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Rotary Action Groups Annual Report

We thank you for your time spent taking this survey.
Your response has been recorded.

Rotary Action Groups are one of the most important project resources throughout the Rotary world. With your support, club and district projects are more scalable and sustainable and Rotary's image and impact is growing around the globe. It is important that we report on our actions each year. Action Groups are asked to complete and submit their annual reports before 1 October.

The purpose of the annual report is twofold:

(1) To ensure each Action Group is compliant with the requirements articulated in the Rotary Code of Policies;
(2) To gather useful information that can be shared with clubs and districts so they understand what type of support Rotary Action Groups can provide to their service projects

Please note: **Action Group annual reports will be reviewed by the RI Board of Directors. Failure to complete this survey and submit an annual report by 1 October will result in immediate suspension.**

To prepare in advance, you may view a copy of the questions that was emailed to you as a PDF document. Please submit your answers via Qualtrics survey.

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General Information

Please select the name of your Action Group.

Hepatitis
Malaria
Menstrual Health and Hygiene
Mental Health
Multiple Sclerosis
Peace
Refugees
Reproductive Maternal Child Health
Slavery Prevention
Water Sanitation & Hygiene

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Please enter your website address if it is different from what's listed on www.rotary.org/actiongroups

https://www.wash-rag.org/

Please enter links to your Action Group's social media accounts if they have been created or changed since last year. If nothing has changed, please move on to the next question.

Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/wasrag
Twitter	https://www.twitter.com/wasrag
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/company/washrag
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/wash.rag
Other	

Dues

Do you collect Individual Annual Membership Dues?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

Cost of Individual Annual Membership Dues(in USD)

$25

Do you collect Lifetime Membership Dues?

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

If applicable, please list other membership dues options

5-Year Membership - $100

Does your Action Group have paid staff?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Membership and Collaboration

Please indicate how many of your members are:

Rotarians	1204
Rotaractors	36
Non Rotarians or Rotaractors	50
Total	1,290

How many members are serving in an expert capacity - meaning they are actively advising on project-related inquiries?

55

How many members serving in an expert capacity did your group gain and lose in the past Rotary year?

Gained	25
Lost	

How many Rotary clubs are members of your group?

0

How many Rotaract clubs are members of your group?

0

How many districts are members of your group?

0

How many countries are represented in your group’s membership?

91

Write the top five countries represented by your members, starting with the country that has the most members

Country 1	United States (631)
Country 2	Canada (156)
Country 3	India (84)
Country 4	Australia (58)
Country 5	United Kingdom (32)

How many board members does your Action Group have?

Rotarians	11
Rotaractors	0
Peace Fellows	0
Other/non-Rotary	0
Total	11

How many members of your Action Group's board identify as

Male	8
Female	3
Prefer not to identify a gender	0
Total	11

Write the top five countries represented by your Action Group's board.

Country 1	United States (5)
Country 2	India (2)
Country 3	Kenya (1)
Country 4	Canada (1)
Country 5	Guatemala (1)

How frequently does your Rotary Action Group communicate with all members?

- ○ Weekly
- ◉ Monthly
- ○ Quarterly
- ○ Other (please explain)

Please estimate the number of people (members/non-members) receive your newsletters and communications?

# of newsletter recipients	18,000
# recipients of communications	1,200

Please remember to add *actiongroups@rotary.org* to your distribution list.

Please estimate the number of service projects your RAG has collaborated on over the past year:

Club projects	0
District projects	1
Multi-district projects	1
TRF-funded projects	8
Other Rotarian-led projects	0
Total	10

Per RI's policies, **Rotary Action Groups must maintain an action plan and report progress towards action group objectives** in their annual report. Please use the following space to provide an update on the progress your group made towards the objectives in your action plan.

1. Every Rotary WASH project is part of a program: technically sound & sustainable. Cadre, part of the Professional Services Team, provides technical input on Global Grants before they are submitted to The Rotary Foundation. Their reviews focus on using proper technology, ensuring financial sustainability, and incorporating methods to measure impact. - Professional Services offers technical advice on District and Global grants - WASH Ambassadors work at the Club and District level to provide guidance on making projects sustainable both technically and financially - Provided an educational symposium, in conjunction with the Singapore Convention, focused on sustainable sanitation solutions. - Resources have been developed to assist Clubs in planning sustainable projects, primarily in the area of WASH in Schools and WASH in healthcare facilities. 2. Every Rotary WASH Program has measurable impact on Health, Education and Prosperity Program Standards: National and/or International Standards for WASH - When Professional Services reviews a Global Grant it places emphasis on ensuring a quality community assessment and that the project is measuring impact. - Through our newsletter and programs, we promote comprehensive community assessments and measuring impact 3. Expand the reach of WASH Rotary Action Group - Monthly distribute a newsletter that 20,000 subscribers read - Regionalizing the Ambassador program to accommodate geography, time zones, and language - Created a new informational brochure to be used at Rotary functions from the District to International level - Released a WASH-RAG promotional video in multiple languages - Coordinated a very successful WASH HUB at the Singapore convention - Coordinated a RI Photoshoot in Uganda of a WASH in Schools project - Provided WASH articles for Rotary regional publications and social media - An active Rotaract Committee is recruiting Rotaract members and also supporting Rotaract members to become WASH Ambassadors - Our Rotaract Committee is encouraging Rotaract Clubs to work with Cadre and our Professional Services Team to submit WASH Global Grants. 4. Enhance participant engagement (Program impact) - Translated WASH-RAG video into six other languages and "It all starts with WASH" speech into four languages - Developing regional teams to move from a NA focused structure - WASH Ambassadors attend Rotary events and engage current and potential WASH-RAG members. 5. WASH Education of Rotarians, beneficiaries and strategic partners - Held nine virtual Technical sessions with WASH Ambassadors. These sessions are available on the website. - Held a high-quality program on sustainable sanitation solutions in conjunction with the Singapore Convention. Videos of the symposium are available on the website. - The website includes technical educational materials related to WASH in Schools and WASH in Healthcare facilities. - We held a very successful WASH HUB during the Singapore convention. We had dozens of hours of programming, attended by hundreds of Rotary and Rotaract members. Topics ranged from very basic WASH, highlighting projects, and very technical.

Action Group Model

Select the option(s) that describe your Action Group (please **select both** if applies):

- [x] Our Rotary Action Group serves as a consultant for clubs and districts in the area of our specialty.
- [ ] Our Rotary Action Group has a signature initiative. Signature initiative is defined as a multi-year project for which your Action Group is the entity that is responsible for managing the outcomes.

Service Activities

Please select the type of assistance members of your Rotary Action Group have provided to clubs and districts in the past year. **For each type of assistance that you select, you will be asked to provide examples or further details for at least three of them. These examples will help us better showcase your Action Group to the Rotary community.**

The examples will enable Rotary to better showcase the type of services Rotary Action Groups provide.

- [x] Coached clubs/Rotary members on developing a TRF global grant application
- [ ] Served as a cooperating organization on a global grant
- [x] Provided technical assistance to implement a project
- [x] Raised funds
- [ ] Monitored a project
- [ ] Advised on data collection and usage
- [ ] Developed tools around impact reporting
- [x] Publicized successes of projects or initiatives
- [x] Conducted subject matter trainings or workshops
- [x] Conducted awareness campaigns
- [x] Created guidelines, training manuals, compilation of best practices, etc
- [x] Hosted conference or learning event on a related subject
- [x] Served as subject matter speaker(s) at a meeting, conference, event, etc
- [x] Facilitated partnership with private or public donor agencies
- [ ] Facilitated partnership with government ministries
- [x] Facilitated partnership with cooperating organizations
- [x] Facilitated partnership with corporations or vendors

You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group coached clubs/Rotary members on developing a TRF global grant application. Please use the following space to provide more details on how your Action Group coached clubs/Rotary members on developing TRF global greant applications.

- Through our newsletter, WASH Ambassadors, and social media we encourage Clubs to submit their Global Grant to our Professional Services Team for review. This team of WASH Cadre, review the Grant and provide suggestions on improvements, through an iterative process. When the Grant is submitted to The Rotary Foundation and approved with our Team's recommended changes we provide the Club $2,000 towards their project.

You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group raised funds over the past year. Please select the means by which your Action Group raised funds (select all that apply):

- [x] From the Action Group members
- [x] From the broader Rotary network
- [x] From donors outside of Rotary
- [ ] From external organizations/corporations

You may use the following space to provide more details on how your Action Group raised funds.

Through our World Water Summit held in conjunction with the Singapore Convention we raised over $41,000. - $10,175 in registrations was paid by existing members, non-members that are Rotarians, and non-Rotarians. By registering for the Summit non-members were provided with a one-year membership. - $31,000 was raised by donations from NGOs and corporations

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You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group provided technical assistance to implement a project.
You may use the following space to provide more details about how your group provided technical assistance to implement a project during the past year.

In addition to reviewing Global Grants before submission to The Rotary Foundation, our members provide technical assistance through a variety of methods to Rotarians. - Our WASH Ambassadors are contacted on a regular basis by phone and email, and at Rotary events to provide suggestions and technical advice on a variety of WASH projects. - This year we have seen a significant expansion of our WASH Ambassador program, we now have over 100 Ambassadors. This year, we have implemented a regional system, based on the Cadre Regional system. This allows for us to be flexible according to time zones, languages, and geography.

You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group publicized successes of projects or initiatives.
You may use the following space to provide more details about how your group publicized successes of projects or initiatives during the past year.

- Our monthly WASH Newsletter, which is read by about 18,000 subscribers, highlights WASH Projects in every issue. We provide a variety of types of projects, geographic locations, and those that use new or innovative technology. - The stories on Rotary Projects are featured prominently on our website - At the World Water Summit sustainable sanitation projects and lessons learned were highlighted

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You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group conducted subject matter trainings or workshops.
You may use the following space to provide more details about how your group conducted subject matter trainings or workshops during the past year.

- During the year, nine WASH Ambassador Technical sessions, on a variety of topics, were held virtually. Recordings of these sessions are available on our website - About 100 Rotarians and non-Rotarians, attended World Water Summit 16 in Singapore. Recordings of all the presentations are available on our website. - Our WASH Ambassadors provide technical presentations at Rotary events

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You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group conducted awareness campaigns.
You may use the following space to provide more details about how your group conducted awareness campaigns during the past year.

- We provided an article on World Water Day for the Rotary Africa magazine, highlighting WASH programs. - We regularly provide social media items on WASH topics on Facebook, Twitter (X), Instagram, and Linkedin. - This year we had a very successful WASH HUB at the Singapore convention which introduced many Rotarians to WASH, and allowed those with some experience learn more.

You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group created guidelines, training manuals, compile best practices, etc.
You may use the following space to provide more details about the guidelines, training manuals, and best practices created by your members. how were those used by clubs and districts?

- In conjunction with the World Water Summit and the WASH HUB two resources were developed and are posted on our website: Sustainable Fecal Matter Technology, and Rainwater Harvesting. - One of our Rotaract WASH Ambassadors developed a resource on "Understanding Baby WASH" - One of our WASH Ambassadors created an excellent resource "A Guide to Designing a WinS WASH in Schools Project"

You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group hosted a conference or learning event on a related subject.
You may use the following space to provide more details about how your group hosted a conference or learning event on a related subject.

World Water Summit 16 was held in Singapore on the Friday before the start of the Rotary Convention. Over 100 in-person and virtual participants well received the topic of sustainable sanitation. - Participants heard from Internationally respected speakers on the topic in plenary and breakout sessions. (A copy of the program is provided) - This year, at the Singapore Convention, we had a very successful WASH HUB, with hours of programs and hundreds of people attending the sessions. The sessions highlighted Club projects, provided technical information, and a basic introduction to WASH.

You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group served as subject matter speaker(s) at a meeting, conference, event, etc.
You may use the following space to provide more details about how your group served as subject matter speaker(s) at a meeting, conference, event, etc.

- Several WASH-RAG members were presenters at the World Water Summit on the topic of sustainable sanitation.

You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group facilitated partnerships with private or public donor agency in the past year.
You may use the following space to provide more details about how your group facilitated partnerships with private or public donor agency in the past year.

We are very fortunate to have developed a long-term relationship with Wallace Genetics, which annually supports WASH-RAG's activities. - This year, funds from Wallace Genetics supported administration costs and provided grants for Global Grants with a WASH in Healthcare component.

You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group facilitated partnerships with cooperating organizations.
You may use the following space to provide more details about how your group facilitated partnerships with cooperating organizations in the past year.

- We are fortunate to have developed a long-term relationship with UNICEF USA. They have been a strong supporter of our World Water Summit, both financially and in providing program content. - Freshwater International International was a new donor this year to the World Water Summit

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You selected that members of your Rotary Action Group facilitated partnerships with corporations or vendors.
You may use the following space to provide more details about how your group facilitated partnerships with corporations or vendors in the past year.

- Business Connect, Sato, and AquaResearch were all sponsors for the World Water Summit

Partnerships

This is the partnership section. You will be asked to first insert the name of your partner (formal and informal), then select the type of partnership, whether or not you have a written partnership, and finally you have an opportunity to provide any additional details about the partnership. Please do not include Rotary clubs or districts.

How many partners does your Action Group have? Please respond with a number up to 10.

3

Enter the name of Partner 1

Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide

Please select the category of this partner:

Other

Do you have a formal, written partnership with this organization?

A formal written partnership is defined as having a Memorandum of Understanding, Memorandum of Cooperation, or similar written agreement.

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No
- ○ I don't know

Please provide any additional details you would like about this partnership.

- This is a great relationship with a Rotary Fellowship - Annually, this group provides us with a donation, based on a percentage of their membership fees. To date their donations are over $35,000 which goes towards sponsoring projects.

Enter the name of Partner 2

ESRAG - Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Grop

Please select the category of this partner:

Other

Do you have a formal, written partnership with this organization?

A formal written partnership is defined as having a Memorandum of Understanding, Memorandum of Cooperation, or similar written agreement.

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No
- ○ I don't know

Please provide any additional details you would like about this partnership.

- This year at the WASH HUB at the Singapore Convention, we worked cooperatively with ESRAG to provide them with a number of opportunities to present on topics of interest to both Rotary Action Groups.

Enter the name of Partner 3

Wasser ohne Grenzen (WoG)

Please select the category of this partner:

Other

Do you have a formal, written partnership with this organization?

A formal written partnership is defined as having a Memorandum of Understanding, Memorandum of Cooperation, or similar written agreement.

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No
- ○ I don't know

Please provide any additional details you would like about this partnership.

- This group based in Germany provides technical advice and support for WASH projects from German Rotary Clubs and German-speaking Rotary clubs in the surrounding countries. - German charity laws limit donations to German-based organizations.

Programs of Scale

How engaged is/was your Action Group in Programs of Scale? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Our Action Group members helped promote the Programs of Scale competition
- ☐ Our Action Group directly partnered on a Programs of Scale grant application/s
- ☐ Our Action Group reviewed / provided feedback on a Programs of Scale grant application/s
- ☐ Our Action Group is current supporting a Programs of Scale awardee, finalist or honorable mention
- ☐ Our Action Group has been sharing learnings and best practices from the previous programs of scale awardees
- ☑ Our Action Group has not had any involvement in Programs of Scale

Why isn't your Action Group engaged in Programs of Scale?

The WASH Rotary Action Group does not undertake any projects or programs. Our focus is on assisting Clubs and Districts in undertaking sustainable WASH Projects through technical advice, Global Grant Review grants, and assistance in finding partners and funding.

Did your Action Group support Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge?

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

Finances

Please summarize your group's financial activity during the past Rotary year indicating revenues, expenditures, and a statement of available funds at the end of the Rotary year. (in USD)

Account balance at the start of the Rotary year (in USD)	$188,057
Account balance at the end of Rotary year	$178,805

Revenues

Total revenues during Rotary year (in USD)	$53,751
Revenues from membership dues	$12,476
Revenues from donations	$41,275
Individual donations	$10,175
Corporate donations	$31,100

Expenditures

Total expenditures during Rotary year (in USD)	$73,020
Expenditures on administrative expenses	$22,354
Expenditures on service projects	$50,666

Groups with annual gross receipts or expenditures of **more than** US$25,000 or equivalent must provide an annual financial statement and report that has been independently reviewed by a qualified accountant or by an action group audit committee.

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WASH-RAG Balance Sheet - 30 June 2024.pdf

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