

International Service Committee – September 3, 2011
Focus Group discussion

FUTURE VISION IS OUR VISION

HURDLES

Club sat on \$\$\$; did nothing; Contacts may not do anything
Process
Language
“Manana”
Getting local involvement; more interested in local
Bringing supplies to location
Cooperation
Transportation
Communication
Matching grant process
Country not on list initially
Computers in Africa
Logistics
Follow up/breakdown
Project reports incomplete>past reports must be complete
Lapsed membership
Paperwork incomplete>signatures from prior administration
Receipts
Changes in RI personnel; KEEP RECORDS
Face-to-face communication
Clear directions from host country
Reliability of host club; seek other partners
Partnerships for regular feed back
Bureaucracy: changes in location (Rotary TRF)
Final reports with receipts
Complex shipping rules for host country
On-the-ground support
Check the project in person
Check details
Electrical issues in other countries
Communication in other countries
Customs; Immigration
Budget changes
Age of members
Partner with other clubs
*Copy grants chair after approval...IMPERATIVE! KEEP CHAIR IN LOOP!
On-line signatures; Simplify process
Changing budget after approval...NO!
Complete apps on computer – penmanship dreadful!
Control certification

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WHERE?

CLUB MEMBERS

Kenya	11
Uganda	4
Ghana	14
Nicaragua	11
El Salvador	17
Guatemala	7
Panama	7
India	6
Sri Lanka	1
Nepal	8
Rwanda	1
Nigeria	1
Egypt	1
Afghanistan	1
Costa Rica	2
South Africa	4
Malawi	1
Turkey	2
Tanzania	2
Swaziland	1
Paraguay	1
Zimbabwe	1
St. Kitts	1
Mexico	2
Domenica	2
Russia	1

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Why Is Your Club Involved?

Because we can
Better understanding with others
No boundaries/small world
Avenue for overseas work
Greater \$ impact
Disasters/travel informs
Make a difference
Diverse nationalities
Teaching other countries
Service
Balance Community w/ International
Role models inform
Have the means!
Active committee keeps club informed
Multi club approach helpful
One global family
We are people; here to help each other
No strangers, just friends not known yet
Blessed to share
Personal satisfaction
Can take place in US or Canada
Built in system in district

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What would you change?

Electronic signatures

Partner should not receive all of the donation at once; most important in other countries

More control at club/district level

Get reports as project moves forward

Assistance w/expertise

Bring sense of satisfaction

Partner club members should visit the support partners; better grasp of process

Learn about reporting process

Spend time with partners

“Get to know them”

Think expansively>utilize non-Rotarians

Emphasize programs, not projects

Think long term

Emphasize structures/protocols

Consistent perspective