

Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development

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Dear Jesse:

We submit the attached 2005 Annual Report for the Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development. This document will outline the goals and objectives of RFPD, and provide financial, membership and project information. RFPD has made measurable progress with 1.2 million Rotarians and many others in the past ten years. We have educated members on the critical nature of the population issue, and motivated them to take up humanitarian projects that directly address the problem.

Our goals for the next three years are to:

- Increase RFPD's membership.
- Increase the amount of support from outside grant sources.
- Cultivate new volunteers and supporters in order to increase world-wide visibility and support.
- Improve training for and effectiveness of RFPD's Country Chairs and Zone Coordinators.
- Increase the number of large-scale population-based projects in the developing world.
- Increase the number of population-based Matching Grant projects supported by The Rotary Foundation and other organizations.

The recent RI Convention in Copenhagen focused on Country Chair and Zone Coordinator issues and improving communication between the developing and developed worlds. RFPD is motivated to increasing awareness of the population issue and to promote projects that address population and sustainable development. Area Coordinators continue to give presentations to local Rotary clubs and other organizations that want to be involved in these issues. They also have increased the visits made to countries with low RFPD activity. We continue to give seminars and conferences on literacy, micro-credits and girl-child and women's health across the globe.

We continue to motivate many Rotary leaders and RFPD members to become speakers on the population issue. We increase the number of population service projects available to clubs and districts for sponsorship. Our Board Members in North America, India, Nigeria, Latin America and Europe continue to succeed at impressive goals.

Support from Rotary International remains critical for us to continue what we have been so successful at achieving in the past ten years. We look forward to continuing this relationship and working toward a better world.

For the Board of RFPD.

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RFPD Mission & Executive Summary

Mission Statement

The mission of RFPD is to educate Rotary's 1.2 million members in 164 countries on population and development issues, and to develop projects that address those issues. The emphasis of these projects is to bring better balance to numbers of people and the resources upon which we all depend.

Service Description

RFPD's principal goals are to educate Rotarians on the social, economic and environmental ramifications of population pressures and to develop resources for its population projects. RFPD emphasizes and supports population project proposals from Rotary Clubs in developing countries. We promote sponsorship of those projects from Rotary Clubs in developed countries. We promote large-scale population projects with outside funders and NGO's. By mobilizing Rotary Clubs and District Governors worldwide, RFPD's regional leaders, Country Chairs, and Zone Coordinators in North America, South America, India, Africa and Europe work to accomplish these goals.

Executive Summary

RFPD is continuing its important work to educate Rotarians, Rotary Leadership and others on the Population Concern. We have provided increased support to our Country Chairs (CC's) and Zone Coordinators (ZC's), have increase membership efforts and submission of projects, and have increased the outreach topics in our newsletter.

We continue to make improvements as an organization and increase effectiveness each day. An integral part of our system is heightening the interconnection between the Country Chairs, Zone Coordinators, the staff and the board members of RFPD. The work during the Copenhagen convention, including board meetings, the Annual General Meeting, our exhibit booth and our Country Chair/Zone Coordinator Training, continues to provide a better working foundation for our members and Rotarians world-wide.

The Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development had a series of successful meetings at the RI Convention at the Bella Center, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 2006. Over 100 Rotarians attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM), Tuesday, June 13th. William Ryerson, President of the Population Media Center made a motivating and informational presentation entitled "Soap Operas for Social Change." Robert Zinser, Chairman, RFPD gave a comprehensive overview of RFPD and it's accomplishments for the past ten years.

Bill Ryerson and Jennifer Hendrickson were named Paul Harris Fellows. The Nafis Sadik Award for Courage was presented to Bill Ryerson. The award recognized Ryerson's 35 years of dedication to the field of reproductive health. The award is named for the retired Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Dr. Nafis Sadik, a national of Pakistan.

RFPD also managed an exhibit booth in the House of Friendship, Bella Center, where RFPD leaders, members and potential members gathered to network, establish projects and share in Rotary fellowship.

RFPD held two training sessions, one for RFPD Area Coordinators and the second for RFPD Country Chairs and Zone Coordinators. Both events were well attended, with over fifteen countries represented.

The most current large-scale project initiated and supported by RFPD: *Improvement of Maternal Health - Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula* exhibited in connection with the RFPD booth.

RFPD Case Statement

Case Statement

The Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development (RFPD) is a grassroots organization of over 20,000 Rotarians worldwide who share the common belief that humanity is at a crisis point concerning interlocking issues of population pressure, environmental degradation and poverty. RFPD's primary mission is to educate the 1.2 million members of Rotary International on the population issue. Every year, the world population increases by approximately 76 million people - the equivalent of adding a country the size of Germany a year or a city the size of Philadelphia every week. A recent analysis by Redefining Progress, an environmental group based in Oakland, California, estimates that humanity is consuming the Earth's resources at a rate 20% faster than can be sustained. The current world population is 6.5 billion people; in 1950 it was just 2.5 billion. Three billion people will enter their fertile reproductive years in the next 25 years and only 1.8 billion will leave that stage. It is estimated that world population will surge to over 9.0 billion by the year 2050, with almost all of the increase in developing countries. The race to help stabilize the planet is on, and RFPD has developed strategies to help stem the tide. The members of RFPD are uniquely positioned to respond to the population crisis with creative, effective solutions that respect the diverse and cultural religious composition of Rotary International.

As a US tax-exempt organization that holds a separate non-profit status from Rotary International, RFPD works to promote, develop and coordinate service projects that specifically address the population issue. Rotarians who live in the developing country project area assess the population needs of their communities and initiate projects. The projects range from reproductive health education, to HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, to secondary education for girls as well as micro-credit and vocational classes for women. A project application is then prepared by the Rotary club and sent to the RFPD office to help find sponsorship. RFPD locates a Rotary club sponsor in a developed country. When a sponsor is found and the grant application completed by both clubs, the grant application is sent to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for approval and supplemental funding. Each club then pays the amount they agreed to and The Rotary Foundation matches the contribution. When the funding is completed, the money is sent directly to the Rotary club in the developing country that is responsible for the project. RFPD is a clearinghouse for project development and a conduit for project submissions, we receive no funding from TRF.

According to the Population Institute, women do two thirds of the world's work; yet only make 10% of the world's income and own only 1% of the world's real estate. In areas where economic opportunities for women are limited, there is an increase in population pressures, which leads to a vicious cycle of poverty, disease, violence and terrorism. Education is the cornerstone of all RFPD projects. Project participants are educated on the importance of having the number of children that they can love and take care of through the education of women's health and use of child spacing and family planning. Participants are also counseled on the risks of unprotected sex and HIV/AIDS.

RFPD will increase its effectiveness by increasing the amount of our general operations funding. We have offices located in the North America, Nigeria, India, the Middle East, Latin America and Europe. These offices are staffed by dedicated, hardworking Rotarians who often pay their own expenses to attend local and international meetings, and cover other business expenses. The US office has one full-time employee to carry out all the administrative and bookkeeping needs. Volunteers or part-time administrative workers staff the other global offices. We are facing increased service needs to establish programs that will create healthy families.

Summary of Activities, Accomplishments & Objectives 2005-2006

Fundamental Challenges to International Community Development

The Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development (RFPD) is convening a conference to discuss the four major obstacles to international community development, 2-3 November 2006 at the Hilton Hotel Ft. Lee, New Jersey (across the Hudson River from NYC). United Nations Population Fund experts on maternal health, HIV/AIDS and women's empowerment will provide basic facts during plenary sessions that will be further considered in eight separate discussion groups.

Agenda topics include "Challenges to the Education of Women," "Developing Projects for Maternal Health," "Training Health Care Workers," "Micro-credit to Empower Women," and "Maternal Health, including Obstetrical Fistula." Programs will introduce new methods for Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) for both pregnant women and high school seniors, to reduce the transmission of HIV as well as medical and treatment information about HIV/AIDS.

Past Rotary International President Frank Devlyn will address Rotarians and guests at the Friday night banquet. Devlyn will speak on, "The Most Basic Challenge to Sustainable International Development." Friday's lunch speaker will be population expert Werner Fornos, Past President of the Population Institute. He will address "Women's Empowerment: Its Impact on Water, Hunger, Literacy and the Environment."

This international development conference is being held in conjunction with Rotary's UN Day on Saturday, November 4, 2006. Buses will be available to transport conference attendees to and from the UN Building in Manhattan.

Topics to be discussed at the Ft. Lee meeting are cutting edge. Participants will become more knowledgeable on safe water, preventing hunger, availability of appropriate schooling to insure literacy for all children, and health care, all to provide hope in all nations with poverty.

A Project Fair will be held on-site to offer projects relating to the program topics. Come prepared to put words into action, and support the visions and goals of our fellow Rotarians from developing nations. Their projects for both community and regional levels of work are very important.

Exhibits will show how to use mass radio broadcasting to change the sexual and health related attitudes of large populations of people.

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Objective 1: To increase knowledge of the population issue to Rotarians worldwide.

The number of educational tools developed or applied, include the following:

- **Newsletters** – *Fragile Earth* (RFPD’s quarterly newsletter) is disseminated in the US and English speaking countries. *MENSCHENsKINDER*, a German version of *Fragile Earth* is published to German, Austrian and Swiss Rotarians, Rotaractors and Inner Wheelers. *The Explorer* is the version of the newsletter distributed in India. In Africa, *Fragile Earth* is distributed along with a local newsletter. In Latin America, *Fragile Earth* is translated into Spanish and distributed. For each issue, each Country Chair and Zone Coordinator receives 10 copies of *Fragile Earth*, which they translate and distribute to their districts and clubs.
- **Revised RFPD CD** – an updated version (June 2006) was distributed at the Copenhagen Convention at our exhibition booth, Annual General Meeting, Country Chair/Zone Coordinator Training and board meetings.
- **RFPD Video/DVD Project** – 1) DVD of the Saheli Women’s Centers (states of Bihar and Jarkhand, India) was produced this year. It is a 20-minute presentation that can be given at any Rotary club meeting. The DVD includes a description of the centers with interviews of the teachers, Rotary leaders and students. It also shows the locations of the centers, the classes and women at their work. This was distributed to all members Rotary International Board of Directors and Board of Trustees. It was distributed at the Copenhagen Convention at our exhibition booth, Annual General Meeting, Country Chair/Zone Coordinator Training and board meetings. 2) A DVD of the project “Improvement of Maternal Health - Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula” in Northern Nigeria was produced and broadcasted twice by Austrian National Television. The DVD shows the project area, Fistula Patients, their treatment and comments of the gynecologist belonging to the Rotarian project team. It also shows the stakeholders meeting organized by RFPD. It was handed over to the RI President and distributed at the Austrian district conference.

Membership

Cost: Annual Member - \$10.00 per year or Lifetime Member - \$100.00 per year.

Total number of dues-paying members:

Region	2006
N. America	1,506
India	1,420
SE Asia	100
S. America	141
Africa (North & Middle East)	150
Europe	15,873*
Africa (Sub-Sahara)	3,000
TOTALS	22,190

**6,343 members in Germany, 9,530 is estimated for other European Countries.*

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- **Number of population-based presentations given by Area Coordinators:**

North America - 8

Africa (N. Africa-Middle East) - 2

India & South East Asia - 10

Europe - 5

South America – 12

Africa (Sub-Sahara) - 10

TOTAL: 47 (*total does not include CC's*)

- **Publicity & Promotion:**

All Area Coordinators, Country Chairs and Zone Coordinators speak regularly about RFPD and the population & development issues they face within their country. RFPD has 64 Country Chairs, 13 US Zone Coordinators, 4 US Assistant Zone Coordinators, 7 Zone Coordinators in India and 7 Board Members (who are at the same time serving as Area Coordinators) – totaling 95 educated and accomplished professionals. These Rotarians who are taking action through public speaking engagements, distributing publicity materials (at the local and regional level) and collaborating with other Rotarians and people in need, all over the world.

Objective 2: To increase the number of population projects developed by clubs for submission to The Rotary Foundation for matching funds.

Our goal is to increase the number of projects which are sponsored. It is suggested that our CC's in developing countries offer specific, interesting projects to CC's in developed countries directly so that those CC's starting their work are motivated to implement pilot projects, which motivates Rotarians to join RFPD.

Objective 3: To develop larger scale population projects that will be submitted to outside US foundations and foreign entities for funding.

The Saheli Projects in India is a large-scale project for which we have sought, and continue to seek outside support. Phase one opened four women's health service centers in Northern India. Phase two has been approved by TRF and will open eight centers. Phase three includes individual centers to be opened with International Sponsors across the USA. Matching Grant applications that have been submitted to The Rotary Foundation for Saheli Centers in Northern India (D 3250) include: Rotary Club of Chapra, Rotary Club of Nawada, Rotary Club of Dumka, Rotary Club of Chas, Rotary Club of Patna. Each project total is US \$12,366, grand total of projects submitted equal US \$61,830.

The project "Reproductive Health Seminars in Turkey" has been approved and is underway. Districts D2420 (Istanbul, Turkey) and D6910 (Georgia, USA) have sponsored a project to inform parents about reproductive health and encourage individuals to take responsibility of protecting their own health. The seminars will enhance women's stature, increase the participation of men and the whole family and promote the quality and compatibility of health services. Total project cost is US \$36,366.

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In the Africa (N. Africa-Middle East), Salem Mashhour, Area Coordinator, has focused on one of the first projects with Rotaractors from Alexandria, Egypt and Germany. This co-sponsored project is entitled “Basic Literacy, Child Spacing and Microcredit.” This project has won “Best Rotaract Project in Europe for 2005-2006.” The project includes literacy classes, vocational classes and population & development classes. Over 1,400 women have been helped. After acquiring skills from the classes, a microcredit loan program assists them with their business. The women who are assisted are 20 to 40 years of age. The total project cost is \$30,000.

In Germany and Nigeria, the project “Improvement of Maternal Health –Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula” in Kaduna and Kano States, Nigeria began in May 2005. The project has been successful (although not complete) in developing new Radio Serial Dramas. Both regions have created awareness of RFPD and its mission by providing support and advice to Reproductive Health projects such as this. The production and delivery of the new Radio Drama Series has been supervised by RFPD Board Member, Dolapo Lufadeju. The series was initiated by RFPD Germany and Nigeria jointly with the Population Media Center to create awareness for the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of VVF victims in Northern Nigeria. This “comprehensive approach,” is the first in the world to our knowledge. There were many contributions by stakeholders initiated at the stakeholders meeting organized by RFFD in January 2006. The total project cost is \$1,250,000.

Objective 4: To increase the number of RFPD Country Chairs who will work as population advocates within their countries to develop and sponsor population projects.

Country Chairs – each Country Chair has been assessed by the board of RFPD. Each Area Coordinator has contacted the Country Chairs in their area and has been following-up with their progress on a regular basis. It continues to be challenging, but the policy remains to replace less active CC’s to ensure they continue to serve RFPD and its mission.

The new addition to the USA team is Bill Cadwallader. He will serve as Area Coordinator for North America, working closely with Buck Lindsay, General Secretary for RFPD. Bill Cadwallader has incorporated a new position called “Assistant Zone Coordinator” for the USA, four (4) are already in place. RFPD plans to incorporate this within other Areas and Countries.

In India, Rekha Shetty has incorporated seven (7) new Zone Coordinators for India. In Asia, specifically, Rekha Shetty, Area Coordinator for India, has concentrated only on India, Philippines, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Thailand. In India, Philippines, Malaysia and Sri Lanka, all CC’s have been met with, are motivated to continue to do good work. The RFPD chapters in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nepal have been active and doing good work also.

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Rekha has involved the following seven (7) Zone Coordinators to assist in strengthening RFPD India: D 2980, *R. Govindarajan*, D 3050, *Dr. Ashok Gupta*, D 3180, *A.S. Chandrasekhar*, D 3190, *S.R. Yogananda*, D 3200, *K.S. Pillai*, D 3250, *Sandeep Narang* and D 3290, *Amitava Mookerjee*. These Zone Coordinators were appointed in April 2006. We will see the results of their involvement in the coming year.

In Latin America, Area Coordinator Luis Serra has gained three (3) new Country Chairs in Bolivia, Uruguay and Paraguay. He has also developed 22 projects within Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and Columbia.

We will continue to concentrate on increasing the efforts and effectiveness of Country Chairs and Zone Coordinators in all areas.

- RFPD COUNTRY CHAIRS -

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Australia, <i>Colin Suchting</i>	D 3180, <i>A.S. Chandrasekhar</i>	Sudan, <i>Tryphon Calidakis</i>
Austria, <i>Peter Neuner</i>	D 3190, <i>S.R. Yogananda</i>	Sweden, <i>Bernhard Svanberg</i>
Bangladesh, <i>Emdad Ul Haq</i>	D 3200, <i>K.S. Pillai</i>	Switzerland, <i>Pat Lahusen</i>
Belgium, <i>Hessel Danser</i>	D 3250, <i>Sandeep Narang</i>	Taiwan, <i>Tony Chen</i>
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Canada, <i>Laetitia De Witt & Rob McLeod</i>	Japan, <i>Yoshi Sekiba</i>	Ukraine, <i>Anatolly Shyrovkov</i>
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