum of Cooperation, or similar written agreement. Please do not include Rotary clubs or districts.*

RFPD submitted a continued commitment in 2016 to the UN "Every Woman, Every Child"-Program, in support of the 'UN Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health'. The commitment published in September 2015 to the 'Global Strategy for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health' continues to apply and outlines how RFPD strengthens the health system in Nigeria.

RFPD continues to have cooperative relationships with the WHO/The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), Geneva, The Population Institute - Washington, D.C., USA, and the Population Media Center, Vermont, USA.

The Memorandum of Understanding with the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) is presently reviewed agreeing on pooling efforts to promote the improvement of maternal and newborn health through advocacy and projects.

Memorandum of Understanding with SOGON (Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria) as a partner for the implementation of the project "Inclusion of Obstetric Quality Assurance into the Nigerian Health System" (GG1532510). SOGON supports the capacity building activities, mentors/supervises trained health workers, provides clinical services/interventions at project facilities and assists in the implementation of MPDSR (Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response) including obstetric quality assurance.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministries of Health in the states of Kano, Kaduna, FCT Abuja and Ondo, Nigeria.

Agreement between the Ministry of Health in Enugu State and the RC of Trans Ekulu, Nigeria, in cooperation with RFPD: the MoH Enugu commits itself to continue the Rotary MCH project in the five project hospitals, to stepwise include other public hospitals in Enugu State into the Rotary model of quality assurance in obstetrics and incorporate MPDSR including OQA in their health policies.

Memorandum of Understanding with CIDJAP (Catholic Institute for Development, Justice and Peace), Enugu, Nigeria.

Memoranda of Understanding with the Ministries of Health and additional local partners of the planned projects in Rwanda and India are in preparation. It is anticipated that the MoUs will be signed prior to the launch of the new projects.

## 5. Finances (REQUIRED)

Please summarize your group's financial activity during the past Rotary year indicating revenues, expenditures, and a statement of available funds at the start and end of the Rotary year.

Account balance at the start of Rotary year	78,956.88
Total revenues during Rotary year	5,571.79
Total expenditures during Rotary year	43,283.85
Account balance at the end of Rotary year	41,244.82

Groups with annual gross receipts or expenditures of more than US\$25,000 or equivalent must provide an annual financial statement and report that has been independently reviewed by a qualified accountant or by an action group audit committee. **Please attach these materials separately.**