

District Grants for International Projects

To fund smaller international projects, you can apply to the District Grants Committee for a District Grant.

p. 2 of the District 5160 Grant Policy: “District Grants are [funded by] block grants to the District that allow clubs and districts to address immediate needs in their own communities **and in other countries**” (my emphasis).

District Grant applications are much simpler than applications for Global Grants, and District Grants fund smaller projects. (A Global Grant project must have a budget that exceeds \$30,000.)

Information about District Grants and about how to apply can be found on the District 5160 website and in the District 5160 District Designated Funds District Grant and Global Grant Policy.

<https://rotary5160.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-21-Grant-Policy-Final-PDF-version.pdf>

An Example: The Kenya Project for Girls aka The Pads Project (RC Davis Sunrise)

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| • Davis Sunrise contribution | \$ 3,400 |
| • District 5160 DDF | <u>\$ 6,800</u> |
| • Total budget (approx.) | \$10,200 |



The need: Many girls in Kenya (and many other countries) miss school while menstruating because they can't afford commercial feminine hygiene products. They “make do.” The result:

- Embarrassment and humiliation
- Many girls miss up to a week of school each month

The project – in partnership with Nakuru Rotary Club

- Designed a reusable sanitary pad that can be made easily from materials locally available in Kenya and that is comfortable and effective to use.
- Trained local women in making the pads
- Made 8,000 pads for 1,000 girls and distributed them to needy girls in village schools
- Started a cooperative to make and sell pads locally
- Aim to empower the women in the coop and provide them a livelihood

Replicate the project. RC Chico aims to replicate the project in a village in Mexico.

Contact David Copp for advice about replicating the project or accessing DDF for international projects.
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