

Future Vision Areas of focus

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have identified six areas of focus for the new grant structure. These areas reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide. They will align Rotary with other international development efforts and will strategically further the [Foundation's mission](#).

Statements of purpose and goals

Each of the six areas of focus begins with a statement of purpose, followed by a list of specific goals. The Foundation will use the goals to establish

- Projects and activities for packaged global grants
- Possible strategic partners for packaged global grants
- Evaluation criteria for club- and district-developed global grants
- A system for measuring outcome for all global grants

[Download guidelines](#) for developing eligible projects and activities within the areas of focus.

Areas of focus

1. [Peace and conflict prevention/resolution](#)
2. [Disease prevention and treatment](#)
3. [Water and sanitation](#)
4. [Maternal and child health](#)
5. [Basic education and literacy](#)
6. [Economic and community development](#)

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

The Rotary Foundation promotes the practice of peace and conflict prevention/resolution by

- Strengthening local peace efforts
- Training local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict
- Supporting long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict
- Assisting vulnerable populations affected by conflict, particularly children and youth
- Supporting studies related to peace and conflict resolution

Disease prevention and treatment

The Rotary Foundation reduces the causes and effects of disease by

- Improving the capacity of local health care professionals
- Combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other major diseases
- Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities
- Educating and mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases
- Supporting studies related to disease prevention and treatment

Water and sanitation

The Rotary Foundation ensures that people have sustainable access to water and sanitation by

- Increasing equitable community access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation
- Strengthening the ability of communities to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems
- Educating communities about safe water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Supporting studies related to water and sanitation

Maternal and child health

The Rotary Foundation improves the lives of mothers and their children by

- Reducing the mortality rate for children under the age of five
- Reducing the maternal mortality rate
- Improving access to essential medical services and trained health care providers for mothers and their children
- Supporting studies related to maternal and child health

Basic education and literacy

The Rotary Foundation promotes education and literacy for all by

- Ensuring that children have access to quality basic education
- Reducing gender disparity in education
- Increasing adult literacy
- Strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy
- Supporting studies related to basic education and literacy

Economic and community development

The Rotary Foundation invests in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities by

- Strengthening the development of local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities
- Developing opportunities for decent and productive work, particularly for youth
- Building the capacity of local organizations and community networks to support economic development
- Supporting studies related to economic and community development