

Projects Update



Jal Dhaara, India

Drinking water, humanitarian project to address community needs

Heavy flooding in 2018 and 2019 resulted in loss of life and severe damage to homes, communities, and infrastructure in the Kuttanad area of central Kerala, India.

Surveys showed excessive presence of toxic pesticides and E-coli bacteria in the water, which had contaminated drinking water sources. People living in this area are fishermen, small farmers, and low-income daily wage earners. Most residents could not afford the prices charged for water transported by tanker which resulted in many resorting to drinking polluted water. This in turn resulted in a spike of water borne diseases and an increase in the number of cancer cases.

The project proposed to the Disaster Recovery Trust was to provide drinking water to people in the two "Panchayaths" of Kuttanad. The project on completion will benefit 7000 families (30,000 people)

The first 15 units (of 25 planned) were commissioned in the early summer 2022 and are now fully operational providing safe and affordable drinking water to 20,000 people.

The water purification process is known as reverse osmosis. Each reverse osmosis unit required construction and connection to a reliable electricity supply. The installation of all plants was completed in March 2022 and the electricity supplies completed in late July early August. Water supplies have been tested and comply with government standards.

Maintenance arrangements are in place and training to the local committees who will manage and service each station.

After Rotary cadres' inspection of the first 15 units, funding and authority will be given to complete the remaining 10 units.

This was a joint project between Rotary clubs of Cochin Heritage and international partner RC Weston- super- Mare with the Rotary Disaster Recovery Trust providing \$50,000 to the total costs of \$169000. The project was supported by the two clubs, local corporate donations and the Rotary Foundation world fund.

Lyasikika Secondary School Tanzania



The Trust has been pleased to assist the Lyasikika Secondary School in Northern Tanzania to replace a collapsed toilet block in the aftermath of heavy rains and the school faced with the possible closure.

The Rotary Club of Morden (D1145) with support from the Rotary Club of Callington (D1175) and the ABC Dreams through their GoFundMe campaign raised approximately two thirds of the cost and the Disaster Recovery Trust has provided the balance.

The Rotary Club of Moshi in Tanzania provide on site supervision and monitoring and local stakeholders including the School Board, Education Officer and Head teacher giving their support.

The project materials and labour were sourced locally. It is also known that school attendance has benefitted enormously where clean toilets are available.



Floods in Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa

The Trust has recently approved support for a project in District 9370 following disastrous floods in 2022. The Rotary Club of Chatsworth with support from the Rotary Clubs of Claremont and Knysna.

The aim is to create clean and safe living quarters including repairs and replacement to current infrastructure damage during the storm.

Progress Reports will appear in future editions.

- Demonstrate a benefit to the community as a whole, and not an individual person. The project must not directly benefit a Rotarian, spouse or descendant, a member of a Rotary Club, Rotary District or other Rotary entity.
- Have significant Rotary involvement and visible Rotary identification.
- Rotarians from RIBI and, where appropriate, from partner Clubs or Districts overseas must:
 - a. be actively involved in each grant project,
 - b. take responsibility for the implementation of the project, and
 - c. be responsible for regular reporting on the status of the project and related expenditure.
- Exclude any liability to the RIBI Disaster Recovery Trust except for the amount of the grant.

For an application form please go to our website: rotarygbi.org or contact Brian Stoyel (Chairman) at brian@stoyel.co.uk

Ongoing Appeal



ROTARY GB&I DISASTER
RECOVERY TRUST LAUNCHES
PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL

The Pakistan Disaster Appeal

(<https://giving.give-star.com/online/rotary-disaster-recovery-trust/pakistan-disaster-appeal>) has now been published on the DRT's public page of our website as well as in the following news article - <https://www.rotarygbi.org/rotary-opens-pakistan-flood-appeal/>.

Applying for Funding and Making a Donation

Criteria for Grant Applications

To be considered for a grant from the Rotary GBI **Disaster Recovery Trust**, projects must:

- Address a community need, with the aim of providing sustainable development.

Making a Donation

Rotary GBI **Disaster Recovery Trust** is a long-term helping hand to communities affected by disaster, both home and abroad.

Donations can be made on the **Disaster Recovery Trust** GiveStar page, using the QR code below, or by cheque to:

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