

Basic Information

Grant title

Microcredit and training of poor Maya women for community development in Guatemala.

Type of Project

Humanitarian Project

Address community needs and produce sustainable, measurable outcomes

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

No

Project Overview

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

A humanitarian project in Rotary’s focus area of community economic development

This project supports economic development for poor Maya women and their families in rural communities in Alta Verapaz region. The main components of the project are microcredit loans, savings and training. Training will include topics such as entrepreneurship, business management, vegetable cultivation and livestock as well as community leadership, gender equality, human rights and health related topics.

The project’s overall objective is improved living conditions for poor Maya women, their families and communities. This will be accomplished through income generation, increased employment, improved skills and knowledge, reduced gender-based violence and discrimination, and higher levels of school attendance. 4 women groups will be established, each with around 22 women as members. The project will reach 88 women and their families, over 320 persons in total, during its 3 implementation cycles of 14 months each.

The funds provided from Rotary for microcredits will be utilized to establish a revolving fund where the women will have access to credits annually to finance their business start-up during cycle 1 and the gradual expansion of the business during cycles 2 and 3. The credits will be repaid at the monthly group meetings where also the training will be provided. Repayment rates of micro loans in Fundación Progresar is above 98% and therefore it is expected that the funds will be used for many years to come.

Background

Guatemala has some of the worst poverty, malnutrition and maternal-child mortality rates in Latin America and, according to Devex and the World Bank, one of the highest inequality rates. The indigenous Mayan population generally suffers more. Poverty and exclusion of poor Guatemalans have worsened due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the measures taken to combat it. The situation has deteriorated dramatically after November 2020 when the country was hit by the storm Eta and consequent landslides.

During emergency relief work in the region, collaboration was established between the Rotary Club of Guatemala City and the organization Fundación Progresar. The organization was established in 2007 with the purpose to support poor families to improve their lives. Since 2009, the organization has implemented projects to support poor rural families in close to 200 villages, including a women project benefitting more than 3 600 women in their efforts to improve the living conditions for themselves and their families. Fundación Progresar, an acknowledged organization providing microcredit in Guatemala, has excelled in its methods aimed at poor Maya women in which training and human rights are at the core.

The Rotary Club of Guatemala City and the 5 Stockholm based Rotary clubs in our joint International Project Group, IPG (cf. Step 2 above) have agreed to apply for funding in the form of a Global Grant, as well as a District Grant, from the Rotary Foundation and to establish cooperation between ourselves and Fundación Progresar formalized in the attached Memorandum of Understanding. A community assessment has been

Areas of Focus

Which area of focus will this project support?

Community economic development

Measuring Success

Community economic development

Which goals will your activity support?

Building the capacity of local leaders, organizations, and networks to support economic development in poor communities;

How will you measure your project's impact? 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 entrepreneurs supported	Grant records and reports	Every year	100-499

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

Yes

Name of Individual or Organization

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

This project will contribute to reaching several goals of the area of Community Economic Development as described in the Rotary Areas of Focus Policy Statement, in particular the following three:

Developing opportunities for productive work and improving access to sustainable livelihoods (goal no. 2); Empowering marginalized communities by providing access to economic opportunities and services (goal no. 3); and Addressing gender or class disparities that prevent populations from obtaining productive work and accessing markets and financial services (goal no. 5).

Overall Objective

To enhance economic development and gender equality in poor rural communities in Guatemala. The main components of the project are microcredit loans, savings and training in various topics. The target group is poor Maya women in particularly difficult circumstances, suffering from various forms of discrimination and gender-based violence, including single mothers.

Project Objective

The project aims at improved income generation, increased employment, improved skills and knowledge, enhanced gender equality and reduced gender-based violence and discrimination, and higher levels of school attendance among participating women, their families and communities in Alta Verapaz region. The project aims at reaching 88 participating women and through them a total of over 320 persons, during the project's 3 implementation cycles of 14 months each.

Project Activities

The project will support women joining 4 groups that will be formed in San Pablo Xucaneb and Chicacnab villages in the municipality of San Pedro Carcha, and in Coxopur in the municipality of Coban, following consultations with the local community developing councils, COCODES, and with potential participants from

The women will receive microcredit loans to start a business, start saving and receive work as training in skills related to entrepreneurship, business management, vegetable and herbs gardens and small livestock. Training will also include topics related to community leadership and organizations as well as self-esteem, emotional health, gender equality, human rights and empowerment tools.

In the first implementation cycle of the project, microcredit loans will support start-up of businesses. The microloans and training will be provided at monthly group meetings. Each implementation cycle will have 12 whole-day group meetings. Savings and repayments will also take place in the monthly meetings. The 2nd and 3rd implementation cycles will focus on consolidating and expanding the newly established businesses. At the end of each implementation cycle an evaluation of progress made will be carried out following a particularly designed method.

All along the project implementation, the women and the groups will be supported by their own promoter, chosen between themselves, and trained by Fundación Progresar.

Project Outcome

88 poor Maya women suffering from gender-based violence and discrimination including single mothers are organised into 4 functioning village saving and credit banks. 88 new small businesses are established and generates income for the women and their families. Over 320 persons, most of them children, enjoy improved living conditions with better access to food, clothing and education.

At the end of the 3rd and last implementation cycle, the women participants graduate as empowered, run profit generating businesses and employ other persons in the community. The women have improved their skills, knowledge, and health. Their families benefit from increased income and improved nutrition, the school attendance rates in the community are higher and gender-based violence and discrimination is reduced.

Location and Dates

Humanitarian Project

Where will your project take place?

City or town

Villages in the Alta Verapaz region

Country

Guatemala

When will your project take place?

2021-09-01 to 2025-09-01

Province or state

Alta Verapaz

Participants

Cooperating Organizations (Optional)

Name	Website	Location
Fundación Progresar Guatemala	www.fundacionprogresargu atemala.org	Avenida Reforma 8-60 zona 9, Oficina 416, 4 to nivel Guatemala City Guatemala

Supporting Documents

- MOU-CONVENIO_SUSCRITO_ENTRE_EL_CLUB_ROTARIO_DE_LA.pdf

organization?

No

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

During emergency relief work in Alta Verapaz following the November 2020 landslides, collaboration was established between the Rotary Club of Guatemala City, the host sponsor of this project, and the organization Fundación Progresar Guatemala supporting the victims. The organization made a positive impression working in an effective and transparent manner.

Beforehand, the Fundación Progresar also had a link to the Swedish Rotary Club Stockholm Djurgården, one of five clubs in the International Project Group (IPG) who is the international sponsor of the Project. A member of Stockholm Djurgården, Margareta N. Eidensten, also Honorary Consul of Guatemala in Stockholm Sweden visited Fundación Progresar in Guatemala 2020 to familiarise herself with the organisation's work with the purpose of introducing it as a possible project in Rotary Clubs in Sweden. The club initiated a support to one group of poor mayan women through Fundación Progresar in 2020. Stockholm Djurgården Rotary Club has also had previous contacts with the Club Rotario de la Ciudad de Guatemala and exchanged banners in 2013. Kristina Boman and Kristina Robberts who are two of twelve founders of Fundación Progresar were later invited to become members of Stockholm-Djurgården Rotary Club. Several presentations about Guatemala and the need for support have been made to Rotary Clubs in Stockholm.

Fundación Progresar Guatemala was established in 2007 with the purpose to support poor families to improve their lives. Since 2009, Fundación Progresar has implemented projects to support poor families in close to 200 rural villages, including a women project benefitting more than 3 600 women in their efforts to improve the living conditions for themselves and their families. The organization has excelled in their method of microcredit for poor Maya women, in which training and human rights are at the core. With repayment rates of micro loans above 98%, Fundación Progresar is a renowned and respected organization providing microcredit in Guatemala. In this project, Fundación Progresar Guatemala serves as our cooperating organization with tasks and responsibilities described in the attached Memorandum of Understanding. As a renowned microcredit institution possessing the methodology, competence, knowledge and organizational capacity needed to work with Maya women in rural communities, the organization will have an operational role in implementing the microcredit and training scheme in the field, while the host sponsor Club Rotario de la Ciudad de Guatemala and the international sponsor IPG will direct and supervise the project. Our cooperating organization will also assist in our monitoring and evaluation of the project as it proceeds including providing comprehensive reports from the field. The tasks are also described in the attached implementation plan and timeline.

Partners (Optional)

List any other partners that will participate in this project.

Rotarian Participants

Describe the role that host Rotarians will have in this project.

Together, the host sponsor Club Rotario de la Ciudad de Guatemala and the international sponsor IPG will direct and supervise the project while our cooperating organization Fundación Progresar will have an operational role in the field. Host sponsor responsibilities as described in detail in the attached Cooperating Organizations Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) are:

- a. Undertake activities defined in the action plan for grant application.
- b. Conduct a community assessment in cooperation with Fundación Progresar before applying and include the results in our application.
- c. Develop the project plan/document in collaboration with the International Sponsor and with inputs from the community assessment and Fundación Progresar.
- d. In collaboration with the International Sponsor develop a monitoring and evaluation plan as described in the Rotary Global Grant Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Supplement.
- e. Undertake the tasks in project implementation defined in the project plan/document and annual work plans

Use the Rotary Grant, if approved, and any other funding raised for the project exclusively to implement the project as defined in the project plan/document and approved annual work plans and budgets, as agreed with the International Sponsor.

- g. Revise and approve annual work plans and budgets as well as annual progress and financial reports in collaboration with the International Sponsor, making sure that all project approvals are made unanimously.
- h. Make local project disbursements in accordance with Rotary regulations and local laws and in mutual understanding with the Host Sponsor, including possible annual disbursements to Fundación Progresar on basis of written agreements, disbursement requests, approved work plans and budgets specifying funds for micro finance, training and other costs, and approved progress and financial reports.
- i. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the project including project visits as defined in the monitoring and evaluation plan.
- j. Undertake at least one annual visit to the project site to meet and interview women.
- k. Send at least one annual short monitoring report with photos and or videos from the project visit to be shared with the International Sponsor to keep members informed about the project.
- l. Support counterparts' funds to the project of maximum 1 000 USD
- m. Provide inputs and collaborate on project reports to the Rotary Grant Center in collaboration with the International Sponsor.
- n. Direct and coordinate public relations around the project in collaboration with the International Sponsor and Fundación Progresar.
- o. Participate in joint project meetings with the international sponsor club quarterly.
- p. Remain qualified for Rotary Grants throughout the project period.

Describe the role that international Rotarians will have in this project.

Together, the host sponsor Club Rotario de la Ciudad de Guatemala and the international sponsor IPG will direct and supervise the project while our cooperating organization Fundación Progresar will have an operational role in the field. International sponsor responsibilities as described in detail in the attached MoU are:

- a. Undertake activities defined in the Action Plan for grant application.
- b. Develop project plan (project document) in collaboration with the Host Sponsor and with inputs from the community assessment and Fundación Progresar.
- c. Finalize the application and submit it to The Rotary Foundation - Global Grant.
- d. Assure the inclusion of long-term perspective and needs to develop after project finalization.
- e. In collaboration with the Host Sponsor develop a monitoring and evaluation plan as described in the Rotary Global Grant Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Supplement.
- f. Be responsible for fundraising to provide counterparts' funds needed to cover at least 15% of the project budget.
- g. Provide financial assistance, technical support, and other guidance to the project as defined in project plan/document.
- h. Use the Rotary Grant, if approved, and any other funding raised for the project exclusively to implement the project as defined in the project plan/document and approved annual work plans and budgets, as agreed with the Host Sponsor.
- i. Revise and approve annual work plans and budgets as well as annual progress and financial reports in collaboration with the Host Sponsor, making sure that all project approvals are made unanimously.
- j. Make local project disbursements in accordance with Rotary regulations and local laws and in mutual understanding with the Host Sponsor, including possible annual disbursements to Fundación Progresar on basis of written agreements, disbursement requests, approved work plans and budgets specifying funds for micro finance, training and other costs, and approved progress and financial reports.
- k. Support with monitoring and evaluation if specific visits can be organized from Sweden.
- l. Elaborate and submit project reports to the Rotary Grant Center in collaboration with the Host Sponsor.
- m. Organize joint project meetings with the host sponsor club quarterly.
- n. Remain qualified for Rotary Grants throughout the project period.

Budget

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

Local Currency
GTQ

U.S. dollar (USD) exchange rate
7.7125

Currency Set On
25/04/2021

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. Every global grant includes a match of at least \$15,000 from The Rotary Foundation's World Fund. Project budgets, including the World Fund match, must be at least \$30,000.

#	Category	Description	Supplier	Cost in GTQ	Cost in USD
1	Operations	Microcredit	Fundación Progresar	174646	22645
2	Personnel	Extension worker organizing and training of groups	Fundación Progresar	79347	10288
3	Training	Material and prints for training	Office supplies and printing companies	12500	1621
4	Monitoring/evaluation	Testimonials of women	External consultant TBD	9000	1167
5	Signage	4 signs and community inauguration	Printing company	5600	726
6	Publicity	Photos, testimonials material, presentation social media	Communication consultant TBD	9000	1167
7	Equipment	Equipment for groups and office	Office suppliers and electric store	2980	386
Total budget:				293073	38000

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	Cash from Club	Stockholm International	1,700.00	85.00	1,785.00
2	Cash from Club	Stockholm-Djurgården	1,700.00	85.00	1,785.00
3	Cash from Club	Stockholm-Ladugårdslandet	1,700.00	85.00	1,785.00
4	Cash from Club	Stockholm Östermalm	1,700.00	85.00	1,785.00
5	Cash from Club	Stockholm-Sergel	6,200.00	310.00	6,510.00
6	Cash from Club	Ciudad de Guatemala	1,000.00	50.00	1,050.00
7	District Designated Fund (DDF)	2350	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00

*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 12,000.00 USD from the World Fund.

12000

Funding Summary

DDF contributions:	12,000.00
Cash contributions:	14,000.00
Financing subtotal (matched contributions + World Fund):	38,000.00
Total funding:	38,000.00
Total budget:	38,000.00

Sustainability

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Project planning

Describe the community needs that your project will address.

Poverty and extreme poverty for the families in the community. They do not have enough food, cannot eat three times a day, and only eat meat once or twice a month. They do not have enough clothes for their children or themselves. Each month there is not enough money to buy basics such as corn, beans, sugar, meat and soap.

Women are discriminated against, they do not have their own money, are controlled by their husbands and victims of domestic violence. Women are not taken into consideration in community matters and do not take part in community organisations as leaders or in committees, just as labour. Women do not know their rights. A majority of the children do not go to school since the families do not have money for books and fees, the pandemic has worsened the situation. Girls in particular do not attend school.

Limited employment opportunities for men, child labour.

Cf. the attached Community Assessment Results.

By way of their long-standing engagement including relief work after the floods and landslides November 2020, our cooperating organization Fundación Progresar has been able to assist us in carrying out community assessments in 3 villages in Alta Verapaz. The community development councils COCODES, other community leaders, and focus groups of 6–10 women in each village have taken actively part in the assessments.

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

During the community assessments, the women made clear that they are highly motivated to participate in the project, to start their own businesses by way of microcredit loans and receive training in business knowledge and women’s rights. Some of the women have prior experience in making local textile, growing vegetables and selling, and some have participated in meetings on women’s rights, bringing their knowledge and competence into the project.

The communities are interested and supportive, community leaders recognize the problems faced by women, and want the women to get support.

How were community members involved in planning the project?

In the 3 villages the community development councils, other community leaders and women focus groups took actively part in the community assessments and are enthusiastically anticipating the next steps to take place.

The target group of poor vulnerable Maya women will be invited to join women groups of around 22 women each, to be formed and run among themselves. At the end of the initial phase, in which the groups will become functional and the women receive training, the women will make their individual decisions on how to proceed further, which businesses they will start by means of microloans, and begin their journeys to become independent business managers and entrepreneurs.

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	Milestone 1: Project start up The project workplan and detailed budget for the first implementation cycle will be approved. Contacts will be resumed with the three identified communities in Alta Verapaz. The aim is to establish 4 women groups simultaneously in the three villages.	1 month
2	Milestone 2: Project implementation cycle 1 In the three communities, implementation of the project will be discussed with the Community Developing Councils, COCODES and community leaders. Thereafter, an initial meeting will be held with women in the target group. A group assessment and home visits will be made to discuss the project with the women. A first group meeting will be held approximately one week later. The women will be trained in gender equality, emotional health, business development, vegetable cultivation and small livestock during three more meetings. The women will also be supported to define the business each one wants to invest in, and to apply for microcredit loans. A steering committee and a promoter for harmony and wellbeing will be selected in each group. The steering committee members and the promoter will be trained to perform their tasks by Fundación Progresar. The women will receive their first credits approximately 8 weeks after the project start up. The Rotary clubs will participate in the pay-out of credits when practically possible considering circumstances such as the ongoing pandemic. Following credit pay-out, the women will be visited by Fundación Progresar and the promoter to follow up the investment. One month after credit pay-out, regular monthly group meetings will	14 months

will receive training in gender equality, emotional health, self-esteem, entrepreneurship development, small livestock, vegetable and herbs garden and production of organic fertilisers. The women will make credit repayments and savings in these meetings. The repayments and savings are recorded in the books managed by the steering committee and Fundación Progresar. All training is conducted by Fundación Progresar staff in accordance with the specific manuals developed for each topic. The Rotary host club will visit the groups to support and follow up the work, and will offer giving lectures on specific topics, when practically possible considering circumstances such as the ongoing pandemic. For additional publicity, an external communicator will be contracted to visit the groups, take photos and record the women's stories and accomplishments. The material will be used by the Rotary clubs for internal and external communication purposes. The promoter of harmony and wellbeing is trained monthly by Fundación Progresar. She undertakes weekly visits to every woman in the group to follow up and support the woman and give advice on specific issues. Towards the end of the implementation cycle there will be a specific project meeting between the Rotary clubs and Fundación Progresar to discuss progress and results so far and plans and budget for the upcoming implementation cycle. Combined with the end of cycle evaluation and report, this meeting will help facilitating a smooth start of the upcoming cycle so that the women can receive their new credits to expand their business in time. Following 12 monthly meetings, an end of cycle evaluation will be done to analyse the group's results, how much the women have learnt and how their businesses have developed. The Rotary clubs will supervise this evaluation and participate in it when practically possible considering circumstances such as the ongoing pandemic. A project progress report including accounts covering the first cycle will be presented to the Rotary clubs. A proposed project work plan and budget as well as a disbursement request for the second implementation cycle will be processed.

<p>3 Milestone 3: Project implementation cycle 2 Upon required approval by the Rotary clubs, the second implementation cycle will commence. Following up on the evaluation of cycle one, specific trainings for the women and also for new group members is provided. The group steering committee is strengthened to manage the group's meetings and accounts. The women apply for new and larger credits to expand their businesses. After approximately 1 month the women will receive a new credit for the next twelve months period. This is followed by 12 monthly meetings with more advanced training in the topics mentioned previously. At these meetings, credits will be paid back, and savings will be made. The promoter of harmony and wellbeing will follow up each woman once a week to provide advice and monitor the advance in the business and in the woman's life situation. Again, the Rotary host club will visit the groups to support, give lectures and follow up the work when practically possible, and additional publicity material will be provided by the hired external communicator taking photos and collecting testimonies from the women for use by the Rotary clubs. Like in the first cycle, a specific project meeting between the Rotary clubs and Fundación Progresar will take place to discuss results so far, plans and budget for the next cycle, and to facilitate a smooth reporting and disbursement so that the women can receive their credits in time. Project cycle 2 is finalised with the end of cycle evaluation of the group. Again, the Rotary clubs will supervise this evaluation and participate in it when practically possible; a project progress report including accounts covering the second cycle and a proposed project work plan and budget for the third implementation cycle will be processed.</p>	<p>14 months</p>
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<p>4 Milestone 4: Project implementation cycle 3 Upon required approval by the Rotary clubs, the</p>	<p>14</p>
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monthly meetings will take place with training in the various topics, credit repayment and savings. The weekly individual support to each group member done by the promoter of harmony and wellbeing will continue. Again, the Rotary host club will visit the groups to support, give lectures and follow up the work when practically possible, and additional publicity material will be provided by the hired external communicator taking photos and collecting testimonies from the women for use by the Rotary clubs. Like in the previous cycles, a specific project meeting will take place to follow up the project, as well as monitoring and evaluation which at this stage even will cover the whole project period. As previous cycles, implementation cycle 3 is finalised with an end of cycle evaluation of the group.

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| 5 | Milestone 5: Finalising the project Following implementation cycle 3, the group participants will graduate as empowered women with their own businesses and new knowledge about rights, gender equality, vegetable farming and livestock. The project is finalised with an evaluation of the entire project to assess the overall achievements and results of the project. The Rotary clubs will direct and supervise this evaluation and participate in it when practically possible. A progress report including accounts for cycle 3 as well as a final report covering the entire project will be processed and outstanding financial issues, if any, will be settled by the parties. The Rotary clubs will prepare and submit the final Global Grant report to The Rotary Foundation and the Global Grant accounts will be closed. | 2 months |
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Will you work in coordination with any related initiatives in the community?

No

Please explain. Are local initiatives not addressing these needs? Or, if they are, why did you decide not to work with them?

No. In the 3 villages there are to-date no other initiatives present supporting women or economic development. However, the community development councils, COCODES, are welcoming and supportive to the project.

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

Training will be provided at the monthly group meetings taking place 12 times during each of the 3 implementation cycles. These are whole day meetings including lunch. The topics include funds administration, business management, entrepreneurship, vegetable cultivation, livestock and other topic of relevance. In addition, topics such as gender equality, women's and human rights, community leadership and health related issues will be covered. Loan repayment and savings will also be administered at the monthly meetings. In between the meetings, the group's promoter, a member chosen among the group, will visit the women at their homes and provide individual support. The group's promoter will receive particular training for the task.

The group training and support in the field will be provided in the local Maya languages and Spanish by our cooperating partner Fundación Progresar. As host sponsor and international sponsor, the Rotary clubs in Guatemala City and Stockholm will direct and supervise the operations and take part in the activities in the field whenever practically possible considering circumstances such as the ongoing pandemic.

How were these needs identified?

Our cooperating organization Fundación Progresar has long-standing field experience from rural Guatemala working with poor Maya women, which has brought a lot of valuable knowledge and understanding to the project in respect of needs and opportunities. In the particular case of the 3 villages in Alta Verapaz, the community assessment undertaken was very helpful in documenting the needs as expressed by the community leaders and women focus groups who took part in it. Cf attachment.

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

The project offers poor and extremely poor Maya women practical opportunities to improve their living conditions and elevate themselves from discrimination and abuse, through microloans to start their own businesses coupled with training - also benefitting the women's families and additional persons in their community. Continuous follow-up and personal support are also offered. Although some women in the target groups might lack the personal courage or freedom to participate, the responses from the women in the villages so far indicate that these opportunities are all the incentives they need.

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

After completion of three full implementation cycles with expected results, the women business managers, their women groups, families and community leaders will all have benefitted from continuous income generating activities, schooling of the village children and other related development impacts of the project. Together with the microcredit savings these improvements will provide investment opportunities for many years to come. Moreover, the women groups will continue their microcredit and savings activities with their own money. The groups will also have the option to join the general microcredit programme of Fundación Progresar.

Budget

Will you purchase budget items from local vendors?

Yes

Explain the process you used to select vendors.

Yes, stationery, training material and signage will be purchased following standard procurement policies. Due to the small total amount of these budget items, there will be no bidding.

Did you use competitive bidding to select vendors?

No

Please explain.

Due to the small amounts of budget items concerned (stationery, etc), bidding requirements do not apply.

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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

No

Describe how the project team will help community members adopt the technology.

N/A

may be owned by a Rotary district, club, or member.

N/A

Funding

Does your project involve microcredit activities?

Yes

Supporting Documents

- Rotary_GG_Application_Supplement_18_Mar_2021_Microcredit_Projects.docx

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

Yes

Please describe this funding source.

By providing microcredit and training expected project outcomes are new businesses, new jobs and employment opportunities, increased income, improved skills, better nutrition, higher school attendance and reduced gender-based violence and discrimination. The income generating activities will contribute to savings and further investments. Given no major setbacks will occur, such as natural disasters or other circumstances beyond control, the activities have due potential for continuous income generation.

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

Nothing further to add, cf. previous paragraph.

Supporting Documents

- Acuerdo_Ministerial_de_la_Fundacion.pdf
- GG2123247_-2021-04-Goals.pdf
- INFORMES_FINANCIEROS.pdf
- Implementation_and_time_line_18_mar_2021.docx
- MOU-amendment-22-march-2021_.pdf
- MoU-Agreement-2021-01-28-Final-GG2123247.pdf
- Our_supervision_plan_is.pdf
- Rotary_Guatemala_Project.pdf
- community_assessment_Chicacnab.docx
- community_assessment_Coxopur.docx
- community_assessment_San_Pablo_Xucaneb.docx

Authorizations

Authorizations & Legal Agreements

Legal agreement

Global Grant Agreement

I confirm and agree to the following:

2. We have read the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants ("Terms and Conditions") and will adhere to all policies therein.
3. The grant sponsors ("Sponsors") shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Rotary International (RI) and The Rotary Foundation (TRF), including their directors, trustees, officers, committees, employees, agents, associate foundations and representatives (collectively "RI/TRF"), 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 RI/TRF 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, war, fire, riot, civil unrest, hurricane, earthquake, or other natural disasters, acts of public enemies, curtailment of transportation facilities, political upheavals, 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 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 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 its 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.

provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in the form of a writing signed by the parties.

15. Rotary International (RI) and TRF may use information contained in this application and subsequent reports to promote the activities by various means such as The Rotarian, Rotary Leader, rotary.org, etc. Unless indicated otherwise in writing, by submission of the photos, the parties hereby grant to RI and TRF the worldwide right to publish and use the photos, including but not limited to, in RI and TRF publications, advertisements, and Web sites and on social media channels and to license use to others, including, but not limited to, media outlets and its partners and through RI's online image database, for the purposes of promoting Rotary. By submitting the photos, the parties represent and warrant that all persons appearing in the photos have given their unrestricted written consent to use their likenesses and to license use to third parties.

16. The Sponsors agree to share information on best practices when asked, and TRF may provide their contact information to other Rotarians who may wish advice on implementing similar activities.

17. The Sponsors will ensure that all individuals traveling on grant funds have been informed of the travel policies stated in the Terms and Conditions and have been made aware that they are responsible for obtaining travel insurance.

Primary contact authorizations

Application Authorization

By submitting this global grant application, we agree to the following:

1. All information contained in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate, and we intend to implement the activities as presented in this application.
2. The club/district agrees to undertake these activities as a club/district.
3. We will ensure all cash contributions (as detailed in the grant financing) will be forwarded to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) or sent directly to the global grant bank account after Trustee approval of the grant.
4. Rotary International (RI) and TRF may use information contained in this application to promote the activities by various means such as The Rotarian, the RI international convention, RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine, etc.
5. We agree to share information on best practices when asked, and TRF may provide our contact information to other Rotarians who may wish advice on implementing similar activities.
6. To the best of our knowledge and belief, except as disclosed herewith, neither we nor any person with whom we have or had a personal or business relationship are engaged, or intend to engage, in benefiting from TRF grant funds or have any interest that may represent a potential competing or conflicting interest. A conflict of interest is defined as a situation in which a Rotarian, in relationship to an outside organization, is in a position to influence the spending of TRF grant funds, or influence decisions in ways that could lead directly or indirectly to financial gain for the Rotarian, a business colleague, or his or her family, or give improper advantage to others to the detriment of TRF.

All Authorizations & Legal Agreements Summary

Primary contact authorizations

Name	Club	District	Status
Roger Neckelius	Stockholm-Sergel	2350	
Francisco Milián Carballido	Ciudad de Guatemala	4250	

District Rotary Foundation chair authorization

Name	Club	District	Status
Carin Johannesson	Täby	2350	
Marcelo Coyi	Belize	4250	

DDF authorization

Name	Club	District	Status
Carin Johannesson	Täby	2350	
Soledad Aguilar Oddershede	Stockholms Västra	2350	

Legal agreement

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Francisco Milián Carballido	Ciudad de Guatemala	4250	
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