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Community assessments lead to success

A community assessment is an essential first step in planning an effective project and is key to ensuring your project's long-term success. It allows you to explore your community's strengths, weaknesses, needs, and assets, and design your project in collaboration with those who will benefit from it. A community assessment is also required for global grants. Download the updated [Community Assessment Tools](#) handbook for more information and tips. Mike Wittry, past president of the Rotary Club of Roatan, Islas de la Bahia, Honduras, [shares his experience with community assessments](#).

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GIVING UPDATES

[New Rotaract Certificate of Achievement](#)

The new Rotaract Certificate of Achievement recognizes Rotaract clubs that have contributions to The Rotary Foundation of \$50 or more from at least five members during the Rotary year.

[Learn more](#) about Rotaract.

Paul Harris Society resource

The Paul Harris Society is a network of over 22,000 dedicated Rotary supporters in 140 countries. Society members express their intent to give at least US\$1,000 each Rotary year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or approved Rotary Foundation grants. Last year, donations from society members made up 16.4 percent of total contributions to the Annual Fund. [Subscribe](#) to the Paul Harris Society Quarterly Resource to learn more about this vibrant group.



GRANT UPDATES

Area of focus changes

We've made changes to Rotary's areas of focus. We've kept the existing six areas but adjusted three names (marked with asterisks) to better reflect the types of projects that Rotary members are carrying out. The areas of focus are now:

- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention*
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene*
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development*

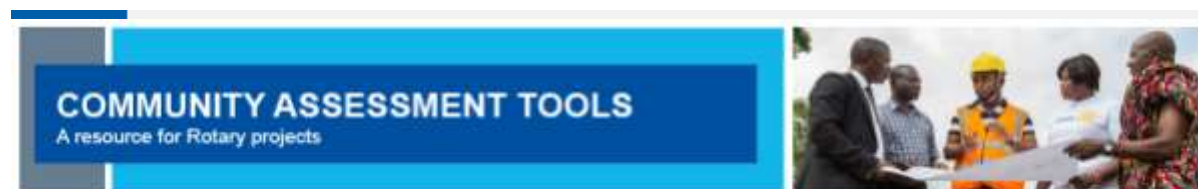
Some of the goals of the areas have changed, and we've included activities that relate to the environment for most areas. The [Areas of Focus Policy Statements](#) reflect these updates.

Grant Center reminder

Before you submit your global grant application, make sure that the grant sponsors are listed correctly in the application. It's especially important to note whether the grant is club- or district-sponsored. When this information is incorrect, it delays the processing of the grant, particularly if changes need to be made after the application is approved. More information is available in [How to Use the Grant Center](#).

Updated grants terms and conditions

The Foundation periodically updates its [grants terms and conditions](#) to clarify them and ensure that they reflect policy changes. This updated version also has new formatting that makes it easier to use, including a section at the beginning that says what has changed since the previous version.



RESOURCES & REFERENCE

Grant management training materials

Grant management resources are now available in Rotary's [Learning Center](#) (currently in English only; other languages are coming soon). Find courses on making your project sustainable, conducting community assessments, planning effective projects, managing grant finances, qualifying your club for Rotary grants, reporting on grants, and much more. Enroll in the [Grant Management Seminar learning plan](#) to become a grant management expert!

Data privacy course in the Learning Center

Do you want to learn how Rotary collects and handles the personal information you provide on My Rotary and in the Grant Center? Have you read Rotary's recently updated [privacy policy](#), and do you want to know how your personal data is safeguarded? If so, see the [Protecting Personal Data](#) course now on Rotary's Learning Center. Your privacy is extremely important, and this course will inform you about how Rotary protects your personal data. You'll also learn how to manage others' personal data appropriately. If you have any questions about the course or Rotary's privacy protection practices, write to us at privacy@rotary.org.

General resources

- The recently updated [Community Assessment Tools](#) offers tips and resources for clubs as they conduct their community assessments, a requirement for global grants.
- [The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide](#) provides a brief overview of Rotary Foundation programs and services.
- [A Guide to Global Grants](#) is for all members interested in applying for global grants or developing more effective and sustainable service projects. This is a valuable training resource.
- The updated [Project Fairs](#) page provides information about these regional events that Rotary districts host to encourage international friendship and collaboration.

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