



# 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](mailto:actiongroups@rotary.org). Please type to ensure accuracy.

Excluding the financial report in section V, the information in this report may be shared with Rotarians for informational purposes and publicity.

## **I. General Information (required)**

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| Official RAG Name:                          | Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development, Inc. (RFPD)  |  |
| Web site address:                           | <a href="http://www.rifpd.org">www.rifpd.org</a>  |  |
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| Cost of individual annual membership dues:  | \$25  | If there are no dues, please check this box <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost of individual lifetime membership dues | \$100   | If not applicable, please check this box <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Is the RAG incorporated?                    | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>   |  |

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

In order to maintain their status, Rotarian Action Groups must:

- maintain a membership of at least 25 individuals representing at least 5 countries and 3 zones;
- regularly collaborate with clubs, districts, and multidistricts on international service projects in their area of specialty;
- distribute a print or electronic newsletter to all of its members at least once per year, with a copy to RI

Please answer the following questions:

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| <b>How many active members does your group have?</b>   | About 20,000  |
| <b>How many countries are represented in your group's membership?</b>  | RFPD has representatives in 75 countries  |
| <b>How many RI Zones are represented in your group's membership?</b>   | 25  |
| <b>Has your group regularly collaborated with clubs, districts, and/or multidistricts on international service projects during the past Rotary year?</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By checking this box, I confirm that our group has met this requirement.*<br><br><i>* Please provide further details in the next section of the report.</i>   |
| <b>Has your group distributed one or more newsletters to its membership in the past Rotary year?</b>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By checking this box, I confirm that our group has met this requirement.*<br><br><i>* Please send a copy of all newsletters distributed during the past year to <a href="mailto:actiongroups@rotary.org">actiongroups@rotary.org</a> if you have not done so already.</i> |

### III. Annual Report of RAG Activities (required)

Please describe in detail the three most significant international service projects that your group has collaborated on during the past Rotary year.

#### Project 1

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| Project Name                   | Bridging between the pilot project "Improvement of Maternal Health-Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula" in Nigeria (MG#53403) and the upcoming scaling up   |
| Club/District partner(s)       | Several Clubs in D9125 and about 200 clubs of different Districts in Germany and Austria  |
| Other organizations involved   | German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Aventis foundation. Also involved were: BASF, Boehringer, Population Council, Bayer Healthcare   |
| Project description            | In an innovative, comprehensive approach supported by RC Weißenburg, D9125, and ca. 200 clubs from Germany and Austria, maternal mortality was reduced by 50% and newborn mortality by more than 15% between 2008–2010. This successful model is based on two key elements: • Awareness and advocacy campaign to inform communities, integrating traditional/religious leaders and governments • Introduction of quality assurance in obstetrics with regular data collection, analysis and benchmarking process. This approach also treated obstetric fistula including rehabilitation through vocational training and microcredits. By improving the quality of structure (e.g. providing necessary equipment to the hospitals) and the quality of process (e.g. training of health staff) in ten rural hospitals in the states Kano and Kaduna the quality of care and outcome could substantially and sustainably be improved, documented in an ongoing reduction of the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) and the fetal mortality ratio (FMR). Visit <a href="http://www.maternal-health.org">www.maternal-health.org</a> for more information.<br>The project continued after its MG and cofunding by the German government ended in March 2010 until now. The project proved to be very sustainable; since March 2010 there was a further reduction of maternal mortality of 20%. The scaling up will begin soon. |
| Project location               | Northern Nigeria, states of Kano and Kaduna   |
| Project budget (if applicable) | Core project: US \$1.2 million, co-funded by the German Government, Aventis Foundation and International Association for Maternal and Newborn Health (IAMANEH) ; satellite projects and donations in kind: US \$1.8 million. Total Project Amount US \$3 million.<br>RFPD funded the bridging period between pilot project and scaling up.  |
| Is the project complete?       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   |

#### Project 2

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| Project Name                 | Saheli Center in Indias   |
| Club/District partner(s)     | Several Clubs in D3250, D6910 and other US clubs  |
| Other organizations involved | type here   |
| Project description          | India is a country of 1.2 billion people, holding a sixth of the world's population. By 2025, it is expected that India would surpass China's total population. India is predominately a rural country, 72% live in villages. 42% of the population falls below the international poverty line.<br>• Rotary clubs in the last few years have established 26 Saheli vocational |

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|                                | <p>training centers in District 3250, covering the states of Bihar and Jharkhand in Eastern India. Bihar ,Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu are population hotspots and have a combined population of 136.8 million.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term, this Rotary district expects to establish a total of 70 centers to cover 50 cities in the states of Bihar and Jharkhand.</li> </ul> <p>The basic curriculum is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase awareness and knowledge of the potential for improving social and economic conditions in their community.</li> <li>• Impart skills and knowledge to initiate development activities, improve health and nutrition.</li> <li>• Train rural women for vocational activity.</li> <li>• Empower them by giving them the skills that will improve the quality of their own life, their family, and their community.</li> <li>• Alleviate poverty and remove inequality based on gender.</li> </ul> <p>The curriculum includes:<br/> Computer skills<br/> Sewing and handicrafts<br/> Literacy<br/> Primary Health<br/> Reproductive Health<br/> Child Spacing</p> <p>Multiply Benefits of Training<br/> Return to community to share new ideas for improving their home and educating their children. Trained Sahelis' become bread earners and have more decision making power in their families, they have the power to choose, the power to say no.<br/> We plan to do 100 projects.</p> |
| Project location               | States of Bihar and Jharkhand in Eastern India   |
| Project budget (if applicable) | 390,000 USD  |
| Is the project complete?       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |

### Project 3

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| Project Name                 | Save the Children Honduras  |
| Club/District partner(s)     | Tegucigalpa, Tegucigalpa Sur, San Migvel de Heredia, Tegucigalpa Kaputzihil, Nueva Tegucigalpa, Real de Minas Tegucigalpa and Villa Real de Tegucigalpa, as well as the Rotaract Club Tegucigalpa   |
| Other organizations involved | Regional Youth Alliance (Alianza Joven Regional "AJR") supported by USAID/SICA through Creative Associates International  |
| Project description          | <p>Neighbord Outreach Centers- community spaces that serve children and youth in the worst barrios of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. Providing a safe space to spend free time, the Centers which numbered 61 by June 2011 offer children and youth healty activities by assisting with homework, providing guidance with community service, games, sports and special interest clubs. To date, nearly 10,000 young people have received vocational training at the Centers in various subjects, including English, computer maintenance, screen printing, and musical instruments, among other activities.</p> <p>The mission is to empower youth, communities, municipalities, and governments to confront the challenges of violence and implement the</p> |

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|                                | positive changes that they seek through the establishment of public-private partnerships, and the active participation of the civil society. |
| Project location               | Tegucigalpa, Honduras  |
| Project budget (if applicable) | 36,000 USD   |
| Is the project complete?       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |

### Our Focus - Maternal and child health

The RFPD AGM 2012 decided that RFPD will focus on 'Maternal and child health'. The representatives of the other Action Groups have confirmed in their meeting in Bangkok 2012 that RFPD will continue to act as 'resource' for this area of focus.

RFPD started to create awareness of the Area of Focus 'Maternal and child health', by sending the awarded film, "The Edge of Joy", to all the governors of the pilot districts with which Rotarians can be informed in club meetings about maternal mortality as a major aspect of maternal and child health. RFPD regularly informs clubs and districts about Maternal & child health on its websites, through its newsletter and at the convention with a booth and breakout sessions. In 2012 RFPD had for the first time a large booth for the resource maternal and child health which was very well frequented. In three sessions we informed about maternal and child health; one of the sessions was joined by leaders from several other RAGs contributing to the area of focus Maternal and child health.

### Regional Teams

We began to build regional teams. Honduras has taken the lead in starting the first RFPD Regional Team, focusing on 'Maternal and child health' (MCH). The team has already ten founding members, including DGE, incoming District Secretary, Rotarian and Non-rotarian doctors, as well as current club presidents and past presidents. The purpose or aim of the RFPD Regional Team – Honduras is to ensure that MCH club/district projects undertaken in the country are sustainable and effective by providing support in planning and implementing projects as well as in monitoring the progress and outcome. The successful planning and implementation of 'Maternal and Child Health' (MCH) requires knowledge of the field and experience. Often clubs or districts would like to implement projects but do not have enough members that can spare enough time and resources to manage a project on their own. Therefore, Regional Teams are thought to provide support, expertise and oversight, as well as the basis for additional RFPD Regional Teams in the world.

We also have regional teams in India and our focus is to continue this initiative in other countries as well.

### Signature project 'Reduction of maternal and newborn mortality'

We are planning to scale up our pilot project which was implemented in 2005-2010 in Kano and Kaduna state, Nigeria; the result was a reduction of maternal mortality by 50 %. This project is sustainable as meanwhile the mortality has been reduced by 70 %. Scaling up of this project which stakeholders regard as a model project is presently submitted to the German government for approval of the co-funding for FCT Abuja and Ondo state, Nigeria (D9125), is prepared for Enugu state (D9140), Nigeria, is planned for Lagos state, Ono state and Oyo state, Nigeria (D9110), for Pakistan and India.

Other success stories and updates that can be found at:

[www.rifpd.org](http://www.rifpd.org) (General website of RFPD) and

[www.maternal-health.org](http://www.maternal-health.org) (Website of RFPD as a resource for maternal and child health)

In addition, country sections share reports with their websites: [www.rifpd.de](http://www.rifpd.de) and [www.rotary.at/rifpd](http://www.rotary.at/rifpd)

#### **IV. Annual Report of RAG Cooperative Relationships (required)**

Please list all organizations with which your group has a formal, written\* cooperative relationship.

*\* formalized by a Memorandum of Understanding, Memorandum of Cooperation, or similar written agreement*

RFPD has submitted a UN-Commitment 'Every Women, Every Child' which is published in the UN -List "2011 Commitments to advance the 'Global Strategy for Women & Children's Health', Sep 2011." In the UN-List 2012, our continuing commitment will again be published.

RFPD continues to have cooperative relationships with WHO/The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH),-Geneva, .the Population Institute-Washington D.C., USA, and the Population Media Center-Vermont, USA,

Memorandum of Cooperation between Maternal Health Project Team In Nigeria - supported by RFPD - and Pathfinder Nigeria.

Memoranda of Understanding with the Ministries of Health of the participating states Kano, Kaduna, FCT Abuja and Ondo in the upcoming scaling up. These memoranda ensure support of the project from the governments.

## V. Annual Report of RAG 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.

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| Total revenues during the previous Rotary year     | \$13,495  |
| Total expenditures during the previous Rotary year | \$41,576  |
| Funds on hand at the end of the Rotary year        | \$111,914 |

If your group has annual gross receipts or expenditures of more than US\$25,000 or equivalent, you 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. **Please attach these materials separately.**

## **VI. Additional Information (optional)**

Please feel free 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](http://www.rotary.org). Please attach any such materials separately.

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**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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