**About Foundation**

Rotary Foundation is in essence Rotary's own Charity. The Mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance World Understanding, Goodwill and Peace through the improvement of Health, the support of Education and the alleviation of Poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better World. In addition the Rotary Club raises funds by organising events, activities and public contributions.

This support is essential to make possible Foundation grant-funded projects that bring sustainable improvement to Communities in need.

Foundations longest running project, started in 1985, is the Eradication of Polio from the World. At that time there were more than 350,000 cases in over 125 countries. Since that time more than 2.5 Billion Children have been immunised in . In 2016 there were just 36 cases notified in 3 Countries. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has Partnered Rotary and matches 2 for 1 all Rotary funding for its Polio Campaign.

The Rotary Club can apply for a Rotary District Grant that enables the Club to address immediate needs in their Communities and Abroad. The main areas of Focus of Foundation Grants are Peace and Conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and Sanitation, Basic education and literacy, Scholarships and Vocational training teams.

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