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DNA-RAG Continues to Expand Rotary's Global Disaster Impact

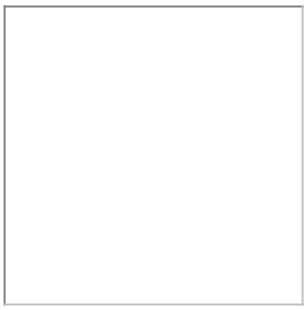
The Disaster Network Assistance Rotary Action Group (DNA-RAG) continues to strengthen Rotary's ability to p to, and recover from disasters around the world. Originally established as the Disaster RAG, the organization Rotary's premier action group dedicated exclusively to disaster resilience while building a strong reputation fo training, response, and long-term recovery.

A distinguishing strength of DNA-RAG is its independent **501(c)(3) charitable status**, which allows donors directly to specific disaster relief funds administered through local Rotary partnerships. This provides an impo to Rotary Foundation disaster funding by offering additional flexibility for donor-directed giving while ensuring through established oversight and partnerships. The organization has successfully helped clubs, districts, and administer funds for disaster response efforts both within the United States and internationally.

As disasters continue to increase in frequency and complexity, **The Rotary Foundation has recognized th global impact**, expanding opportunities to support major disaster relief efforts through Rotary grants. Toget Foundation and DNA-RAG provide complementary avenues for Rotarians and donors to make a meaningful di supporting both immediate relief and long-term community recovery.

Over the past year, DNA-RAG has continued to expand its impact through strategic planning, the developmen vision, and values statements, and educational programs that reached Rotarians in 19 countries. The organiza strengthened partnerships with organizations including Team Rubicon, ShelterBox, and the American Red Cro efforts in Texas, Myanmar, and the Caribbean, and is actively working to establish new advisory support for h in Venezuela. Looking ahead, DNA-RAG is focused on growing membership, leveraging technology and artifici broaden its reach, and equipping more Rotarians to build resilient communities before disasters strike.

Chair's message July 2026
Phil Lustig



As we start the new Rotary year, Disaster Network of Assistance – Rotary Action Group (DNA-RAG) faces som must define ourselves so that the people who are members feel not only ownership, but a value proposition. getting by being members?
We are going through a process of developing a strategic plan. This is a heavy lift, but when it is complete it

grow rationally. It will provide us a structural foundation that will support our mission and our growth.
A significant part of this is identifying our committee chairs and our regional coordinators and providing them up-to-date job descriptions.
We are working to get our membership data formatted in an understandable and reasonably current and corr
We understand that our board, committee chairs, regional coordinators and members all need to have, at the comfort level with our Customer Relationship System (CRM).
We recognize the need to have our Website brought up to date so that it reflects where we are, where we are and tracking what our accomplishments are.
We are actively working to help Rotary Districts (or multi-district organization) set up Disaster Committees. Th are designed to provide clubs and individual Rotarians with knowledge and training on preparedness, respons
All the activity numerated above must go on while we continue to deal with disasters around the globe. There conversation that takes place on an ongoing basis about what defines a disaster. This depends on perspective of the person experiencing the "disaster". If it one of "Magnitude" that impacts a nation, or a state, that is eas microburst occurs and only impacts the individual's community BUT a tree falls on their home, the person imp feel this is a disaster. Clearly, DNA-RAG can not respond to every "disaster". We do not have sufficient membe cases the "safety net" provided by local government is sufficient to assist those in need.
DNA-RAG has been effective in the past, assisting communities where Disaster Committees are in place. Our Coordinators and Board members are the first line in assisting Districts set up these committees.
We look forward to working with our members to achieve our objectives in the coming year.
Yours in preparation, response and recovery,
Phil

DNA-RAG and our focus

By Jill Pietrusinski on Thursday, July 23, 2026

DNA-RAG: Preparing Communities Before Disaster Strikes

The **Disaster Network of Assistance – Rotary Action Group (DNA-RAG)** is a global network of Rotaria and disaster response partners dedicated to helping communities **prepare for, respond to, recover from, disasters**. While many organizations focus on emergency relief, DNA-RAG places a strong emphasis on **prep** ensuring Rotary clubs and districts have the training, resources, and connections needed before disaster strik education, planning, communications, and collaboration with experienced disaster response organizations, DN Rotary's ability to deliver sustainable, effective humanitarian assistance. Members bring expertise in disaster r project planning, fundraising, communications, and long-term recovery, creating a worldwide network that ca when communities need help most. Whether supporting local preparedness initiatives or coordinating internat efforts, DNA-RAG helps Rotary transform compassion into action—connecting people, mobilizing resources, ar around the world. Together, we prepare. Together, we respond. Together, we make a difference.

Our Impact in Myanmar