ProjectLINK

ProjectLINK is a searchable database that lists Rotary club and district community service projects in need of funding, volunteers, donated goods, and/or partners for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, and completed projects that can be used as examples of best practices. For additional project details, contact programs@rotary.org or the local Rotarian or club listed.

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11. Project: Padma Rajshahi — W03901

Country: Bangladesh

Description: Support a life-saving cancer center in western Bangladesh. Established in 1992, the original center offered chemotherapy treatment and hospice care for those who cannot afford it. Three Rotary Foundation Matching Grants and large donations from local philanthropists purchased an ambulance and operating equipment, and in 2001, a new six-story cancer center opened. Volunteer doctors and hospital staff, including local Rotarians, are now focusing on improving early detection rates and public education efforts. The Rotary Club of Padma Rajshahi invites other clubs to join in improving the facility by contributing toward new equipment for basic and vital cancer treatment including surgical, radiotherapy, and chemotherapy facilities.

22. Project: Dhaka New City — W05638

Country: Bangladesh

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Description: Water contaminated with arsenic may lead to lung, bladder and skin cancer. The Rotary Club of Dhaka New City wants to provide arsenic free pure drinking water to poor villages surrounding their community. The club plans to install 15 arsenic free deep tube-wells at different locations to provide clean water for 3,000 people. A local committee will identify the best locations for the wells. The sponsoring club will contribute US\$1,409 to the project.

33. Project: Rotary Mobile Medical Boat — C01952

Country: Bangladesh

Description: Rotarians from around the globe have joined in a two-pronged effort to bring desperately needed health-care services to Bangladesh. The Rotary Mobile Medical Boat serves more than 275,000 people in some 60 villages along the Maghna River. The 12.8-meter vessel "provides free dental, eye, and general medical treatment, including free medicines to the poor," said Emdad UI Haq. "An average of 55-65 patients are treated a day and the boat operates 24 days a month." The floating clinic meets a vital need, as no roads reach any of the villages and the area is flooded for 5 months during the monsoon season. Construction of the vessel was made possible by support from Rotary clubs in Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Japan, Scotland, and a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant. Subsequent support, including Foundation grants, has helped equip the clinic. The clinic also provides patient education and informs villagers about services available at Rotary Hasuk Hospital, 150 KM northwest of Dhaka. Rotary Volunteers come from around the world to serve at both the hospital and the mobile clinic. Highlighted in RotaryWorld, September 2002.

44. Project: <u>CLE in Bangladesh — C01382</u>

Country: Bangladesh

Description: In Bangladesh, the Rotary Club of Dhaka is working with the Ministry of Education and the Bangladeshi Literacy Committee to develop and implement the Concentrated Language C:/.../ProjectLinkSearch.htm

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Encounter (CLE) method of teaching literacy in primary schools. Teaching the basic fundamentals of reading and writing through song, drama and other interactive methods, CLE incorporates local recycling concepts to develop and manufacture teaching kits . The Rotary club facilitated the partnership with the Ministry of Education, and coordinates activities for training new teachers and for developing new text books and manuals to ensure the success of the Literacy Project. Rotarians visit the schools and provide technical support and advice. The Rotary Clubs of Footscray, Australia, and Dhaka, Bangladesh, and a 3-H Grant (#97-5) from The Rotary Foundation funded the project. When the project began in October 1996, the Bangladeshi government appointed a full-time deputy to the project and allocated space to the CLE Operations Center. To date, 357 schools use the CLE method and each of the classrooms in the schools has been provided with a set of CLE teaching kits.

55. Project: Tree Plantation Project — C02127

Country: Bangladesh

Description: The Rotaract Club of Sylhet Green View partnered with local residents to raise awareness about current challenges to the environment. The club invited interested students and area locals to plant trees at thelocal high school. The tree planting session was successful and covered in the local newspaper. The club still cares for the trees on a regular basis.

66. Project: <u>Revolving Micro Credit Fund — C02031</u>

Country: Bangladesh

Description: The Rotary Community Corps of Bakta initiated a revolving micro credit fund in order to help local community members begin various business initiatives in their homes and villages. They received 3 loans from the Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown, 1 for use in micro credit, 1 for use in tree planting, and one for use in immunizations. All of these funds were distributed to the community with much success. Currently, the micro credit program has allowed for one man to

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start his own transportation business, for a dairy farm to be started, and a seamstress shop to be started, among various other initiatives. The RCC of Bakta hopes to continue supporting such endeavors in the future. Photos are available.

77. Project: Poverty Alleviation - Beef Fattening — C01996

Country: Bangladesh

Description: The RCC of Masajidda, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Agrabad, established a beef fattening project with the assistance of the District Combat Hunger Project Committee. Youths are granted bulls to rear and sell, and they are able to keep the profits from the sale. The project was intended to encourage youths to understand basic business principles and to increase the avaliability of beef sales for the community.

88. Project: <u>Sewing Training Center — C02042</u>

Country: Bangladesh

Description: The Rotary Community Corps of Masajidda, with assistance from the Rotary Club of Agrabad, has initiated a sewing training program for the unemployed women of their village. Its purpose is to train the women, many of whom are illiterate and unemployed, to earn money for themselves. Since 1991 over 6000 women have been training and most are now employed in the garment manufacturing business. Others have begun their own independent businesses as tailors, and some have even begun to run their own sewing training centers at various locations. Because of the success of this project it is ongoing. The women of the community have been highly appreciative of this project. Pictures are available.

Country: Bangladesh

Description: The village of Masajidda uses trees for furniture, firewood and in the construction of houses. The Rotary Club of Agrabad, with assistance from the Rotary Community Corps of Masajidda, would like to replenish this tree loss to their environment by planting 10,000 saplings over a four-month period. The trees planted during the project will include fruit bearing trees, timber and medicinal plants and will benefit the 8,000 citizens of Masajidda. The community and its students will be involved in the project by digging holes, laying manure, planting the saplings, watering the seeds and fencing in the seeds.



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