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.

The purpose of the annual report is threefold:
(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;
(3) To tell the story of Action Groups and how they're supporting Rotary's Action Plan.

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 this Qualtrics survey.

Navigation: On the next page, you will see the Table of Contents to move from section to section. On each section, use the three small lines in the upper left hard corner to return to the Table of Contents as needed as this allows you to move to different sections.

If your survey submits before you are ready, please reach out to actiongroups@rotary.org and we will provide you with access to edit your response.

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

Name of the RAG Officer submitting this form

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Please confirm that your website address matches the website listed on www.rotary.org/actiongroups for your group.

- (●) I confirm that our website matches the website listed on www.rotary.org/actiongroups
- ( ) Our website does not match, here is our new link:

Use the following space to tell us what updates you have made to your website in the past year:

The website is updated regularly with information on Board Directors, Operations Team Members, Ambassadors, etc. The ability for individuals to donate to support our work with WASH Project and Program support was added A new page to promote our Legacy Fund Campaigns, dedicated to Ron Denham, initial Board Chair, and Anna Shepherd, long-serving Executive Secretary was added .

Use the following space to tell us what resources you share on your website to support Rotary member-led projects

We added functionality that lets Clubs and Districts ask technical project questions, which are forwarded to a WASH Cadre for a response. In the past year, we have updated the website with links to our Educational Webinars, World Water Summit presentations, and marketing resources to be used by Ambassadors to educate about WASH We have added the ability for Clubs and Districts to ask Technical Questions related to a project, which we forward to a WASH Cadre for answering

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What are your signature resources on your website?

We provide technical reviews and Global Grant reviews for WASH Projects submitted by Rotary Clubs and Districts. A have a professional video "Join WASH-RAG" which has been translated into seven languages. A suite of downloads promoting WASH-RAG, primarily for Ambassadors or for anyone. Monthly we post an Educational video related to a WASH Topic Following our Annual World Water Summit, we post key presentations on more technical topics are posted.

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

X

LinkedIn

Instagram

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

A 5-Year Membership for $100 USD A Rotaract annual membership fee of $25 USD

Membership and Collaboration

Please indicate how many of your members are:

Rotarians	1280
Rotaractors	12
Non Rotarians or Rotaractors	53
Total	1,345

How many members are serving in an expert capacity - meaning they are actively advising on project-related inquiries?
Please note: Action Groups must maintain at least 10 members serving in an expert capacity.

20

Please indicate how many of the following are members of your group:

0 Rotary clubs

0 Rotaract clubs

0 Districts

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

97

Please select the top five countries represented by your members:

*Holding down the Ctrl key while clicking allows you to select multiple items.

American Samoa
Andorra
Angola
Anguilla
Antarctica
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Aruba
Australia

How many board members does your Action Group have?

Rotarians	13
Rotaractors	0
Peace Fellows	0
Other/non-Rotary	0
Total	13

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

Male	11
Female	2
Prefer not to identify a gender	0
Total	13

Please select the top five countries represented by your board:

*Holding down the Ctrl key while clicking allows you to select multiple items.

Brazil
British Virgin Islands
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cabo Verde
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada

Election and Training of Action Group Directors and Officers

When did you host your Action Group's director elections?

Started in April with Self-Nomination, Voting in May, and Results announced in June

Did you offer training to your incoming board members on RI's policies on Action Groups as well as the Action Groups Standard Bylaws?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

When did you host your officer elections?

June

Have any directors or officers in your Action Group exceeded their term limit (six years maximum)?

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

Reference materials: Rotary Action Group Standard Bylaws; Get Ready Rotary Action Group Leader Course

Chapters

Does your Action Group have chapter(s)?

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

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) who receive your newsletters and communications?

# of newsletter recipients	20,777
# of communications recipients	1,345

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	30
District projects	0
Multi-district projects	0
Total	30

How many of these projects were TRF-funded:

17

Per RI’s policies, RAGs must support at least three multi-club projects a year. Please explain why your group engaged in less than three projects:

We do "support" all requested project and programs. Our support includes education, technical assistance, and Global Grant Reviews. However, the reason we don't support multi-club projects is that none have come to us for assistance. We are making efforts to educate members, hold webinars and disseminate the ways in which a multi-club project is beneficial, but so far none have come to us for suppprt. We need Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation's assistance in promoting multi-club regional planning, and larger programs, then when they come to us we can provide the technical advice and program support.

Per RI's policies, **Rotary Action Groups must maintain an action plan and report progress towards action group objectives** in their annual report.

Please upload your group's action plan as an attachment.

WASH-RAG Priorities %26 Initiatives.docx

18.4 KB

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Please use the following space to provide an update on the progress your group made towards the objectives in your action plan **during the past year.**

When WASH-RAG went through a Strategic Planning process in 2024 it established Five Goals: 1) Sustainability of WASH Projects and Programs - In the past year we have reviewed 26 WASH Global Grants and the reviewers placed a lot of emphasis on sustainability. This included making sure a financial and maintenance structure was in place to keep the project going into the future. - Working with the Cadre Technical Advisors, we established a group of Cadre focused on Monitoring, Evaluation, Resolution, and Learning {MERL) & Sustainability. This group have been working on developing principles and best methods for sustainability. They have focused on developing a framework fo rmeasuring outcomes and impact. - We have also established a Resources Team of WASH-RAG members that are using AI to assist in gathering, curating, and creating different educational artifacts on sustainability. 2) Increase the Impact of the WASH Rotary Action Group - Monthly we distribute a WASH Newsletter to over 20,000 subscribers, with a read rate over 50%. - We have mannned an Information booth at the Rotary Convention and the European Institute meeting. - We have provided our 150+ WASH Ambassadors with resource materials to present at Club, District, and Zone functions. 3) Expand our Reach - This was a pivotal year in developing a better relationship with the WASH Cadre and getting them more involved in WASH-RAG committees - WASH Ambassadors are making more presentations at Clubs and Districts - Our visibility at Rotary Conventions and Institutes has increased 4) Enhance Participant Engagement - We have gathered some members into Teams on Resources: Learning & Expertise; Projects & Programs; and RAG Collaboration. - We encourage members with experience to apply to be WASH Ambassadors 5) Increase our Ability to Adapt - This is the area where we have made signifacnt advances. - With the leadership of the WASH Cadre Technical Advisors we are using AI software to assist with discovering and curating resources; creating educational artifacts; and assisting with creation of Committee Activities. We are also investigating how to remove identifcation information and use AI to scan and assess Global Grant applications, supporting documents, and local/regional data, which can be passed to a Cadre Reviewer, so together we can provide prompt, more consistent and accurate adviceand coaching.

Action Group Model

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

- [ ] 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.
- [x] Our Rotary Action Group serves as a consultant for clubs and districts in the area of our specialty.

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. These examples will help RI better showcase your Action Group to the Rotary community.

Technical Assistance

- [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] Assisted with conducting community assessments
- [x] Advised on data collection and usage
- [ ] Advised on implementing a plan to measure project outcomes
- [ ] Developed tools around impact reporting

Fundraising

- [ ] Raised funds for club and district projects
- [x] Helped clubs and district identify funding resources
- [x] Brought in non-Rotary contributions to club/district projects

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Sharing learning and best practices

- [x] Conducted subject matter trainings or workshops
- [x] Created guidelines, training manuals, compilation of best practices, etc
- [x] Hosted conference or learning event on a related subject

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Awareness and Advocacy

- [x] Served as subject matter speaker(s) at a meeting, conference, event, etc
- [x] Conducted awareness campaigns
- [x] Publicized successes of projects or initiatives

Partnerships

- [x] Facilitated partnership with private or public donor agencies
- [ ] Facilitated partnership with government ministries
- [ ] Facilitated partnership with cooperating organizations
- [ ] Facilitated partnership with corporations

You selected that your Action Group provided technical assistance to clubs and districts this past year. Please use the following space to provide a project example that demonstrates your support. In your response, you may provide the following:

Project Location:
Beneficiaries:
Clubs/districts/partners involved:

What technical assistance did your Action Group provide? How did your Action Group's assistance make a difference?

On our website Clubs and Districts can request assistance on a technical matter. We provide these questions to a Cadre is versed in the area. An example is that a Club from Kentucky requested advice on iron removal from groundwater. Working with a Cadre they were able to resolve the issue.

You selected that your Action Group supported club and district projects through fundraising. Please use the following space to provide an example of how these funds were used.

We offer a service to our members where they can submit a Global Grant before they submit it to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). We work with Cadre to review the grant and provide suggestions and assistance to make the project more sustainable. If the club implements our recommendations and TRF approves the Global Grant, we support the project with $2,000. Last year, we supported 17 Club Global Grant projects this way.

You selected that your Action Group shared learnings and best practices in the past year. Please use the following space to share an example of supporting learning and best practices (such as the resources your Action Group developed or a learning event your Action Group hosted; who was the audience, platform, frequency, etc.)

Annually, at the time of the Rotary Convention we organize the World Water Summit. This year the event was held on Saturday, June 13, in Taipei, with the theme "Water and Vulnerable Environments". A total of 90 people registered for the event. Examples of the presentations provided included dealing with WASH availability in war-torn countries, WASH issues during disasters, and arsenic levels in water. Videos from all the presentations are posted to our website.

You selected that your Action Group helped raise awareness about your subject-matter in the past year. Please use the following space to share an example of how you raised awareness.

One of the roles or our WASH Ambassadors is to raise the awareness among Rotary Members at all levels of the status of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in the world and what can be done. The Ambassadors attend Rotary Club and District meetings and indicate the status and mention about how Global Grants and Districts if planned correctly with sustainability in mind can have a lasting impact on a community. They indicate the availability of Global Grant Review process, Technical Assessment Grants, and our relationship with WASH Cadres who can provide guidance on technicla issues, and planning.

You selected that your Action Group facilitated partnerships in the past year. Please use the following space to share an example of a project you supported with a partner.

We developed a partnership with Wallace Genetics Foundation a strong supporter of WASH Projects in the world and who appreciates the work of WASH-RAG in this Area of Focus. We identified an issue with the development of Global Grants, that during the development of the grant preparation process that some projects require some technical assistance to complete a hydrological survey, test well, create engineeering diagrams, etc. This work is not covered by the Global Grant. We developed a partnership with Wallace Genetics, where they would provide us $12,000 to support these Technical Assessments. We developed criteria and a verification of work done process, and offered up to $1,200 per Project towards technical work, not covered by the Global Grant. So far seven clubs have applied for a Technical Assistance Grant, completed the work and and received the full grant.

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.

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Enter the name of Partner 1

HANWASH

Please select the category of this partner:

Cooperating organization

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.

At the Rotary International Convention, we shared a booth with HANWASH. Many of our members are involved with the HANWASH project, mostly in the technical and evaluation side.

Enter the name of Partner 2

Beer Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide (BREW) Fellowship

Please select the category of this partner:

Private donor agency

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.

BREW annually, at the time of the RI Convention, donates a check to WASH-RAG to support our work to support WASH Projects.

Enter the name of Partner 3

Whisk(e)y Fellowship

Please select the category of this partner:

Private donor agency

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.

At the time of the Rotary Convention the Whisk(e)y Fellowship will make a donation to WASH-RAG to support our work of sponsoring WASH Projects.

Enter the name of Partner 4

Wallace Genetics Foundation

Please select the category of this partner:

Private donor agency

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.

Wallace Genetics Foundation provides funding for the WASH Ambassador program and our Global Grant Technical Assistance grants.

Enter the name of Partner 5

IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre

Please select the category of this partner:

Cooperating organization

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.

Working with this highly recognized International WASH Organization we coordinated three webinars for our WASH Ambassadors on "Leading Systems Change for Universal WASH Services" The webinars were well attended.

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

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

Our focus has been on providing support to Clubs and Districts that are submitting a WASH Global Grant. Many of our members are involved directly with the HANWASH Project of Scale. We have not found or connected with multi-club, multi-district groups seeking assistance on a Program of Scale. Our Technical Officer and others are speaking to some WASH groups about larger programs and forming regional planning teams.

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)	$173,880
Account balance at the end of Rotary year	$115,747

Revenues

Total revenues during Rotary year (in USD)	$39,446
Revenues from membership dues	$17,000
Revenues from donations	$30,000
Individual donations	0
Corporate donations	0
Other revenues	0

What are those other revenue streams? Please explain.

We obtain sponsorship and participant ticket sales in conjunction with the World Water Summit.

Expenditures

Total expenditures during Rotary year (in USD)	$85,011
Expenditures on administrative expenses	$28,273
Expenditures on service projects	$56,738
Other expenditures	0

What are those other expenditures? Please explain.

Our expenses are mostly related to supporting the Ambassador program

For RI's records, please upload your financial report here (regardless of the amount of revenue or expenditure) and share it with your Action Group members.

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. Please upload the forms below and then you can add additional documents once you click forward to the next screen.

WASH-RAG Balance Sheet 06.30.26.pdf

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Additional financial documents-continued

WASH-RAG Profit and Loss 06.30.2026.pdf

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