

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
- 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

Preparation:

This session requires excellent preparation by the Discussion Leader because of the variety of questions you are likely to receive. Remember that every district is different, so refer detailed questions back to the District Foundation Team or to Rotary.org. You should present a “big picture” of how Global Grants work. Review the Fourth Object of Rotary, global grant funding model, and sustainability. Be familiar with the Cadre, RAGs, and Rotary Showcase.

Cadre: <https://my.rotary.org/en/cadre-technical-advisers>

Rotaractors & Global Grants: <https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/how-rotaractors-can-participate-rotary-grants-frequently-asked-questions>

Your goal as the DL is to make international service and The Rotary Foundation easy to understand so participants will be motivated to create projects.

Session Topics

- 1) What is International Service? What projects have you been involved with?
Discuss needs, goals, of specific projects. Ask participants to share examples they know about.
- 2) Why do we do international service?
Review the Fourth Object of Rotary – tie this back to Part 1, My Rotary World
- 3) What kinds of grants are available for an international project? Do you need a grant?
District Grants and Global Grants can each be used for an international project. And yes, we can do a project without a grant at all!
- 4) What is the difference between using a District Grant or a Global Grant for an international project? How are they similar?
Review size, location, application process, accounting, Areas of Focus, and timing
- 5) If we want to apply for a Global Grant, what do we need to have?

Ensure the following points come up:

- ***2 clubs in separate countries for a Global Grant***
- ***Needs assessment, request from the receiving community. Why do we need this?***
- ***Alignment with one of the 7 Areas of Focus***
- ***Sustainability – what does this mean? Discuss***
- ***Budget and Funding – where does the money come from? Review match***
- ***Apply online at rotary.org / Grant Center***

7) How can we utilize our vocational skills in international service?

Ensure the following points are covered:

- **By volunteering our skills for the project**
- **By joining a Rotary Action Group that uses our skills / talents**
- **By volunteering for the Cadre (be prepared to explain what the Cadre is!)**

8) How can we find an international project? What if we want a partner for a project in our country?

Rotary Showcase, fellow Rotarians, Rotary Action Groups, Rotary Friendship Exchange. Share an example of each of these if the participants don't have an example!

9) Exercise!

Break the class into small teams of about 4 people. Each team is to come up with funding for an international project totaling \$40,000. The host club (where the project will occur) can only contribute \$1000. The host district is unable to contribute anything. They can use the attached form for their calculations.

Have each group report to the class on their solution.

Emphasize how "Rotary math" can multiply the funds available and what can be accomplished.

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**

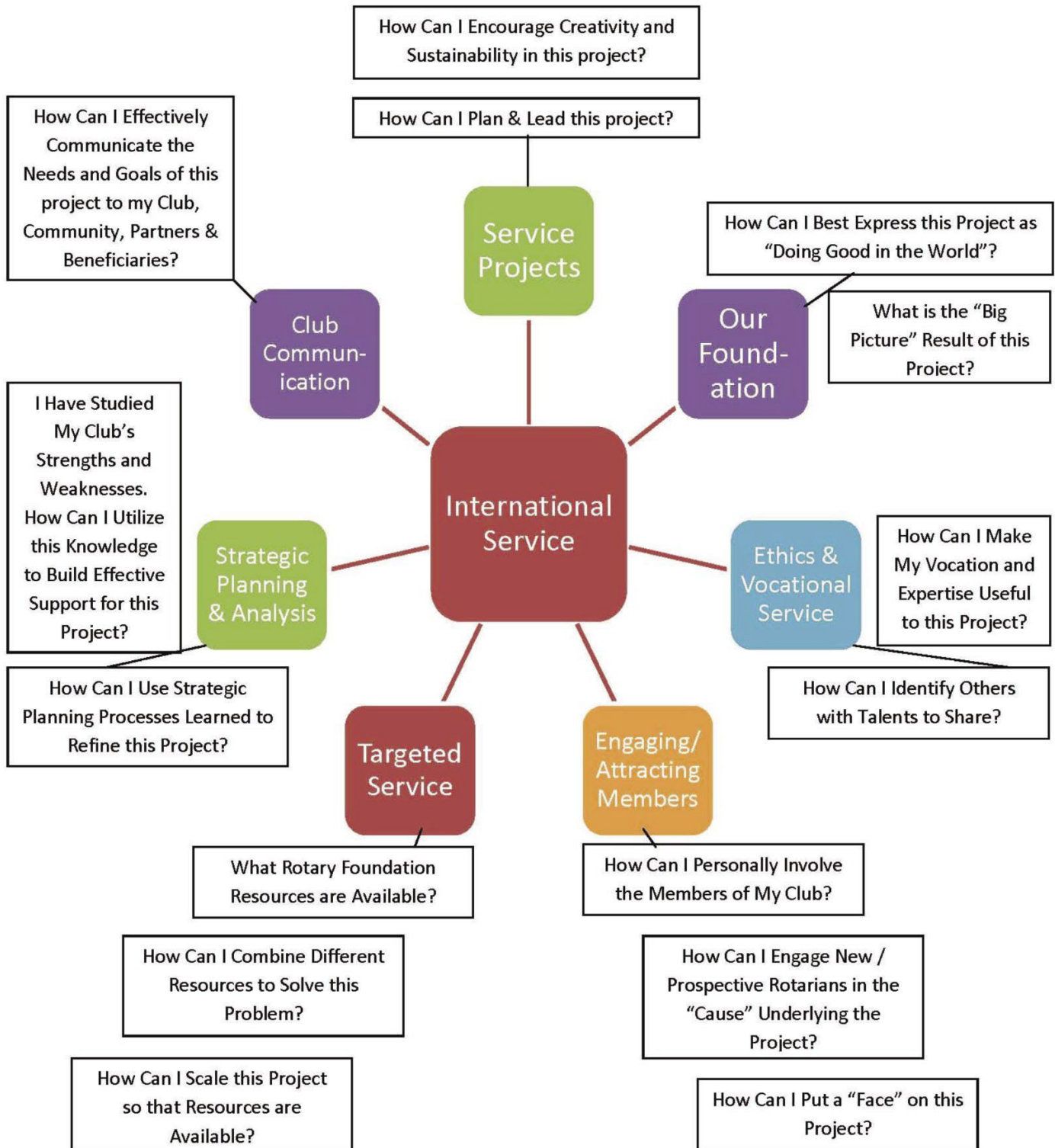
Global Grant projects must adhere to specific criteria.
Visit the Grant Center at www.rotary.org.

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 |
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| 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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