

Global Grant Application

GRANT NUMBER
GG2462360

STATUS
Draft

Basic Information

Grant title

Preventing spina bifida and anencephaly in high-risk pregnancies in Ethiopia - Year 2

Type of Project

Humanitarian Project

Address community needs and produce sustainable, measurable outcomes

Primary Contacts

Name	Club	District	Sponsor	Role
Ralph Peeler	North Atlanta	6900	Rotary Club	International
Yemisrach Worku	Addis Ababa Central-Mella	9212	Rotary Club	Host

Committee Members

Host committee

Name	Club	District	Role
Henock Alemayehu	Addis Ababa Central-Mella [Rotary Club]	9212	Secondary Contact
Mihret Nigussie	Addis Ababa Central-Mella [Rotary Club]	9212	Secondary Contact
Eyoel Tizitaw	Addis Ababa Central-Mella [Rotary Club]	9212	Secondary Contact

International committee

Name	Club	District	Role
Jonathan Yaeger	North Atlanta [Rotary Club]	6900	Secondary Contact International
Michael Emanuele	North Atlanta [Rotary Club]	6900	Secondary Contact International
Christopher Drew	North Atlanta [Rotary Club]	6900	Secondary Contact International

Do any of these committee members have potential conflicts of interest?

A conflict of interest occurs when someone is in a position to make or influence a decision about a grant or award that could benefit them, their family, their business, or an entity in which they serve in a paid or voluntary leadership or advisory position.

For each Rotary member who serves on the grant committee, list all relationships that the member has with any scholarship recipients, cooperating organizations, project vendors, or other individuals or organizations that will benefit from the grant.

None

Next, list all relationships that district officers and other members of the sponsor clubs or districts (other than the members of the grant committee) have with any award recipients, cooperating organizations, project vendors, or other individuals or organizations that would benefit from the grant.

Godfrey Oakley, a member of the RC of North Atlanta is director of the Emory Rollins School of Public Health Center for Spina Bifida Prevention. His team has participated in the design and implementation of the project and will be pivotal in the data analysis of results.

Yakob Ahmed is a member of the RC of Addis Ababa West. He is the Country Director for the ReachAnother Foundation and is the overall project leader in Ethiopia.

Neither individual will profit from the grant project.

Project Overview

Tell us a little about your project. What are the main objectives of the project, and who will benefit from it?

This application is to fund the second year continuation and expansion of our very successful global grant project number GG2240039 to prevent spina bifida and related neural tube birth defects in subsequent pregnancies among women in Ethiopia who already had an affected pregnancy. We provide WHO recommended high dose folic acid tablets and education to these high-risk mothers. For this second year of implementation, the dose of folic acid will be changed to 4mg daily, in compliance with Ethiopian and US CDC recommendations.

Two project implementation nurses and a public health project manager were hired for the first GG2240039 - one nurse for each of the two hospitals the project is run out of. These health professionals are trained to identify the mothers, provide the folic acid supplements and educational materials, as well as track compliance and future pregnancy outcomes in the data base. These 3 health professionals will be retained for this new GG given their training and experience with the project. In the first year of the project, we have been operating in

two hospitals in Addis Ababa, St. Peter's and Zweditu. However, word in the community is spreading about the program for high risk mothers, so that women from two other, primarily maternity hospitals, Gandhi Memorial and Abebech Gobena, have been referred to our project nurses for high dose folic acid supplements. The project will hire 2 additional nurses for these two hospitals and they will be trained as per the existing nurses.

This project will cost-effectively prevent a significant cause of child morbidity and mortality, hardship and great expense for the affected families, and reduce the strain on the resources of the national healthcare system.

This project is supported by career-minded professionals and volunteers actively involved in maternal and child health worldwide. This project has served to raise awareness among policy makers, Rotarians, healthcare workers, and the public of the great opportunity to economically prevent a devastating and extremely costly birth defect.

Background:

Spina bifida, anencephaly, and related neural tube defects are major and common birth defects that occur due to incomplete closure of the neural tube very early in fetal development. In spina bifida, or "open back," part of the spinal cord is not enclosed within the vertebra and may protrude from the skin of the back. Death from infection ensues quickly if complex surgery is not performed very soon after birth. Even with timely surgery, these children are usually left with lifelong disabilities including paralysis below the level of the defect, loss of bowel and bladder control, and intellectual disabilities due to hydrocephalus. These children require lifelong expensive medical care and frequently die prematurely.

Anencephaly and other neural tube defects occur when the brain and skull fail to form correctly early in fetal development and are incompatible with life. Many of these defects are diagnosed prenatally and the pregnancies are terminated.

Folic acid, also referred to as folate or vitamin B9 has been rigorously proven to prevent up to 80% of these severe birth defects if consumed prior to conception. It is strongly recommended by CDC, WHO, the US Preventive Services Task Force, and other professional organizations. In the US and many other countries, processed food such as wheat flour, corn masa flour and other foods are fortified with folic acid, preventing many thousands of affected pregnancies. Ethiopia does not yet have widespread implementation of food fortification, though there is a government plan to do so in the near future.

Women who have had a pregnancy affected by spina bifida or other neural tube defects are at 10-fold higher risk of having a subsequently affected pregnancy, and for this reason are termed "high-risk." The recommended dose for these mothers is 4000-5000 mcg daily, 10 times higher than the usual dose provided in fortified food or standard vitamin preparations. Estimates of the annual incidence of these pregnancies in Ethiopia are staggering, ranging from 10,500 to 60,000. A similar high-risk prevention program, in place in South Carolina, USA since 1992, has been shown to be highly cost-effective.

This project has already enrolled over 1000 high-risk women, who are now receiving high dose folic acid supplements and education about the importance of compliance. The goal of enrolling 1850 women in the first year of the project is in sight. This second year of the project seeks to continue providing folic acid to those women already enrolled, as well as additional women up to 2200 total, and more in future years.

In addition to the direct and lifelong benefit of the project to the children and families who will live healthy lives free from a devastating birth defect, another goal and benefit of the project is the increased awareness of Rotarians, health care professionals, and policy makers of the tremendous potential for this very cost-effective preventive measure to avoid suffering and save unnecessary health care expenses by families and health care systems around the world. Rotarians including Pierre Hoffmayer, Rotary's representative to the WHO, along with many other groups, successfully advocated for food fortification before the World Health Assembly in May 2023, culminating in a resolution by that body urging food fortification with folic acid and other micronutrients worldwide. This project, and the concept of economically preventing neural tube defects, has been presented to many Rotary clubs, and has been received enthusiastically. A recent (January, 2024, attached) article in the Rotary magazine describes the work, and resulted in an opportunity to present at a miller's conference in Peoria, IL, USA. Rotarians from multiple clubs and districts are now involved. This project, described in more detail in the attached project proposal, has served to connect many Rotarians across the globe in a great opportunity for

service.

RC Addis Ababa Central Mella will partner with RC Addis Ababa Bole and RC Addis Ababa West for this second tranche. Bole and West have participated in the initial two Spina Bifida Rotary global grants with ReachAnotherFoundation in 2014/15 and 2015/2016 and West in the Spina Bifida Global Grant last year.

Areas of Focus

Which area of focus will this project support?

Disease prevention and treatment
Maternal and child health

Measuring Success

Disease prevention and treatment

Which goals will your activity support?

Improving the capacity of local health care professionals; Promoting disease prevention and treatment programs that limit the spread of communicable diseases and reduce the incidence and effect of noncommunicable diseases; Strengthening health care systems;

How will you measure your project's impact? Find tips and information on how to measure results in [the Global Grant Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Supplement](#). You need to include at least one standardized measure from the drop-down menu as part of your application.

Measure	Collection Method	Frequency	Beneficiaries
Number of medical and health professionals trained	Grant records and reports	Every year	1-19
Number of recipients of disease prevention intervention	Grant records and reports	Every year	1000-2499

Do you know who will collect information for monitoring and evaluation?

Yes

Name of Individual or Organization

ReachAnother Foundation and staff supported by this project

Briefly explain why this person or organization is qualified for this task.

The ReachAnother Foundation is a principal collaborator in this project. They have been providing surgical and after care to children born with spina bifida in Ethiopia for many years, and thus have the ability to identify high-risk mothers. Nurses supported by this project record all encounters with the mothers and instances of folic acid distribution. Compliance is monitored by in person or telephone follow-up and resupply of 100 tablet boxes of the folic acid. Subsequent pregnancy outcomes will be tracked. Two tablet computers for data collection have been provided during the first year of the project. The data will additionally be analyzed by academic staff at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, who have already provided input on data collection parameters.

Maternal and child health

Which goals will your activity support?

Reducing the neonatal and newborn mortality rate; Reducing the mortality and morbidity rate of children under five; Improving access to essential medical services, trained community health workers, and health care providers;

How will you measure your project's impact? Find tips and information on how to measure results in [the Global Grant Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Supplement](#). You need to include at least one standardized measure from the drop-down menu as part of your application.

Measure	Collection Method	Frequency	Beneficiaries
Number of maternal and child health professionals trained	Grant records and reports	Every year	1-19
Number of benefiting health facilities	Grant records and reports	Every year	1-19
Comparison of the number of subsequent pregnancies affected by neural tube defects with the number expected without high dose folic acid supplementation.	Direct observation	Every year	1000-2499
Number of mothers receiving high dose folic acid supplements and education regarding this effective essential preventive intervention	Grant records and reports	Every year	1000-2499

Do you know who will collect information for monitoring and evaluation?

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Name of Individual or Organization

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Location and Dates

Humanitarian Project

Where will your project take place?**City or town**

Addis Ababa

Province or state**Country**

Ethiopia

When will your project take place?

2024-10-01 to 2025-09-30

Participants

Cooperating Organizations (Optional)

Name	Website	Location
ReachAnother Foundation	www.reachanother.org	1900 NE Third Street #106-307 Bend United States

Supporting Documents

- Global_Grant_signature.pdf
- MOU_06-06-2024_signed.pdf

Do any committee members have a potential conflict of interest related to a cooperating organization?

No

Why did you choose to partner with this organization and what will its role be?

The ReachAnother Foundation's mission is to help their Ethiopian partners build the medical self-sufficiency and prevention awareness needed to save the lives and prevent disability of children affected by spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

In 2018, ReachAnother was asked by the Ethiopian Ministry of Health to develop a plan to bring folic acid to all women of childbearing age. They formed an international coalition of global partners and held a Technical Expert Conference to present a solution of fortification of iodized salt with folic acid to the Ethiopian government.

Partners (Optional)**List any other partners that will participate in this project.**

St. Peter's Hospital, Zewditu Memorial Hospital, Ghandi Memorial Hospital, and Adebech Gobena Hospital.

Volunteer Travelers (Optional)

A grant for a humanitarian project can pay for travel for up to two people who will provide training or help implement the project if the necessary skills are not available locally. Upload a CV for each volunteer traveler. Do not include sensitive personal data, such as government ID numbers, religion, race, health information, etc. You are responsible for informing volunteer travelers of the personal data you have provided about him/her to Rotary and that it will be processed in accordance with Rotary's [Privacy Policy](#).

No.	Name	Email
1	Christopher Drew	cdrewmpi@mac.com

Briefly explain why these individual(s) were selected and how they are qualified to provide skills that are not available locally.

Christopher Drew is a past president of the RC of North Atlanta. He has been a strong supporter of this project from its inception. He has presented this topic to other Rotary clubs in Florida. He owns a company, ART and Associates, which produces signage and art for many large companies. He has produced banners and flip books for presentations to clubs here in the US describing the project and is an expert on signage and public displays.

Describe this person's role in the project.

See above. Christopher would be invaluable as a source for production of Rotary signage for the project, and to communicate back to clubs here in the USA with photographic and other displays promoting the project.

Host sponsor confirmation of volunteer travelers

I confirm that the host club or district has extended a travel invitation, fully supports and approves volunteer traveler(s), and verifies that the international travel to the club and/or district is needed to implement the project.

Supporting Documents

- CV_-_Christopher_Drew_2024.pdf

Rotarian Participants

Describe the roles and responsibilities that the host and international sponsors will have in this project. Please be specific. Which sponsor will receive and manage the grant funds?

The host, RC of Addis Ababa Central Mella will:

- Actively collaborate in developing the grant proposal for the second year of the project, applying lessons learned in the initial grant application process and lessons learned in implementing the project so far.
- Maintain a project bank account with 3 signers.
- Manage all project spending occurring in Ethiopia.
- Continue support for the high-risk prevention program model established during the first year of the project in the previously listed hospitals.
- Advocate for and publicize the global effort to reduce the incidence of spina bifida and related neural tube defects.
- Hold regular communication meetings with international Rotary partners.
- Invite international sponsors to Ethiopia to participate in events celebrating the success of the project.
- Take the lead and coordinate final report writing with the international sponsor.

The international sponsor, the RC of North Atlanta will:

- Collaborate with other partners in developing this grant based on lessons learned from the project so far.
- Take the lead in fundraising for the project and updating sponsors with progress.
- Encourage sponsors to visit the project sites in Ethiopia. A past president of the Rotary Club of North Atlanta, Christopher Drew, and his wife Stacy, plan to visit the Centers of Excellence early in 2025.
- Assist in publicizing the project's success. The January 2024 issue of the Rotary Magazine featured an excellent article about this project. The project is also presented in the Rotary Showcase. These very effective publicity efforts have been led by RCNA PP Jon Yaeger.
- Seek other Rotary clubs as potential partners.
- Assist the Host in writing progress and final reports.

Describe how the partnership between the host and international sponsors was formed. What agreement have the sponsors made toward ensuring that the project will be implemented successfully? How will they manage any challenges that arise throughout the project?

This project was initially conceived by Addis Abba West Rotarian Yakob Ahmed, Country Director for the ReachAnother Foundation and former Ethiopian Ministry of Health official and Hospital Administrator while studying in Atlanta at the Rollins School of Public Health with North Atlanta Rotarian Dr. Godfrey Oakley, a leading world expert in prevention of spina bifida. Working with Addis Ababa West Rotarian Sharon Ashton and others, the first year grant was developed, refined, and ultimately approved. Along the way, many obstacles were encountered with the grant process and initial implementation, including identification of an inexpensive source of the folic acid tablets in India, facilitated by Rotarian and neurosurgeon Dr. Jogi Pattisapu of Orlando.

A strong spirit of collaboration and trust has developed among all the participants in the project. A "get it done" attitude has prevailed whenever a problem has arisen. Several Zoom calls across the world and voluminous email and other communications have kept us in close touch and formed strong bonds. For many of us, this project has come to exemplify the great value and power of Rotary.

Budget

What local currency are you using in your project's budget?

The currency you select should be what you use for a majority of the project's expenses.

Local Currency	U.S. dollar (USD) exchange rate	Currency Set On
ETB	57	09/04/2024

What is the budget for this grant?

List each item in your project's budget. Remember that the project's total budget must equal its total funding, which will be calculated in step 9. Project budgets, including the World Fund match, must be at least 30,000 USD.

#	Category	Description	Supplier	Cost in ETB	Cost in USD
1	Personnel	2 Project nurses and 1 Project manager	Already employed	1300000	22807
2	Equipment	2 Tablet computers	Microsoft Surface	158000	2772
3	Personnel	2 new Project Nurses	project nursing staff	600000	10526
4	Monitoring/evaluation	Analyze data and report/publish	project partners	145000	2544
5	Publicity	Provide educational materials to mothers and training materials to healthcare professionals	project partners	100000	1754
6	Supplies	Folic Acid 4mg 1 million doses	UNIZA Lifecare Ltd.	367251	6443
Total budget:				2670251	46846

Funding

Tell us about the funding you've secured for your project. We'll use the information you enter here to calculate your maximum possible funding match from the World Fund.

#	Source	Details	Amount (USD)	Support*	Total
1	District Design ated Fund (DDF)	6900	22,200.00	0.00	22,200.00
2	Cash from Club	Addis Ababa Central-Mella [Rotary Club]	222.00	11.10	233.10
3	Cash from Club	Coppell [Rotary Club]	5,714.00	285.70	5,999.70
4	Cash from Club	Raleigh [Rotary Club]	950.00	47.50	997.50

*Whenever cash is contributed to the Foundation to help fund a global grant project, an additional 5 percent is applied to help cover the cost of processing these funds. Clubs and districts can receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for the additional expense.

How much World Fund money would you like to use on this project?

You may request up to 17,760.00 USD from the World Fund.

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Funding Summary

DDF contributions:	22,200.00
Cash contributions:	6,886.00
Financing subtotal (matched contributions + World Fund):	46,846.00
Total funding:	46,846.00
Total budget:	46,846.00

Sustainability

Humanitarian Projects

Project planning

Describe the community needs that your project will address.

Estimates of the incidence of neural tube defects affected births in Ethiopia annually range from 10,500 to as many as 60,000. Many of these pregnancies are terminated or result in stillbirths. Many others result in neonatal death. The surviving neonates require immediate surgery and often subsequent multiple other surgeries and lifelong care to deal with the multiple disabilities resulting from this largely preventable birth defect. This places a tremendous burden not only on the child affected, but also on the families and other caregivers, as well as the nation's healthcare system.

How did your project team identify these needs?

The ReachAnother Foundation was established in 2009 by Marinus "Dick" Koning, MD, a retired surgeon from Bend, Oregon. Surgical and aftercare has been provided since then to the many children suffering from spina bifida and hydrocephalus in Ethiopia through Centers of Excellence established at multiple hospitals in Ethiopia for this purpose. Furthermore, the RCs AA West and AA Bole both participated in Global Grants with ReachAnotherFoundation in 2017/18 GG1528775 and 2018/19 GG1864971 to train neurosurgeons how to operate on neural tube defects in Ethiopia. Following the death of Dr. Koning, the international leadership of the ReachAnother Foundation has been taken up by his wife, Patricia O'Neal, PhD, and his twin brother, Dr. Jan Koning of the Netherlands. Working in collaboration with the Ethiopia Ministry of Health, the Emory Center for Spina Bifida Prevention, and others, the very high rate of neural tube defects in Ethiopia has been identified as particularly amenable to an affordable solution. Please see the attached academic papers.

How were members of the benefiting community involved in finding solutions?

In 2018, the ReachAnother Foundation was asked by the Ethiopian Ministry of Health to develop a plan to bring folic acid to all women of childbearing age. An International coalition of global partners was formed and a Technical Expert Conference was held to present a solution, fortification of iodized salt. Preliminary studies are underway to assess the stability and acceptance of this method. Other foodstuffs, such as processed and fortified flour may not reach many women of childbearing age, especially in rural areas.

How were community members involved in planning the project?

This project was planned in collaboration with Rotarian Dr. Yakob Ahmed Seman, former Director General of Medical Services, FDRE Ministry of Health, and former Director of St. Peter's Hospital. Dr. Lia Tadesse, FDRE Minister of Health, has also been a part of the current spina bifida prevention effort.

Project implementation

Summarize each step of your project's implementation.

Do not include sensitive personal data, such as government ID numbers, religion, race, health information, etc. If you include personal data, you are responsible for informing those whose personal data is included that you are providing it to Rotary and that it will be processed in accordance with Rotary's [Privacy Policy](#).

#	Activity	Duration
1	Continue providing high dose folic acid to mother's with a pregnancy previously affected by a neural tube defect	1 year
2	Identify and enroll additional mothers, up to 2,200 total, with affected pregnancies.	1 year
3	Record data regarding these mothers and determine any subsequent pregnancy outcomes	1 year
4	Analyze the data for possible publication	1 year
5	Continue procurement of high dose folic acid sufficient to provide all enrolled high-risk mothers a daily dose	1 year
6	Continue employment of a project supervisor	1 year
7	Continue to provide a salary supplement to nurses currently identifying, enrolling, educating and providing folic acid to high risk mothers.	1 year
8	Identify and retain additional nurses to provide service in two additional hospitals in Addis Ababa,	1 year

Will you work in coordination with any related initiatives in the community?

Yes

Briefly describe the other initiatives and how they relate to this project.

The Spina Bifida Centers of Excellence associated with the project hospitals continue to provide surgical and other services to affected families. This ongoing work provides the opportunity to identify high risk mothers and enroll them in our prevention project.

Please describe the training, community outreach, or educational programs this project will include.

Introduction and orientation training for the newly added 2 hospitals and the nurses hired here. There will be ongoing working lunch training programs for all front line nurses in the 2 added hospitals (labor ward, antenatal care unit, safe abortion unit and pediatric neurosurgery unit) so they can identify high risk mothers, so there is not a missed opportunity to provide folic acid to them. Based on the existing mothers' registration database a short data recording and reporting training will be provided.

How were these needs identified?

High risk prevention program for spina bifida is a relatively new program going on in Ethiopian hospitals. Based on the information from the first year project implementation a short program and data related training are needed for both project implementation nurses and front line worker nurses.

What incentives (for example, monetary compensation, awards, certification, or publicity), will you use, if any, to encourage community members to participate in the project?

Having a child with spina bifida is considered as a stigma in the community and these mothers enrolled in our program have a child affected by spina bifida preventing having a second baby with similar problem is considered a huge family burden so this is strong motivation for community members to engage in the project and contribute to the healthy outcomes of the project. Also, there is a huge financial cost to families with this birth defect which can be avoided.

List any community members or community groups that will oversee the continuation of the project after grant-funded activities conclude.

The Spina Bifida Centers of Excellence associated with Zewditu Memorial Hospital and St. Peter's Hospital in Addis Ababa.

The ReachAnotherFoundation.

Recently the Minister of Health and the Regional Health Bureaus have introduced a Safe Motherhood Guideline and established a national spina bifida technical working group that oversees all program implementation related to spina bifida.

Budget

Will you purchase budget items from local vendors?

No

Explain the process you used to select vendors.

Educational materials were developed in the first GG and will be printed again in Addis Ababa with the printer selected through a competitive bidding process in the first grant.

High dose folic acid (4 or 5 mg) is not commercially available in Ethiopia and must be imported.

Did you use competitive bidding to select vendors?

No

Please explain.

The cost of printed materials is small and unlikely to have a significant impact on project expenses.

The folic acid supplier (UNIZA) was chosen after an extensive worldwide search. Cost, availability, and willingness to provide required documentation and packaging were major considerations. They were found to be a reliable and economical source for the folic acid during the first year of the project.

Please provide an operations and maintenance plan for the equipment or materials you anticipate purchasing for this project. This plan should include who will operate and maintain the equipment and how they will be trained.

ReachAnother staff use standard tablet computers (Microsoft Surface Pro) to record and report data. A cellular connection capability is required since Wi-Fi coverage is not always adequate or reliable.

Describe how community members will maintain the equipment after grant-funded activities conclude. Will replacement parts be available?

The computers will be retained by the ReachAnother staff. It is expected that this project will continue another 4 years.

If the grant will be used to purchase any equipment, will the equipment be culturally appropriate and conform to the community's technology standards?

Yes

Please explain.

Community staff have identified the computer requirements.

After the project is completed, who will own the items purchased by grant funds? No items may be owned by a Rotary district, club, or member.

The ReachAnother Foundation for use in the hospitals for data collection

Funding

Does your project involve microcredit activities?

Have you found a local funding source to sustain project outcomes for the long term?

No

Will any part of the project generate income for ongoing project funding? If yes, please explain.

No. The folic acid is provided free of charge to high-risk mothers.

After conclusion of the 5 year project plan, it is hoped the Ethiopian Ministry of Health will carry on the provision of high dose folic acid to high-risk women as part of routine healthcare. After widespread food fortification there should be many fewer such high-risk women who have had a pregnancy affected by a neural tube defect. Also, the ReachAnother Foundation may carry on the provision of high dose folic acid to affected women. The infrastructure, training, and identification of an economical source of high dose folic acid will facilitate continuation of high-risk prevention in Ethiopia.

Supporting Documents

- Global_Grant_signature.pdf
- Global_Health_Folic_Acid_prevention_in_high_risk_Ethiopians.pdf
- MOU_06-06-2024_signed.pdf
- Magnitude_and_Associated_Factors_of_NTD_in_Ethiopia__Bitew_et_al.pdf

- Rotary_Spina_Bifida_Prevention_Project.pdf
- community_assessment_year_2.docx
- jan-2024-rotary-mag-article.pdf
- training_plan_en_for_year_2.docx

Authorizations

Authorizations & Legal Agreements

Legal agreement

Global Grant Agreement - to be authorized by the primary contacts and club presidents (or DRFC chairs if district-sponsored)

This Global Grant Agreement (Agreement) is entered into by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (TRF) and the grant sponsors (Sponsors). In consideration of receiving this Rotary Foundation Global Grant (Grant) from TRF, the Sponsors agree that:

1. All information contained in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate.
2. We have read the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants (Terms and Conditions) and will adhere to all policies therein.
3. The Sponsors shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Rotary International (RI) and TRF, including their respective directors, trustees, officers, committee members, employees, agents, associate foundations and representatives (collectively Rotary), from and against all claims, including but not limited to claims of subrogation, demands, actions, damages, losses, costs, liabilities, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and other legal expenses), awards, judgments, and fines asserted against or recovered from Rotary arising out of any act, conduct, omission, negligence, misconduct, or unlawful act (or act contrary to any applicable governmental order or regulation) resulting directly or indirectly from a Sponsor's and/or participant's involvement in grant-funded activities, including all travel related to the grant.
4. The failure of the parties to comply with the terms of this Agreement due to an act of God, strike, government regulation, war, fire, riot, civil unrest, hurricane, earthquake, or other natural disasters, acts of public enemies, curtailment of transportation facilities, political upheavals, civil disorders, outbreak of infectious disease or illness, acts of terrorism, or any similar cause beyond the control of the parties shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement. In such an event, the Agreement shall be deemed terminated and the Sponsors shall refund to TRF all unexpended global grant funds within 30 days of termination.
5. TRF's entire responsibility is expressly limited to payment of the total financing amount. TRF does not assume any further responsibility in connection with this grant.
6. TRF reserves the right to cancel the grant and/or this Agreement without notice upon the failure of either or both of the Sponsors to abide by the terms set forth in this Agreement and the Terms and Conditions. Upon cancellation, TRF shall be entitled to a refund from the Sponsors of any global grant funds, including any interest earned, that have not been expended.
7. The laws of the State of Illinois, USA, without reference to its conflicts of laws principles, shall govern all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including, without limitation, its interpretation, construction, performance, and enforcement.
8. Any legal action brought by either party against the other party arising out of or relating to this Agreement must be brought in either, the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois, USA or the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, USA. Each party consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of these courts, and their respective appellate courts for the purpose of such actions. Nothing herein prohibits a party

that obtains a judgment in either of the designated courts from enforcing the judgment in any other court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, TRF may also bring legal action against Sponsors and/or individuals traveling on grant funds in any court with jurisdiction over them.

9. This Agreement binds and benefits the parties and their respective administrators, legal representatives, and permitted successors and assigns.

10. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

11. Sponsors may not assign any of their rights under this Agreement except with the prior written consent of TRF. Sponsors may not delegate any performance under this Agreement without the prior written consent of TRF. Any purported assignment of a Sponsor's rights or delegation of performance without TRF's prior written consent is void.

12. TRF may assign some or all of its rights under this Agreement to an associate foundation of TRF. TRF may delegate any performance under this Agreement to an associate foundation. Any other purported assignment of TRF's rights or delegation of performance without the Sponsors' prior written consent is void.

13. Sponsors will comply with all economic and trade sanctions, including those implemented by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Department of Treasury, and will ensure that they do not support or promote violence, terrorist activity or related training, or money laundering.

14. This Agreement constitutes the final agreement between the parties. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in the form of a writing signed by the parties.

15. Rotary may use information contained in this application and subsequent reports for promotional purposes, such as in Rotary magazine, in Rotary Leader, on rotary.org and on social media. For any and all photographs submitted with any application or follow-up report, the Sponsor hereby grants to Rotary an unlimited, perpetual, worldwide right and license to use, modify, adapt, publish, and distribute the photograph(s) in any media now known or hereafter devised, including but not limited to, in Rotary publications, advertisements, and Websites and on social media channels. The Sponsor represents and warrants that (a) each adult appearing in the photograph(s) has given her/his/their unrestricted written consent to the Sponsor to photograph them and to use and license their likeness, including licensing the photograph(s) to third parties, (b) the parent or guardian of each child under age 18 or each person who lacks legal capacity appearing in the photograph(s) has given unrestricted written consent to the Sponsor to photograph the child or individual and to use and license their likenesses, including licensing the photograph(s) to third parties, and (c) it is the copyright owner of the photograph(s) or that the copyright owner of the photograph(s) has given the Sponsor the right to license or sublicense the photograph(s) to Rotary.

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Primary contact authorizations

Global Grant Agreement - to be authorized by the primary contacts and club presidents (or DRFC chairs if district-sponsored)

This Global Grant Agreement (Agreement) is entered into by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (TRF) and the grant sponsors (Sponsors). In consideration of receiving this Rotary Foundation Global Grant (Grant) from TRF, the Sponsors agree that:

1. All information contained in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate.
2. We have read the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants (Terms and Conditions) and will adhere to all policies therein.
3. The Sponsors shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Rotary International (RI) and TRF, including their respective directors, trustees, officers, committee members, employees, agents, associate foundations and representatives (collectively Rotary), from and against all claims, including but not limited to claims of subrogation, demands, actions, damages, losses, costs, liabilities, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and other legal expenses), awards, judgments, and fines asserted against or recovered from Rotary arising out of any act, conduct, omission, negligence, misconduct, or unlawful act (or act contrary to any applicable governmental order or regulation) resulting directly or indirectly from a Sponsor's and/or participant's involvement in grant-funded activities, including all travel related to the grant.
4. The failure of the parties to comply with the terms of this Agreement due to an act of God, strike, government regulation, war, fire, riot, civil unrest, hurricane, earthquake, or other natural disasters, acts of public enemies, curtailment of transportation facilities, political upheavals, civil disorders, outbreak of infectious disease or illness, acts of terrorism, or any similar cause beyond the control of the parties shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement. In such an event, the Agreement shall be deemed terminated and the Sponsors shall refund to TRF all unexpended global grant funds within 30 days of termination.
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8. Any legal action brought by either party against the other party arising out of or relating to this Agreement must be brought in either, the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois, USA or the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, USA. Each party consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of these courts, and their respective appellate courts for the purpose of such actions. Nothing herein prohibits a party that obtains a judgment in either of the designated courts from enforcing the judgment in any other court.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, TRF may also bring legal action against Sponsors and/or individuals traveling on grant funds in any court with jurisdiction over them.

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District Rotary Foundation chair authorization

I hereby certify that this global grant application is complete, meets all Foundation guidelines, is eligible for funding, and that the sponsoring club and/or district is qualified.

All Authorizations & Legal Agreements Summary

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Ralph Peeler	North Atlanta [Rotary Club]	6900	
Yemisrach Worku	Addis Ababa Central-Mella [Rotary Club]	9212	

District Rotary Foundation chair authorization

Name	Club	District	Status
Anne Glenn	Dunwoody [Rotary Club]	6900	
Protus Lumiti	Karen-Nairobi [Rotary Club]	9212	

DDF authorization

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Anne Glenn	Dunwoody [Rotary Club]	6900	
Andre' Marria	Thomasville [Rotary Club]	6900	

Legal agreement

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Wondemagegn Niku	Addis Ababa Central-Mella [Rotary Club]	9212	
Michael Emanuele	North Atlanta [Rotary Club]	6900	