Successful and Effective Strategies and Resources for Health Education Projects and Community Health Fairs

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What are Rotarian Action Groups?

Rotarian Action Groups can act as Volunteer Consultants for Rotary Clubs and Districts.

Their role is to enhance the work of Rotary Clubs and Districts in their area of expertise.
How do RAGs Operate?

- Each group functions independently of Rotary International.
- Membership is open to all Rotarians, their family members, Rotaractors, Foundation program participants, and Rotary Alumni.
- RAGs must operate in accordance with Rotary policy.
Rotarian Action Groups…

- Regularly collaborate with clubs and districts on service projects in their area of specialty.
- Can help clubs and districts obtain funding or other assistance for their service projects.
Why RAGs?

- Sustainable solutions need to consider complex realities such as geography, geology, climate, local cultures, and societal traditions.
- Ensuring a project is based on best practices is difficult, requiring skills not always readily available.
RAGs Areas of Focus

- Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
Examples of Rotarian Action Groups

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Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group

WASRAG resources can help:

➤ Facilitate collaboration between Rotary clubs on projects related to water and sanitation.

➤ Access NGOs & alternative sources of funding

➤ Identify “best practices” and “lessons learned”

➤ Find appropriate technologies
Examples of Rotarian Action Groups

- Hosting microcredit conferences to educate interested Rotarians.
- Helping gain financial support for microcredit and community development related projects.
- Sourcing field trips, study, and employment opportunities for Rotary members.

Rotary Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development
Examples of Rotarian Action Groups

Conduct hands-on, global service projects that address issues of HIV/AIDS and family health.

Past projects include....
- Rotary Family Health Days in Nigeria, Kenya, and Uganda
- WLA Kids (Women Leaders In Action-Kenya)
- Orphan Rescue Kits-Kenya
Examples of Rotarian Action Groups

- Blood Donations
- Literacy
- Malaria
- Peace
Benefits of ROTARIAN ACTION GROUPS

When planning a project, you can widen the scope of your project or make a bigger impact.

By joining a RAG, you can engage in meaningful service activities outside your own club, district, or country.

By partnering with a RAG, your club or district gains the support of experts.
The Born Leader
The WORLD TRAVELER
WHFRAG + Kenya Smiles Became HEWRAG

The World Health Fairs Rotarian Action Group

Has combined with Kenya Smiles

To form the

Health Education & Wellness

Rotarian Action Group
What’s unique about HEWRAG?

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