

Dear Marie Louise,

The first year of the *Rotary Give Every Child A Future* project is now being implemented. As you will recall this is one of Rotary's major projects which has been initiated to celebrate the Centenary of Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. Money raised through the nine approved global grants for the first year of the project is being now used to purchase cold chain equipment and vaccines. Deliveries of these should happen in Q3 and Q4 of this year. Training programs are being planned. The Covid-19 pandemic is not having a major impact on the program so far. However, travel restrictions in the region could cause some delays depending on how long they remain in place.

Of course, this is a 3-4 year project. We are now moving ahead with the necessary planning for years two and three. We are in the process of preparing global grant applications to support this and aim to submit these for approval later in the year.

During the first year of the project 21 of the 27 Districts in Australia and New Zealand supported the project with commitments of DDF totalling over \$300,000. Districts 9500 and 9520 committed a total of \$15,000 in DDF to the project which was greatly appreciated. With the recent announcement by the Rotary Foundation that it will no longer provide the 50% match for club and cash donations, DDF for the project is more important than ever.

This coming Rotary year (2020-21) is the Centenary year for Rotary in this part of the world. We are therefore asking all Districts to dig deep and commit as much DDF as possible to this important project. I would appreciate your advice as to how much DDF the newly merged D9510 will be able to commit.

I look forward to hearing from you and would be happy to answer any questions.

Kind regards,

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