

# Success stories from the Future Vision pilot

*“To do the most good requires saying no to pressures to stray, and the discipline to stop doing what does not fit.”*  
 — Jim Collins, *Good to Great*

INCREASING OUR

Scale

Impact

Efficiency

Collaboration

Support

“I think [the new grant model] will lead to an explosion of service — and increased giving to support it — when all of the nonpilot districts become acquainted with the new system.”

— Terry Ziegler, District 5890 Rotary Foundation Chair

## Project: Nkondo, Uganda, Adopt-a-Village global grant

**Sponsors:** Rotary Club of Kampala-North, Uganda, and District 5340 (California, USA)

**Project budget:** \$117,078

**Results:** Covering four areas of focus, this project renovated a schoolroom and provided books, computers, and furniture; installed a 20,000-liter-capacity water harvesting system; supported a vocational training team focusing on health issues; and formed and trained 25 microcredit groups.

**Vocational training team component:** Including a training team in the project motivated the local government to provide additional public funding at the school and clinic and led to partnerships with local organizations for training in microcredit and the production of high-value crops.

94%

of pilot districts say global grants are excellent (31%), very good (45%), or good (18%).

*“You can do good as a one-time event or you can do good and watch it over and over and over again. And that’s really what the new grant model will allow us to do.”*

— Stephanie Urchick, Rotary Foundation Trustee

*“The new grant model challenges us as Rotarians to really apply ourselves to the challenge of sustainable, committed development. It takes us to a higher level of endeavor. And that cannot be bad for Rotary; it can only be good for Rotary.”*

— Francis “Tusu” Tusubiri, District 9200 Rotary Foundation Chair

70%

of pilot districts say that host sponsors now have greater control over projects.

*“I can confidently say that with the help of district grants, many Rotary clubs are now better prepared for bigger projects. There has been a significant surge in the number of clubs applying for global grants after their success with district grants.”*

— Indumati Gopinathan, Rotary Club of Bombay Chembur West, Maharashtra, India

97%

of pilot districts agree (75%) or somewhat agree (22%) with the requirement that global grants be linked to one or more areas of focus.

## Project: Packaged grant nursing scholarships for study at Aga Khan University

**Sponsors:** District 9200 (parts of East Africa)

**Project budget:** \$340,000

**Results:** These scholarships support advanced study for 24 nursing and midwifery students. During their program, scholars are mentored by local Rotarians and participate in Rotary projects and events. The first cohort will graduate in February 2014.

**Quotable:** *“I wanted to find ways of helping pregnant mothers, women, and children below five. . . . The AKU scholarship . . . was an opportunity for me to fight for the community and get other people and organizations to help me solve this problem.”* — Hasifa Nansereko, nursing scholar, Uganda

## Project: Water and sanitation global grant

**Sponsors:** Rotary clubs of Adana-Cukurova, Turkey, and Frutal, Brazil

**Project budget:** \$35,650

**Results:** The project provided new toilets and clean water facilities for 2,500 students in four schools in Adana, Turkey. The Rotarians also furnished illustrated signs on bathroom walls to remind the students about good hygiene practices and organized an annual art and essay contest to keep students focused on good hygiene and disease prevention.

**Measurable proof:** Soap use increased by 300 percent over the previous year.

**87%**

of pilot districts rate the new grant model as excellent (21%), very good (41%), or good (25%).

## Project: District grant

**Sponsors:** Clubs in District 3770 (Philippines)

**Project budget:** \$14,184

**Results:** With a limited District Designated Fund to work with, the district based its allocation on the clubs' contributions to the Foundation three years earlier. The grant was used to provide computers to schools; support feeding programs, maternal education, and other health-related activities; and improve the quality of drinking water in local schools.

**Contingency fund:** The district allocated 20 percent of the grant for a disaster recovery fund, which was to be disbursed to clubs if it was not used by 31 March.

**79%**

of pilot districts say the new grant model is more flexible.

*"After clubs learned more . . . they showed their support for the Future Vision Plan, got a better grasp of district grants, and participated more actively. As a result, we had many meaningful projects in various areas."*

— District 2650 (Fukui, Kyoto, Nara, and Shiga, Japan)

*"Not only has funding been provided for my graduate studies but I am part of a strategy conceived by Rotary to address the complex issues of water and sanitation. It inspires me to rise to the challenge of seeking solutions to the world's water and sanitation crisis."*

— Kenechukwu "Kaycee" Okoli, Rotary Scholar at UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education

## Project: Economic and community development global grant scholarship

**Rotary club sponsors:** Rotary Club of Crystal Palace & Norwood, Greater London, England, and District 6420 (Illinois, USA)

**Project budget:** \$36,000

**Results:** Global grant scholar Hannah Warren is studying fashion entrepreneurship at the London College of Fashion with plans to expand Jhoole, a nonprofit clothing business she started to help impoverished women weavers in India earn a living wage. A former Ambassadorial Scholar, Warren started Jhoole with support from a Foundation Matching Grant.

**Added benefits:** Jhoole donates 20 percent of its profits to Chetanya Sewa Sansthan, an Indian charity that helps elderly women and people with disabilities.

**87%**

of pilot clubs say the Foundation's definition of sustainability is workable.

## Project: District grant

**Sponsors:** Clubs in District 2650 Fukui, Kyoto, Nara, and Shiga, Japan

**Project budget:** \$271,700

**Results:** With a large District Designated Fund allocation, the district was able to provide grants to 36 clubs, which used them to award eight scholarships, support child and maternal health and literacy projects in the Philippines, fund an antipollution campaign, and sponsor a concert by visually impaired musicians, among other activities.

**Why it worked:** The district created concise explanatory materials that helped clubs better understand the flexibility of district grants and create more relevant projects.