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Save the Date for the 2027 Summit

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The World Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Summit is scheduled for a Full Day on Friday, June 25, 2027. It will feature inspiring speakers, networking opportunities, and a surprise keynote speaker. Held in the Alexandre Fira Congress, the Summit is located next door to the Rotary Convention site.

More details on the speakers, cost, and agenda are being planned. Book the date and plan to attend.

Be More Successful with Your Global Grant and get $2,000 too

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One of our objectives is Sustainability. We want to ensure that WASH projects developed through a Global Grant continue operating long after Rotary has left. For over five years, we have reviewed dozens of Global Grants and provided suggestions that make them not only sustainable, but more likely to be approved by The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The Global Grant Review Service does not cost anything; in fact, we will donate $2,000 to your Grant if it is approved by TRF.

Clubs must upload their completed Grant application to WASH-RAG for review before submitting it to the Rotary Foundation. A Rotary WASH Cadre reviews the grants and provides suggestions to improve the quality of the application. If the suggestions are implemented and the grant is approved, $2,000 will be contributed directly to The Rotary Foundation and earmarked specifically for that Global Grant.

To learn more and to submit your completed Global Grant, go to the Global Grant Review Service on our website.

Compelling WASH Stories

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When making a presentation about Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), we often begin with the startling figures of the billions of people without access to clean water, or the 1,000s who die every day due to waterborne diseases. However, professional speakers or writers tell a story to make the message more personal and more impactful.

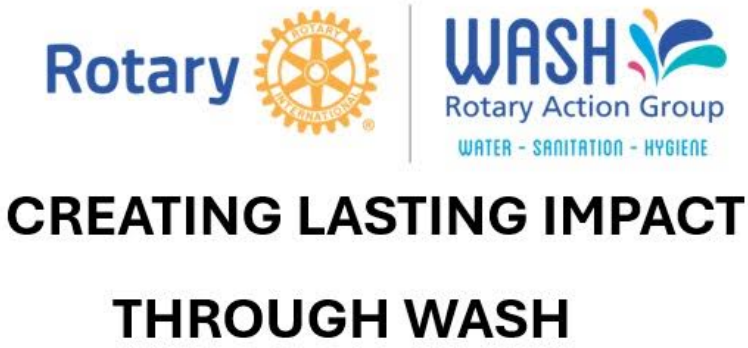
In the last WASH News, Chris Roesel provided a story about "The Well at Ktanga." The article on a Global Grant Project in Uganda draws the reader in by relaying the story of the impact the project had on a young woman named Adile.

Storytelling, whether in an article or a speech, lets the audience experience empathy and inspire action. The key is to focus on one person or one family, not a group. Contrast the daily struggle or illness before with the improved health and more time after implementation. Bring in details that focus on emotion and sensory feelings. Remember to connect the personal story to the project so the audience understands the impact of the project.

You can watch a webinar, ***Connect and Inspire Through Storytelling***, hosted jointly by Rotary and Toastmasters, to learn more about the impact of storytelling.

Creating Lasting Impact Through WASH

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With over 150 registrations, District Governors, other District Leadership, WASH Ambassadors, and Club Presidents from around the world recently logged on to an hour-long webinar titled "Creating Lasting Impact Through WASH."

S.N. Srikanth, Chair of the WASH-RAG Board, outlined the initiatives being planned, centered around focusing on large, impactful **Programs** versus isolated projects, ensuring **Sustainability** of what is developed, and increasing the **Scale** of impact.

Eric Johnsen, Operations Team Chair, provided some insight on how the Operations Team is being restructured with more volunteers to undertake these bold initiatives.

You can view the recording and the two PowerPoints by going to the WASH Education page on our website

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We Need Your Help

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We Need Your Help

The WASH-RAG Board has adopted some Bold initiatives for the upcoming years. These include increasing and enabling our WASH Ambassadors, encouraging the establishment of District WASH Committees, bringing water and sanitation to everyone in three selected Districts, and so much more.

To accomplish all these goals, we need more volunteers across a wide range of areas. From technology to marketing, project planning to learning opportunities, and fundraising to working with other Rotary Action Groups.

If you want to make a difference, have skills or interests you want to share, and some time, complete this simple **WASH-RAG Volunteer Form** and let us get you engaged.

Application of Artificial Intelligence for Enhancing Water and Wastewater Treatment Processes

By Rajendrakumar Saraf on Sunday, October 25, 2026



Can Artificial Intelligence transform the future of water management? As water pollution intensifies, demand increases, and climate change places growing pressure on water resources, traditional treatment systems face unprecedented challenges. Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers a powerful way forward by enabling smarter, faster, and more efficient water and wastewater treatment. From optimizing chemical dosing and reducing energy consumption to predicting equipment failures and safeguarding water quality, AI is reshaping how we manage one of our most precious resources. **Explore how AI-driven innovations are paving the way for safer water, sustainable operations, and climate-resilient water systems.**

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World Water Sanitation & Hygiene

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