



Rotarian Action Groups Annual Report Form

Each Rotarian Action Group Chair must fill out this report and submit it to RI World Headquarters no later than 1 October each year. Groups that do not submit an annual report by this deadline may be subject to suspension and/or termination by the RI Board of Directors.

Rotarian Action Groups are encouraged to fill this form out electronically and e-mail it to actiongroups@rotary.org. Please type to ensure accuracy.

I. General Information (required)

Official RAG Name:	Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development (RFPD), Inc.	
Web site address:	www.rifpd.org	
Name of primary contact officer:	Harald Marschner, Chairman Jennifer Hendrickson, Executive Director	
E-mail address of primary contact officer:	h.a.marschner@aon.at / rifpd@aol.com	
Cost of individual annual membership dues:	\$25/annual \$100/lifetime	If there are no dues, please check this box <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the RAG incorporated?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>Permission to share report contents</u> The RAG allows the information in this report (excluding the financial report in section IV) to be shared with Rotarians for informational purposes and publicity.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

II. Report on RAG Membership and Performance Standards (required)

Once recognized by the Board, new Rotarian Action Groups are given provisional status for a period of not more than two years, during which time they must undertake an international service project and achieve a membership of at least 100 individuals representing 10 countries and 3 zones. Groups that are able to meet and subsequently maintain these performance requirements to the satisfaction of the Board will be recognized as Rotarian Action Groups. The following information is required for both provisional and non-provisional Rotarian Action Groups.

<p>Number of active members:</p> <p><i>NOTE: number must be greater than or equal to 100 in order to obtain/retain status as a full, non-provisional Rotarian Action Group</i></p>	<p>Total members - 18,079: N. America - 1,471; India - 1,441; SE Asia - 112; S. America - 157; Africa (Sub-Sahara) - 4,600; Africa (North & Middle East) - 180; Europe - 10,118.</p> <p>Total lifetime members - 1,857: N. America - 407; India/SE Asia- 41; S. America – 9; C. America – 7; Africa/Sub-Sahara - 20; N. Africa/Egypt - 130; Europe - 1,243 (thereof Germany - 1,214).</p>
<p>Number of countries represented in membership:</p> <p><i>NOTE: number must be greater than or equal to 10 in order to obtain/retain status as a full, non-provisional Rotarian Action Group</i></p>	<p>RFPD has over 100 Rotary volunteer leaders working in 75 countries. Total countries with RFPD membership=108.</p>
<p>Number of RI Zones represented in membership:</p> <p><i>NOTE: number must be greater than or equal to 3 in order to obtain/retain status as a full, non-provisional Rotarian Action Group</i></p>	<p>Rotary Zones - 20.</p>
<p>Has your group undertaken an international service project during the past Rotary year?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By checking this box, I confirm that our group has undertaken an international service project during the past Rotary year.</p> <p><i>* Please provide further details in the next section of the report.</i></p>

III. Annual Report of Rotarian Action Group Activities (required)

Please describe any major international service projects or other activities undertaken by your group during the past Rotary year.

I. From July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009: 97 projects were taken up or continued. Total amount-\$6,678,186. Please see Addendum 1 for the full/detailed list of RFPD Projects.

Highlights from the Projects list that total \$100,000 or more:

- 1) "Vocational Training, Child Spacing & Micro-Credit in Slums of Alexandria, Egypt" (D 2450) - RC and RAC Alexandria Cosmpolitan. International sponsor, Rotaract Germany (D 1860). Project amount: \$100,000, duration/year 2003-2010. Egypt section initiated and is implementing the project. German Section sponsors/monitors and cofunds. "Best European Rotaract Project 2006" Award from EUCCO.
- 2) "Improvement of Maternal Health - Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula" in Kano and Kaduna states, Nigeria (D 1920). Project amount: EURO 1.000.000, duration/year 2005-2009. There are 9 German districts and 2 Austrian districts co-sponsoring, along with 60 Rotary Clubs, 22 Inner Wheel and one Rotaract Club. This is RFPD's largest project, and is a replicable model. The project was acknowledged by the Emir of Zaria, Kaduna state, and at the WHO Stillbirth Conference. In the first half of 2009, we documented a reduction of maternal deaths up to 50 % in our selected hospitals. Rotary satellite projects and contribution of stakeholders have effectively doubled the project amount of maternal health project from one to two million Euro. As a result of RFPD work since 1995, especially the intensified public awareness campaign, the Nigerian Government has spent huge sums to improve the physical infrastructure in many of our project hospitals. This has been very encouraging.
- 3) "Equipping Medical & Pediatric Hospitals" in Ghana (D 9100). The Rotary Club of Accra, Ghana. International Sponsor Rotary Club of Cortland, USA (D 7170). Project amount: \$700,000, duration/year 2007-2009. This project was initiated by RFPD member and co-funded by USA District 7170. It includes two Volunteer Service grants.
- 4) "Project for Dramatic Radio Series" (to transmit 208 chapters in 24 months), for all Honduras. The Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa, Honduras (D 4240), project amount: \$1,038,114, duration/year 2007-2010. Design and implementation by RFPD Central America and The Caribbean Coordinator Guillermo Valle, Fundación Bergstrom. This project initiates and creates Soap Operas to prevent pregnancies in adolescents, to delay first sexual experiences, fights against HIV/AIDS, empowering women, vocational and technical education for women, creation of wealth (eradication of poverty), environmental protection and education to reduce infant mortality; Bergstrom Foundation funded US \$150,000.
- 5) "Venezuela Schools and Rotarian Hospital of Barquisimeto" in Venezuela. The Rotary Club of Barquisimeto Nueva Segovia, Venezuela (D 4380). International sponsor Rotary Club of Cortland, Rotary Club of Oneonta and Rotary Club of Cortland Breakfast (D 7170). Project amount: \$711,125, duration/year 2008-2011. Further details: North America & Latin America Section monitors; Venezuelan govt. US \$522,250; Foundation Nena US \$1,000; Smart Team C.A.Bs. US \$69,500; Rotary Hospital Bs.US \$33,500; PRONASIDA US \$24,875; Barquisimeto Nueva Segovia RC US \$5,000; D4380 US \$3,000; Cortland RC US \$1,000; D 7170 US \$4,000; Oneonta RC US \$250; Cortland Breakfast US \$1,000; TRF US \$10,625.

Other project activity: Effect of Mosquito Nets - 24,000 nets were distributed in above mentioned project #2.

- We noticed a threefold effect of insecticide-treated long-lasting mosquito nets, which RFPD distributed in Northern Nigeria to: 1) Combating Malaria; 2) To overcome the remaining resistance against polio immunizations (when we gave mothers nets, they immediately allowed their babies to be immunized); 3) To convince mothers that they should seek antenatal care in hospitals. When hospitals gave pregnant mothers

nets, which we donated to them, this message spread in the villages and pregnant mothers came to the hospitals to seek antenatal care.

II. Organizational Highlights:

- RFPD elected a new board of directors for 2009-2012:

Chairman: Harald Marschner (Austria)

Vice-Chairman & Area Coordinator for India: Rekha Shetty

Chief Executive Officer & Area Coordinator Europe: Robert Zinser (Germany)

Treasurer & Area Coordinator for North Africa: Salem Mashhour (Egypt)

Public Relations Director & Area Coordinator for Sub-Sahara Africa: Dolapo Lufadeju (Nigeria)

Area Coordinator for N. America & E. Russia: Bill Cadwallader (USA)

Area Coordinator for Latin America: Luis Serra (Argentina)

General Secretary: Buck Lindsay (USA)

- RFPD had excellent exposure and acceptance at the Rotary International (RI) Convention in Birmingham, England, June 2009. Following a broad solicitation for proposals by RI, RFPD was invited to present three workshops:

1) Rotary Projects-Reducing Maternal & Child Mortality: The comprehensive approach “Reduction of Maternal and Child Mortality – Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula,” successfully running since 2005, was featured. RFPD shared its project expertise with 600 participants. Panelists included: The Nigerian project chairman PDG Kola Owoka; Project staff Zainab Mohammad Pawa, Chief Midwife; Robert Zinser; Dolapo Lufadeju and gynecologist Dr. Hadiza Galadanci, of University Teaching Hospital Kano. During the workshop outgoing RI President, D.K. Lee, was awarded the RFPD Nafis Sadik Award for Courage and responded with inspiring acceptance comments.

2) Saheli Centers-Women Helping Women: The 90-minute workshop informed Rotarians about RFPD’s successful and expanding Saheli Centers for Women in India. There are now 28 Saheli Centers in the northern states of Bihar and Jkarhand that provide vocational training, education and reproductive health for women and girls. The successes of these projects were displayed, along with concept-expansion and information on how Rotarians can sponsor additional Saheli Centers. There were close to 100 Rotarians and guests in attendance who participated in this exciting workshop.

3) Promotion of Child Health by Prevention of Mother-To-Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV: Panelists - Dolapo Lufadeju, Robert Zinser, midwife Zainab Mohammad Pawa and Dr. Hadiza Galadanci, member of Nigerian PMTCT task team, informed how Rotary promotes Child Health by PMTCT. Dr. Michael Rabbow, Boehringer Ingelheim GmbH, CD Communications, Ingelheim, Germany presented the donation program utilized for this project. Brian Reid of OraSure Technologies presented HIV test on oral fluid instead of blood. RFPD shared its expertise of the PMTCT project in Northern Nigeria with 250 attendees.

- Annual General Meeting – Sixty people attended the RFPD Annual General Meeting. RFPD was allotted one hour for the meeting, so this year we ran the meeting as a general business meeting, and did not have a featured speaker as we have done in the past.
- Membership Breakfast – A special event was held during the convention that included RFPD & RI leaders, RFPD members and potential members. Twenty-five people were in attendance, and RFPD board members spoke about the future of Rotarian Action Groups.
- Board Meetings – Two board meetings were held for RFPD board members, one before the convention and one after. Our board meetings have been opened to include two representatives from each Area. We are grooming new leaders to take on future leadership roles for RFPD, and bring new ideas to the table.

- Exhibit Booth – this year we had very good visibility. The RFPD booth also encompassed two additional projects – Improvement of Maternal Health and the HIV/AIDS Testing/Zero Adolescent Pregnancy (ZAP) Program booth. Members gained: 14 lifetime and 3 annual.

III. Publications and Promotional Materials:

A) Website:

1. Redesigned and updated website: www.rifpd.org with a \$5,000 personal grant from RFPD member.
2. New website for Maternal Health Project: www.maternal-health.eu.
3. New website for Austrian section: www.rotary.at/rfpd.

B) Newsletters:

1. Quarterly publication of "Fragile Earth" - published in English & Spanish.
2. Publication "MenschensKinder" - published in German.

C) DVD/CD:

1. DVD "Improvement of Maternal and Child Health in Northern Nigeria 2005 – 2010" in English and German. Edited by RFPD Germany and Austria.
2. DVD "Vocational Training, Child Spacing and Microcredit in Slums of Alexandria". Edited by RFPD Germany.
3. Updated DVD Saheli centers.

D) Brochures:

1. RFPD Brochure, "Project Proposals for Rotary Clubs and Districts to Reduce Child and Maternal Mortality", in English, Spanish and Portuguese.
2. Brochure "Save the Mothers and the Children" describing the current project in Northern Nigeria. Printed in German and English by RFPD Germany.
3. Brochure "Hospital Report 2008" describing data and results of maternal mortality in our maternal health project. Edited by RFPD Germany.
4. Brochure "Relationship between Average Number of Children per Woman and Maternal and Infant Mortality in the Americas" (Spanish and Portuguese).

E) Other:

1. Public Service Announcement with the well known Tennis player Mariano Zabaleta, encouraging a Sexual Responsible Behavior, Responsible Paternity and Reproductive Health.
2. The Zero Adolescent Pregnancy program has been translated from English (distributed in Belize) into Spanish (distributed in all Latin America) and is now on the RFPD website (http://www.rifpd.org/Resources/Brochures/ZAP-English_BW.pdf and <http://www.rifpd.org/Resources/Brochures/Zap-Spanish.pdf>). The curriculum for teaching the need for zero adolescent pregnancies combined with steps to reduce the transmission of HIV by early testing and early treatment of the disease will be placed on the webpage within the next few months.

IV. Annual Report of Rotarian Action Group Finances (required)

Please summarize your group's financial activity during the past Rotary year, indicating revenues, expenditures, and a statement of funds on hand as of the end of the Rotary year.

Additionally, Rotarian Action Groups with annual gross receipts or expenditures of more than US\$25,000 or equivalent are required to provide an annual financial statement and report that has been independently reviewed by a qualified accountant or by an action group audit committee. Refer to section 43.020.5 of the *Rotary Code of Policies* for further information, or contact an RI staff member if you have any questions.

I. See attached Addendum II - Financial Statement.

II. Funds from other donors/sources:

A. Area North America:

- 1) \$300,000 from The David and Lucile Packard Foundation. Two-year grant from July 2008-June 2010. Funds are distributed for RFPD activities in North America, Europe, India, N. Africa/Egypt, Sub-Sahara and Latin America.
- 2) \$5,000 from donor to redesign RFPD website.

B. Area Europe:

- 1) \$450,000 from German government as annual installment for maternal health project in Northern Nigeria.
- 2) \$450,000 from Aventis Foundation as annual installment for maternal health project in Northern Nigeria.
- 3) \$110,000 from RFPD Germany – collected from RFPD members – for medical equipment in Nigeria.
- 4) \$168,000 from BASF for total 24,000 insecticide-treated long-lasting mosquito nets as donation-in-kind.
- 5) \$1,200,000 from Bayer-Schering for total 3,000 IUDs (MIRENA) as in-kind donation.
- 6) \$40,000 from Boehringer Co. for drugs used for Prevention of Mother-To-Child-Transmission (PMTCT).
- 7) \$30,000 from German Country to supply solar power for one of our selected hospitals.
- 8) \$25,000 from German University Teaching Hospitals for delivery and hospital beds as in-kind donation.
- 9) Uncounted contributions from the Nigerian government/other stakeholders to our maternal health project.

C. Area Latin America - grant totaling \$688,250, lasting 5-year from 2009-2013. Funds to be distributed for the following items and amounts:

- 1) \$2,375 Western Blot tests - Venezuelan government.
- 2) \$534,875 Yearly treatment of patients found to be positive - Venezuelan government.
- 3) \$45,000 Condoms - Venezuelan Government.
- 4) \$1,000 posters and pamphlets - Fundacion Nena.
- 5) \$70,000 public relations from radio, TV and newspapers of Barquisimeto, Venezuela.
- 6) \$35,000 Education and staff support from Rotary Hospital of Barquisimeto, Venezuela.
- 7) OraSure Technologies providing a 60% discount for testing product.

V. Additional Information (optional)

Rotarian Action Groups are encouraged to share any success stories, promotional materials, and/or high resolution electronic photos with RI Staff. These materials may be considered for use in one of Rotary's publications or on www.rotary.org. Please attach any such materials separately.

VI. Annual Newsletter Reminder

Please remember that Rotarian Action Groups must circulate a newsletter amongst its membership, with a copy to RI, at least once per year. The newsletter may be circulated electronically.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request. Please return via e-mail, mail, or fax by 1 October using the contact information below.

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