

World Community Service Resource Network Information Center

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Introduction: This document is an interim measure to provide access to the resources cataloged by the WCSRN over the past two years. It is made available through the generous efforts of the District 7150 Governor and Webmaster. Their Web Site contains a very valuable function called "World Wide Rotary Links (WWRL)". Anyone who is interested in the advancement of Rotary electronic communication **should visit this District site at <http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org>**. This Information Center document is accessible from their WWRLs under "World Community Service" directly at <http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/pdf/WCSRNIInternetReferenceSummary.PDF>. Questions, comments and suggestions for additional references are encouraged and **should be directed to:**

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History: The concept of an Information Center of this nature dates back to an article written by Dr. Vannevar Bush, the World War Two Director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development of the United States Government. The article was titled "As We May Think" and appeared in the July, 1945 issue of the Atlantic Monthly, pp. 101-108. Extensions of the concept were the subject of an article by Hans Peter Luhn, a development engineer with IBM. This article was titled "A Business Intelligence System" and first appeared in the October, 1958 issue of the IBM Journal of Research and Development, pp 314-319. For those interested in the history of computer-based information systems, these articles are foundations for many of the concepts we take for granted today.

Establishment of the World Community Service Resource Network (WCSRNI): In June, 1997, the RI Board approved a plan for establishing, promoting and supporting a WCSRN to provide comprehensive information and advice to clubs and districts on successful approaches to carrying our international service projects, funding opportunities available through the Rotary Foundation and other sources, and international shipping procedures for donated goods projects. Twelve Rotarians were appointed to serve as "specialists" to develop the Network and the first meeting was held in Evanston in June, 1998. Further description of the RN and names and addresses of the members are shown in the WCSRN Section of the RI Web Page, www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/wcsrni/index.htm. The specialists are also listed in Section L. Subsequent meetings and extensive communication among the members by e-mail have resulted in identifying hundreds of sources of information related to the ultimate goals of the RN, that is to assist clubs in initiating and developing international service projects, assist where projects in process encounter difficulties, and developing a bank of expertise that can be easily accessed by Rotary Clubs worldwide.

This Reference Guide, or Information Center is a consolidation of much of the information we have identified to date. We do not purport that it is all-inclusive and **suggestions for additions are encouraged**. It will be revised periodically as new information is located and new Web Sites become operational and/or new e-mail contacts are identified. This document is only intended to be an interim solution to an evolving network of information that will be provided by integration of many Web Sites now in existence or planned. **Please recognize that the name of WCSRN is a name only and the information contained herein is applicable to all Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Aid projects regardless of whether they are WCS Projects, Rotary Foundation 3H or Matching Grant Projects or responses to Disaster situations.**

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The RI Web Site location, www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/wcsrn/success.htm provides a guide for clubs to structure a project and seek assistance through a step by step process entitled *WCS: A Path to Success*. There is also a guide for clubs who are interested in supporting a project that needs assistance.

Section I. Information Resources

A. Project Definition: Web Sites and printed documents to help define and establish projects.

1. *WCS: A Path to Success* - RI Web Site - www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/wcsrn/success.htm
This site contains instructions for clubs seeking assistance for a project and also instructions for clubs interested in supporting a project financially, by donated goods, or by offering volunteer services.
2. *A Guide to Developing and Managing International Service Projects* - RI Publication 126-EN - Title is self explanatory
3. *World Community Service Handbook: A Guide to Action* - RI Publication 742-EN - Very comprehensive guide.
4. *A Guide to Matching Grants for International Humanitarian Projects* - RI Publication 125-EN -Comprehensive.
5. *World Community Service Projects Exchange* - RI Publication 754-EN - The introductory section of this publication is excellent as to defining projects, etc. The actual projects listed are quite dated by the time the publication is distributed and the WCS Projects Exchange available on the RI Web Site is more timely.
6. *RI Projects Database* - RI Web Site - www.rotary.org/club/project/index.htm
This database contains several hundred projects that have been completed but it is a good reference source in how to structure a project and also provides access to Project Contacts and sponsors of similar planned projects can contact them for advice. Many of these are Community Service Projects but may also provide ideas for WCS projects.
7. *Steps in Developing Projects* - Interact D5340 Site
www.alwayssummer.com/interact/handbook/develop.html
This site is helpful for some of the basics in project development. There is also a link to International Projects.
8. *10 Reasons Matching Grant Applications are Held Up* - ROTI Institute -

5. *European Service Database (Service 2000)* - Contact by e-mail: mehmeton@fornet.net.tr (No Web Site yet)
See World Service Database above.

6. *Rotarians Online Conference Center* - www.conference.icufr.org

This site is an overall "Rotary Interests" site and was built and is maintained by the RRVF "International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians (ICUFR)". It has a topic "International Contacts and Project Discussions" and under that are several sub-topics that relate to World Community Service and Matching Grant Programs. This entire Site is in "forum" or "message board" format. Postings are entered "online" and not edited. Clubs who find partners are asked to inform the sysop (Gord Hankin) to remove the message.

C. Clubs Offering Support: Web Sites and other information on clubs offering help and support.

1. *Project Support* - WCSNR is not convinced that we need a Web Site section for Clubs to offer support. There is a line of thought that if we have adequate and timely listings of Projects that need support that the Clubs looking for a project to support would select one from the listed projects. We would appreciate any thoughts you might have on this subject.

2. *WCS Projects Exchange* - RI Web Site - www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/projexch/database.htm

This database contains several hundred projects that need assistance. You can search for the kind of project your club would like to support by country or region, project type, i.e.: Community Development, Education, Food, Health, and Water/Sanitation. In addition you can specify a Project Size. You then contact the listed club to offer assistance. This Database is updated at least monthly. The equivalent printed RI Publication is 754-EN but there is an obvious time lag.

3. *Projects Corner, Suggested Club Projects* - RI Web Site - www.rotary.org/club/project/50proj.htm

This site defines significant examples of 50 club projects suggested to the Dream for the Future Committee. The list may stimulate ideas for Community Service or WCS projects.

4. *Project Central* - ROTI Project - www.projectcentral.org

This is a comprehensive site of several hundred projects that need assistance. It is sponsored by Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI, one of the 70 + Rotary Recreation and Vocational Fellowships, RRVFs). Clubs can post their availability online and is available by Category and Country. It also provides linkage to nine ROTI members who serve as advisors to clubs seeking help. There is also extensive linkage to other Web Sites related to WCS. This is probably the concept that the future listings of Projects will take as the WCSRN evolves.

5. *World Service Database* - www.rotaract.de/service

This Database lists about 200 projects and is maintained as a part of the German Rotaract Web Site. Postings are entered on line and are not edited for clarity, etc. They are planning to integrate it into the planned European Service Database (Service 2000) and to operate more like a Listserv or Message Board.

6. *European Service Database (Service 2000)* - Contact by e-mail: mehmeton@fornet.net.tr (No Web Site yet)
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D. Projects in Process: This, nor the "Projects Completed" Database exist now but will they will ultimately be listed in one of the status categories of the Projects Database. In other words, a project will be listed as an "open project", when it is "adopted", it will become "in process", and when it has been completed, it will be categorized as "completed" and held in the file for reference purposes for three years.

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F. Knowledge of Rotarians: This section helps to locate Rotarians who can advise clubs seeking assistance and clubs offering support. Seeking advice from Rotarians who have past knowledge of similar projects can greatly improve the quality and timeliness of the new project as well as reduce the costs involved. These Rotarians are not expected to go “on site”, although they may have been onsite in the past, they offer advice and counsel. See also Rotary Volunteers section for onsite volunteers.

1. See Sections L, M, N and O for names of WCSRN assigned Specialists

2. *WCS Resource Network Database* - RI Web Site - www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/wcsrn/dataform.htm
This Database has 200 + Rotarians listed that have knowledge of various facets of WCS, 3H, Matching Grant and Disaster Relief projects. The web address cited has a Data Sheet for Rotarians to enter their experience and skills. The RI Staff presently use this Database to refer questions from Project Contacts to Rotarians who can advise them on specific facets of projects. It is anticipated that this Database will be online by 30 September 2000 and it can then be searched to locate advisors without the expense of phone or FAX to RI. We encourage Rotarians who have experience with Humanitarian and/or Disaster Relief projects to complete the Data Sheet online or request a printed form from RI or a member of the WCSRN.

3. *Special Interest Groups (SIG):* At some point in the future, the WCSRN Database (1. above) can be subdivided into groups of Rotarians who have knowledge and interest in specific areas. They can then network accordingly. This might be like a new type of world fellowship activity, WCS, etc. interest areas instead of recreation or vocational.

4. *Project Contacts:* The Project Contacts listed on the various Project Databases are a valuable source of knowledge about current and completed projects. After a review of projects similar to the one being planned, the new project planner is encouraged to discuss the plans with those Project Contacts. It is planned that these Project Contacts will be added to reference # 2 *WCS Resource Network Database* as soon as their project enters the “in process” phase.

5. *WCS Task Force:* RI President for 2000-01 Frank J. Devlyn has created a WCS Task Force (WCSTF) which will have representatives in the 34 Rotary Zones. They will be responsible for promoting WCS, 3H, Matching Grant and Disaster Relief Projects and to act as Advisors to the clubs in their Zone. As soon as these are named, we will be adding them to this Guide.

6. *Rapid Disaster Response Task Force:* RI President for 2000-01 Frank J. Devlyn has created a Rapid Disaster Response Task Force (RDRTF) which will have representatives in the 34 Rotary Zones. They will be responsible for responding to Disaster Notices and to act as Advisors to the clubs in their Zone. As soon as these are named, we will be adding them to this Guide.

7. *Matched Clubs Task Force:* RI President for 2000-01 Frank J. Devlyn has created a Matched Club Task Force (MCTF) which will have representatives in the 34 Rotary Zones. They will be responsible for promoting various matched club projects including WCS, 3H, Matching Grant and Disaster Relief Projects and to act as Advisors to the clubs in their Zone. As soon as these are named, we will be adding them to this Guide.

G. Rotary Volunteers: This section describes sources of on-site volunteers.

1. *The Rotary Volunteers Program* - RI Web Site - www.rotary.org/programs/voluntee/index.htm
This site has complete information about the program including forms necessary to register a need or to volunteer, however, it does not have an online list of Volunteers that are available (See Sections # 3 and # 4 below).

2. *Rotary Volunteers Handbook* - RI Publication 263-EN - This handbook includes guidelines for volunteering overseas as well as providing district chairperson guidelines. It includes forms for registering as a volunteer.

3. *Rotary Volunteer International Site List* - RI Publication 279 EN - This Database contains 95 project sites that are in need of Rotary Volunteers. It is anticipated that this Database will be online by 30 September 2000 and it can then be searched by Rotarians who want to volunteer.

4. *Rotary Volunteers International Volunteer List* - RI Publication 280-EN - This Database contains 800 + volunteers that are available for assignment. It is planned that this Database will also be online in the future. To register as a volunteer, complete the form found in the Rotary Volunteers Handbook or at the RI Web Site.

5. *Rotary Volunteers Resource List* - RI Publication 288-EN - This Database lists 90 + organizations that can often provide non-Rotarian volunteers for Rotary projects. It also includes the listings for the contacts for the several Rotary Doctor Banks that exist throughout the world.

6. *Rotary Doctor Bank* - Web Site: www.rotarydoctorbank.org, Contact: Bo Leuf, doctorbank@leuf.net
This volunteer resource was formed in 1988 in Sweden and over 150 Swedish doctors and dentists participate annually. There are similar banks in other parts of the world and it is estimated over 500 Rotarians participate annually through this program. Of course, there are many other NGO programs that utilize Rotarian doctors, but this one is sponsored by Rotary.

7. *International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians* - Web Site: www.iffr.org - Sam Bishop, sambishop@totlcom.com
This RRVF has a long history of providing private airplane flights for humanitarian and disaster relief efforts.

8. *Grants for Rotary Volunteers* - The application for a Rotary Foundation Grant is on page 23 of item 1. above. Rotary Volunteers do not have to be Rotarians.

9. *Discovery Grants* - A Discovery Grant provides "seed money" in the form of travel and related expenses, up to \$3000, for development of international Rotary service projects. Applications are available on the RI Web Site.

H. Equipment, Supplies and Materials: This section provides linkage to sources of equipment, etc. Only ongoing projects are listed, single efforts may be found in the Projects Database section.

RI Publication 725-EN *Donations-in-kind Information Network Resource Guide* contains a wealth of useful information regarding projects involving donations of equipment, supplies and materials. The list of Resource Organizations (Page 30-47) and accompanying index is comprehensive but the Guide was last published in 12/95. With the increased use of the Internet, it is the value of continuing this Guide in its print form is doubtful. The companion quarterly publication *Donations-in-kind Information Network Bulletin* that listed "Donations Requested" and "Donation Offers" has been discontinued and the WCSRN will structure a method of entering this type of information in its Web Site structure. It probably will not list individual items but will undoubtedly provide an index to links of organizations that have access to the type of equipment, supplies and materials sought. The organizations listed below are of that type.

For those organizations that plan to accumulate and store materials prior to shipment, MSNI (See 10. below) has prepared a manual *Warehousing Manual for International Humanitarian Aid*. It is available from MSNI at their e-mail address of msni@webtek.com.

Rotarian Jack Maxwell, of the RC of Tulsa, OK (see MSNI below) has organized a group called MESNAR (Medical Equipment and Supplies Network Alliance of Rotarians) that includes many Rotary sponsored organizations that collect, store, and ship such equipment to needy locations around the world. MESNAR will meet in Santa Barbara, CA on 24-25 March 2000 for their 2nd Annual Conference. It is anticipated that the name will be changed to something that will be broader in function. It will also be considered as to inviting non-Rotary organizations to become "associate members" if they are sponsored by a local Rotary Club that has some involvement with the organization. The first 16 organizations below are Rotary organizations that belong to MESNAR.

1. *HART (Humanitarian Aid Resources and Transportation, Inc.)*, Web Site - None, Contact: Jessica Settle - msnihart@flash.net

Founded by Rotarians Jack Maxwell and Larry Biron, and established by a Special Initiatives Grant from the RI Foundation, HART is dedicated to assisting and strengthening humanitarian efforts through the identification and development of cost-effective (yet safe and secure) transportation sources. HART's energies are devoted to networking with Rotarians and other organizations involved in humanitarian efforts to share experiences and resources. Focusing on transportation and logistical issues, HART identifies and develops governmental, donated, or reduced-rate transportation sources along with reliable in-country contacts and agencies to help assure safe portal-to-portal delivery of any type of humanitarian aid cargo. HART is operated in conjunction with MSNI - See item 8.

2. *Hands Across the Sea*, Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North, Web Site - None,
Contact: John H. Paine - ppennyp@aol.com

The Hands Across the Sea Program, founded by the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North in 1966 of District 5240, partners with Direct Relief International (DRI) of Santa Barbara, CA to help improve health services and foster self-sufficiency for health projects in the less developed areas of the world. In the past 10 years alone, Rotary has helped to ship over \$8 Million US at wholesale value in over 100 shipments to 25 countries. This is an ongoing program and District 5240 also assists DRI with locating equipment, locating technicians to check our donated equipment, and locating Rotarians in other countries to help with the receipt and distribution of the equipment, materials, and pharmaceutical products. See also Direct Relief International , item 18 in this section.

3. *FAMSCO (Fire and Medical Supply Company)*, RD6000, Web Site - None,
Contact: Gordon Esbeck, gjesbeck@netins.net

FAMSCO is an Iowa Corp. formed in 1990 to procure and ship emergency vehicles loaded with medical/surgical supplies, fire-fighting equipment and childrens clothing to underdeveloped countries, mostly in Central America. The project began in the Iowa City Noon Rotary Club, and is now a significant District 6000 WCS Project. Our focus is on Ambulances and fire trucks, and related equipment, but also included school buses in the past. From 1990 through 1999, we have shipped 69 vehicles, loaded with over 150 tons of medical equipment and 2000 bags of childrens clothing to Central America. We are a 501-c-3 entity. We currently rent hanger space at our local airport for storage. We collaborate with Rotary clubs in Central America, mostly through Rotarian Juan Forster (member of RI WCSRN committee) in Guatemala. FAMSCO has been active in the annual Uniendos Americas Project Fair in Central America founded by Juan Forster.

4. *Hunger Plus*, Web Site - www.hungerplus.org, Contact: J. B. Roberts - hungersupport@texasonline.net

Hunger Plus is a project started in 1998 by Rotarian J. B. Roberts and the 8 District Governors of Texas. Hunger Plus works with Breedlove Dehydrated Foods to feed the desperate starving people all over the world. The nutritional dehydrated soup mix is packaged in 32-oz bags (=to 50 servings) and shipped for 3.5 cents per serving.

8. *MSNI (Medical Supplies Network, Inc.)*, Web Site - <http://www.webtek.com/msni> ,
Contact: Larry Biron - msni@mail.webtek.com

MSNI is a project started in 1992 by Rotarian Jack Maxwell after a trip to the Philippines. It consists of two 6000 sq. ft. warehouses that are owned by this 501-c-3 non-profit corporation. We rent one for income and use the other for our operations. Since 1996 MSNI has shipped 37 forty foot containers of medical equipment and supplies to 13 different countries. Most of our shipments are WCS projects with other Rotary clubs overseas. However, MSNI has partnered with NGOs and a few church groups involved with medical missions. In addition, we have helped 8 or 10 local and regional charities by making donations of medical inventory to their needs.

9. *Operation Condor*, Web Site - www.operationcondor.org,
Contact: Jean "John" De Keyser - jdk@westford.com

Operation Condor focuses on medical missions and humanitarian projects for the poor population of Huánuco, Peru. Every year, we organize a medical mission of 10 days in September. We also arrange for patients to come to the States for surgeries that cannot be performed in Peru.

10. *Rotary Blood Bank Technology Exchange*, Web Site - None,
Contact: Charles Kurtzman - c.kurtzman@worldnet.att.net

The Blood Bank Technology Exchange was created to redeploy about \$1.5 million worth of blood bank lab equipment donated by our regional blood center, Carter BloodCare. The project foresees personnel training and intercountry exchanges facilitated by Rotary Clubs. We are evaluating expansion of this project.

11. *Rotary World Help Network*, Web Site - None, Contact: Rosemary Teliatnik - rosetel@rimart.com

Formally established in 1997, RWHN, a registered non-profit society in the province of British Columbia, and registered as a charity with Revenue Canada. The RWHN is sanctioned by Rotary International as a District Organization. The project originally began as a WCS project of the Vancouver Club in 1993 with a shipment of medical supplies to Kiev. The Rotarians who started the project were Bill Richwa, Ralph Towsley and Ted Segodnia from the Rotary Club of Vancouver. The Rotary Club of Vancouver continued to send shipments and demand grew beyond what one club could handle. Six clubs founded the RWHN in September 1997 and membership has grown to over 20 clubs in Districts 5040 and 5050. Each club pays a \$10 per member per year membership fee and can sponsor a shipment to a Rotary Club in another country for \$3000. Non-member clubs can sponsor shipments for \$6000 provided a member club is not on the waiting list. We are currently using temporary donated warehouse space of approximate 3,000 square feet. We have assisted with the Polio Plus Project in the Ukraine by supplying lab furniture and equipment for testing facilities and with the 3-H Hearing Health Care Program Zimbabwe. We have also worked with consulates to arrange special shipments to Ecuador, Guatemala, and Venezuela and a city-twinning arrangement between Port Moody and Harare. We liaise with other NGOs for assistance. Since incorporation in 1997, the RWHN has sent 28 shipments. Before incorporation, the Rotary Club of Vancouver sent 10 shipments.

12. *Saving Lives Worldwide*, Web Site - None, Contact: Dennis J. Dolan - scq2000@compuserve.com

The Saving Lives Worldwide Program began in January 1996 as part of the Rotary Club of Louisville's International Service Committee. Initially, SLW worked closely with the local county medical society's Supplies Over Seas program -- providing and managing all transportation and foreign distribution logistics in partnership with the medical society. Later the SLW Program became independent, and partnered with other organizations like the Rotary Club of Cincinnati. During its first four years of operation, SLW has made (8) substantial shipments of medical equipment and supplies to Riga Latvia, Bucharest, Romania, Panama City Panama, Nicaragua, Accra & Tamale Ghana. In 1999, through a partnership with Cincinnati and Panamanian Rotarians, two new dental clinics were established in the "outback" regions of Panama to serve the poorest of the poor children regionally. The SLW program operates with ad hoc Rotarian support, short-term warehouse space, and modest financial contributions for unavoidable expenses. The program's copyrighted motto is: Saving Lives Bringing Hope. Building Peace. Worldwide. The SLW program also boasts a striking logo, which is captured on Certificates of Recognition given to program donors. 2000 Plans include "moving" the Club's SLW program to the District 6710 Level -- similar to the Tulsa MSNI District 6110 Program.

Other Rotary Sponsored Organizations but not Members of MESNAR:

13. *Free Computers for Education* - Great Britain - Grahame Leon-Smith - info@free-computers.org

This project has 1800 Rotary Clubs helping to collect surplus computers and re-distributing them to schools. For RIBI this is considered a Vocational Service Project.

14. *Classroom in a Box* - Great Britain - Fiona Pamplin - child.aid@virgin.net, Web Site - www.cad.org.uk
This project provides individual student packs for schools that need aid. The project has served Albania, Kosovo, Liberia, Azerbaijan and North Korea.

15. *Aquabox* - Great Britain - Frank Lund - johnvehall@aol.com,
Web Site - http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/tony_eley/aquabox.htm. This project provides rapid response to man made or natural disasters with safe drinking water and welfare aid items

16. *Emergency Boxes* - Great Britain - Barbara Roberts - r.b.roberts@btinternet.com
This project provides a shipment of basic items for use in emergencies in any part of the world.

The Following are Organizations that Rotary is involved with but are not sponsored by Rotary Clubs or Distrs.

17. *Breedlove Dehydrated Foods*, Web Site - www.breedlove.org,
Contact: Robert Taylor: roberttaylor@breedlove.org

Breedlove Dehydrated Food Plant in Lubbock, TX is a wonderful example of a project that was started with the help of many Rotarians in West Texas. It receives donated fresh produce and vegetables by the box-car load, dehydrates it, and then mixes it in custom blends of soup mix. One pound of dehydrated soup yields 25 or more servings at a cost of less than 3 1/2 cents per serving. This soup mix has a shelf life of over two years and is ideal for disaster relief, food for the starving in Africa, and emergency Red Cross relief efforts. This plant has the capacity to produce 500,000 pounds of dehydrated food per week, or over 10 million servings. It is ideal for Rotary projects domestically as well as WCS matching grant hunger projects worldwide.

18. *Direct Relief International*, Web Site - www.directrelief.com, Contact: Susan Fowler - sfowler@directrelief.org

Direct Relief International (DRI), founded in 1945, supports the immediate and on-going work of community health initiatives and disaster relief teams through donations of appropriate and specifically requested medical commodities. These goods are contributed to DRI from over 150 manufacturers and distributors as well as clinics, hospitals, and physicians and dentists. Donated equipment is tested and refurbished and documentation assembled before shipment. DRI then partners with other organizations and foundations, including Rotary Clubs and Districts to finance the processing and shipping expenses associated with delivering this tangible support to locations in need around the globe. DRI also has extensive contact with Rotarians around the world who help screen the legitimacy of requests and help assure that the goods are delivered to the proper clinics, hospitals, or relief efforts. See also Rotary District 5240's Hands Across the Sea Program, item 2 of this section.

19. *Food for the Hungry, Inc.*, Web Site - <http://www.fh.org> , Contact: Stanley G. Schirm - stans@fh.org

Meeting Physical & Spiritual needs worldwide, Food for the Hungry (FHI) is an organization of Christian motivation, committed to working with the poorest of the poor to overcome hunger and poverty through integrated self-development and relief. True and complete development is only possible by reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ. FHI works in the poorest countries of Africa, Asia Latin America, and Eastern Europe to feed and help hungry people. Its work is organized into four areas: disaster relief, child sponsorship, education through long-term sustainable development and deployment of volunteers. Operations: FHI's 1,166 workers link 48,235 donors who provide food, clothing, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, micro-enterprise opportunities, and training to poor people in 26 countries.

20. *International Aid*, Web Site - www.internationalaid.org, Contact: Billy L. Teninty - tenintyb@internationalaid.org

International Aid was founded in 1980 in Spring Lake, MI as a 501-c-3 nonprofit organization. Our motto is **Changing Lives through the power of compassion**. From our 100,000 sq. ft. facility and regional offices in Ghana, Honduras, Kosovo and the Philippines, we accomplish our mission through international programs, a mission resource center, a distribution center, volunteer relief teams and church volunteers mentoring at-risk children. Three international programs are in cooperation with Rotary clubs and Rotary International. They are:

1. The medical equipment repair training program in Bangalore, India is sponsored by Tumkur Rotary, Flint Michigan Rotary and RI through a matching grant.
2. Our partnership in Jamaica with Trilawny Outreach Project is sponsored by Spring Lake (MI) Rotary.
3. We are submitting a 3-H proposal through Mike Keckler and the Modesto (CA) Rotary with co-sponsors Rotary Club of Manila, and San Fernando City, La Union, Rotary. We will conduct a medical equipment repair training program in the Philippines.

21. *MAP International*, Web Site - www.map.org, Contact: Mark Walker - mwalkert@map.org

MAP International is a non-profit Christian relief and development organization that promotes the total health of people living in the world's poorest communities. MAP, founded in 1954 as Medical Assistance Programs, has as its mission to promote the Total Health of people living in the world's poorest communities by partnering in the:

1. Provision of Essential Medicines
2. Prevention and Eradication of Disease and
3. Promotion of Community Health Development

MAP is a primary provider of donated medicines and medical supplies in the world and is a leader in the development of standards for the use of donated medicines. In times of natural or man-made disaster, MAP quickly responds with appropriate medicines requested from the field. MAP works to prevent disease through a comprehensive network of education and immunization programs. MAP's primary focus for development programs is to provide adequate training on health related issues to empower people to care for those within their own communities. Three Rotary Districts including 5510 and 6920 have sent Emergency Health kits through MAP to Carlos Bullos in Caracas, Venezuela. MAP also has a World Community Service program in Chilimarca, Bolivia. Rotary District 6920 and the Rotary club of Chochabamba are promoting a program to train rural health promoters from more than 200 communities

22. *Project Cure*, Web Site - *None*, Contact: W. Douglas Jackson - projectcure@juno.com

Project CURE was founded in 1987 by James W. Jackson, a successful entrepreneur and international economic consultant. He had observed ill and needy walking for miles and waiting for hours to obtain primitive medical attention. CURE is a 501-c-3 non-profit corporation operating warehouses in Denver, Nashville, Los Angeles, and Phoenix. Ocean containers of medical equipment (90 TEU's in 1999) have been shipped to needy clinics and hospitals in 81 countries. CURE partners with other NGOs and many Rotary Clubs all over the USA.

23. *Sunstove Solar Cookers*, Web Site - www.sungravity.com,

Contact: Richard C. Wareham - info@sungravity.com

The SUNSTOVE is a low-cost, user-friendly, portable, quality **solar cooker** designed by Rotarian Richard C. Wareham in 1992. Rotary Clubs in Calcutta, India and the SUNSTOVE Organization in Johannesburg, South Africa build the unit (for US\$20.00) with a housing molded from **reground plastic**. It is also FABRICATED BY HAND (for US\$10.00) with local materials by the Mission Mazahua in Mexico. The key to the design is a large solar window, no external reflectors to blow away and local **scrap aluminum printing plates** for internal and exterior walls. **Most important** -- It can be built by hand with materials available in every country.

A program description, drawings, specs. And a cook book are free on web site www.sungravity.com for anyone to copy or use as a guide to build any unit.

24. *Ron Lamb Dental Missions* - Ron Lamb, Broken Arrow, OK - (No e-mail or Web Site address available) Collects excess dental equipment, stores, and ships all over the world. They work closely with Rotary.

25. *UNICEF - Edukit* - Meg Gardinier, US Fund for UNICEF, NY - mgardinier@unicefusa.org

This project is similar to the RIBI project # 16 above.

26. *Global Medical Network, Inc.* - Web Site - www.gmniauction.com

This organization offers an auction of all types of medical equipment.

I. Country Restrictions: One of the largest problems that we face in doing 3H, WCS and Matching Grant Projects involving equipment or supplies and materials is the restrictions that many countries put on imports, either customs duties or just plain delays. 1999-2000 RI President Jim Lacy discussed this with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan during Rotary/UN Day

on 29 October 1999. Mr. Annan pledged UN assistance for cutting the red tape for future shipments and ongoing support for local cooperation. Jim Johannsen, member of the WCSRN discussed this problem with Rotary UN Representative Donald W. Treimann, PDG at the 2/3-10, 2000 International Assembly in Anaheim and Don asked for any specific examples of problems getting humanitarian aid shipments into other countries. We will be giving Don some past examples but if you have any problems on your future shipments, please e-mail Don with the details. Don's address is 112213.3535@compuserve.com.

We will be developing a node on the WCSRN that will address this topic, but as you can imagine, with 190 countries to cover, this will be very difficult to do. In the meantime, the best thing you can do, when you are planning a shipment, is to contact a Project Chair for a recent project to see if they are aware of any problems. Another source of information on these limitations is District 6110 Rotarian Jessica Settle, of the RF funded Humanitarian Aid Resources and Transportation (HART) project in Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA (See Section J. Transportation). Jennifer's e-mail is msnihart@flash.net

J. Transportation: One of the common problems in doing efficient Projects is the cost and delays involved in transporting goods to the recipient Rotary Club. The WCSRN has recommended to the RF Board of Trustees that Districts be given a SHARE Option of designating funds to a Transportation Fund. This Fund would be administered by HART (see # 1 below) and would permit more cost effective and timely shipment of equipment, supplies and materials.

1. *Humanitarian Aid Resources & Transp.(HART)* -Web Site in development - Jessica Settle - msnihart@flash.net
HART was established by a grant from the Rotary Foundation and is sponsored by Rotary District 6110 Medical Supplies Network, Inc. HART's energies are devoted to networking with Rotarians and other organizations involved in humanitarian efforts to share experiences and resources. Focusing on transportation and logistical issues, HART identifies and develops governmental, donated, or reduced-rate transportation sources along with reliable in-country contacts and agencies to help assure safe portal to portal cargo deliveries. In this way, not only are precious monetary resources preserved but more importantly aid is delivered expeditiously and safely to its destination with a minimum of handling difficulties.

2. *Denton Program* - The Denton Amendment, 10 U.S.C. Section 402, states "the Secretary of Defense may transport to any country, without charge, supplies which have been furnished by a non-governmental source and which are intended for humanitarian assistance. Such supplies may be transported only on a space available basis". The Denton Program is jointly administered by the State Department, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Department of Defense (DOD). Cargo is moved on a space-available basis and may move by air, surface, sea, or a combination thereof. Historically, the type of cargo moved under Denton has been medical and dental supplies, school supplies, furniture, vehicles, agricultural supplies, and machinery to support ongoing relief and development projects. It is not a program designed to respond to an emergency or disaster situation.

Applications for transportation assistance through the Denton program may be obtained by contacting any below or through HART. The Operations Team is located at Pope Air Force Base, near Pinehurst NC, USA. It consists of:

Heidi Meyer, Director	910 394-7907	Anna Arellano, Assistant Operations	910 394-7909
Marney Schneidmiller, Operations	910 394-7908	Audra Murray, Public Affairs/Cust. Support	910 394-6788

3. *International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians* - Web Site: www.iffr.org - Sam Bishop, sambishop@totlcom.com
This RRVF has a long history of providing private airplane flights for humanitarian and disaster relief efforts.

4. See *Subject Specialists of the WCSRN, Section N.*

K. Funding Sources: Since the Rotary Foundation is the funding source for the majority of the 3H and Matching Grant, Rotary Volunteers, and Discovery Grant Programs, we will not list those programs here. Complete explanations are available on the RI Web Site www.rotaryintl.org

This section will refer you to other Funding Sources as follows:

1. *Rotary Clubs* - The obvious first choice for funding since this is where the Project need is identified and quantified. In many cases, the club (usually through a Club Foundation) funds a WCS or Disaster Relief Project on their own. When a Matching Grant or 3H Project is involved, the club must come up with the base of funds upon which the grant is made.
2. *Rotary District* - Frequently the District has funds committed to Matching Grant Projects through the SHARE System. Clubs can apply for these funds that a previous District Governor has set aside for this purpose. In addition, some Districts have a District Foundation that may have funds to support club efforts of this type.
3. *Council on Foundations* - <http://www.cof.org>
When looking for Grants, link to *The Foundation Center* at <http://fdncenter.org>. There are literally thousands of Foundations that make Grants.
4. *Gates Center for Technology Access* - Description being prepared
5. *PATH (Gates Foundation)* - This is Program for Appropriate Technology in Health - Description being prepared
6. *Gates Learning Foundation* - Description being prepared

II. Advice from Rotarians

L. WCSRN Specialists: This section will be added when we integrate the WCSR Task Force appointees. In the meantime, the existing WCSRN Specialists are listed at the RI Web Site at www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/wcsrn/index.htm

M. Zone Specialists: This section is in the process of being created. It will contain the WCSTF appointees plus the WCSRN Specialists. The WCSRN Specialists may be found at the RI Web Site at <http://www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/wcsrn/index.htm>. They are not identified by Zone but the next revision of this Guide will have that assignment.

1. *WCSRN Specialists* - See RI Site
2. *WCSTF Zone Representatives* - TBA
3. *Project Central (ROTI) Zone Representatives:* These are listed as follows:

Zones 1-4	Jo Wong	jo195712@ms11.hinet.net
Zones 5-6	Ashok Thussu	area5n6@hotmail.com
Zones Part of 7 plus Zone 8	Hugh Reid	killycowan@xtra.co.nz
Zones Part of 7 plus Zone 9	Gloria Anacleto	gloria98@mozcom.com
Zones 10-12	Bert Clews	bertclews@pixie.co.za
Zones 13-14	Jan Vanackere	Jan.Vanackere@electrabel.be
Zone 15	TBA	
Zone 16	Adolf Seiler	aseiler@telusplanet.net
Zone 17-18	Jan Vanackere	Jan.Vanackere@electrabel.be
Zone 19-21	Serfgio Pimenta	svp@alanet.com.br
Zone 22	Adolf Seiler	aseiler@telusplanet.net
Zone 23-26	Dirk Ebener	DE1996@aol.com
Zone 27-30	Dirk Ebener	DE1996@aol.com

N. Subject Specialists: This section is under construction but the individuals below are known to be very knowledgeable in the areas listed:

1. *Transportation:*

Larry Biron - msni@mail.webtek.com - Located in Tulsa, OK and due to HART have extensive knowledge.

Juan Forster - forsters@guate.net - Located in Guatemala and knowledgeable about Central America

Denys G. Kinsella - dgkinsella@aol.com - Located in England and knowledgeable about Africa

Jack Maxwell - JMaxwell@ionet.net - Located in Tulsa, OK and due to HART have extensive knowledge.

Jessica Settle - msnihart@flash.net - Located in Tulsa, OK and due to HART have extensive knowledge.

Bill Waterfield - billannw@logicworld.com.au - Located in Australia and is very knowledgeable about So. East Asia

2. *Medical Supplies, Equipment and Materials:*

Jack Maxwell - JMaxwell@ionet.net - Located in Tulsa, OK and is Founder of MESNAR

Luz Maria Ortiz-Smith - erussell@silcom.com - Located in Santa Barbara, CA and is RD5240 Coordinator with Direct Relief International

Bill Waterfield - billannw@logicworld.com.au - Located in Australia and is very knowledgeable about So. East Asia

3. *Project Fairs:*

Juan Forster - forsters@guate.net - Located in Guatemala and has conducted many Project Fairs in Central America. He is also the author of the Project Fair Model that appears on the RI Web Site at <http://www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/wcsrn/projfair.htm>

Zenith R. Moisey - tanks-a-lot@ccinet.ab.ca - Located in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and is helping organize the Project Fair scheduled for 5-7 May, 2000 in Kielce, Poland. Helina Stepein, RD2230, Poland is the local chair and can be reached at zkazmierczak@gis.com.pl

O. Other Sources of Advice: This section is under construction.

III. Education and Communications

P. Project Fairs: Project Fairs have been a very effective way of matching clubs who need support to clubs that can offer assistance. Project Fairs, although not always by that name have been held on their own, as a part of the International Assembly, at District Conferences, and exhibits of Projects are made at the International Convention. Information about Project Fairs is available at:

1. *Project Fair Model* - <http://www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/wcsrn/projfair.htm>

2. *Subject Specials of the WCSRN* - See Section N.

3. *Project Fairs are Scheduled Annually at:*

Central America

Northern Mexico

Eastern Europe

International Assembly in Anaheim, CA

Additional Information and dates will be added at a later date.

Q. *Rotary Conventions, Institutes, Assemblies, Conferences, etc.:*

This section is under construction.

R. *Rotary Publications:* Rotary International Publication 019-EN is a Catalog of Publications of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. Please refer to it for publications on Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Projects. At a later date we will list the appropriate publications.

S. *Links to Other Web Sites:* There are literally hundreds of Web Sites that have some major subject matter of interest to Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Aid. In this section we have culled several that are significant sites that you may want to visit. The site shown may be the home page or a specific section of that site. Additional sites will be added as they are discovered and the content evaluated for applicability to this Information Center.

1. *Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation* - www.rotary.org

The most important link we have for Rotary information.

2. *RI President Elect Frank J. Devlyn* - <http://www.frankdevlyn.org>

This site was intended to provide communication to the 2000-01 Rotary leadership team but is evolving into a much broader site.

3. *International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians (ICUFR)* - <http://www.icufr.org>

This is one of the Rotary Recreation and Vocational Fellowships (RRVF) and is a must link for all Rotarians.

4. *Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI)* - <http://www.roti.org>

This is also an RRVF and a must link.

5. *District 7150, New York, USA* - Home Page - www.rotarydistrict7150.org

This is an excellent District Web Site with a valuable section called World Wide Rotary Links (WWRL). From WWRL <http://pro1.borg.com/rotary/links.cfm>, you can select two sections of great value to the WCSRN, one is an E-mail and Web Site for District Governors for 2000-01 - http://pro1.borg.com/rotary/links_results.cfm?CAT_ID=48. The other is World Community Service and it is there you will find the WCSRN Information Center (this document) plus index to International Service/World Community Service Chairs - www.rotarydistrict7150.org/WCSchairs.htm I would suggest that both of these Web Addresses be registered as "favorite places" (or bookmarks) on the user's system as you will have cause to visit them frequently. The Webmaster of this site is Marlene Brown, marlene@techartouch.com.

6. *District 5150, Oregon, USA* - Home Page - www.district5110.org

This is also an excellent District Web Site with an District WCS section that is very good. Webmaster, Harriett Schloer, webmaster@district5110.org has written a manual entitled A Guide to Getting Your Rotary Club Up and Running On the Net and it is available from ROTI at www.roti.ultra.net.au/guide.htm. Harriett is also Webmaster for the Frank J. Devlyn site, # 2. above.

7. *Rotarians Online Conference Center* - www.conference.icufr.org

This site is an overall "Rotary Interests" site and was built and is maintained by the RRVF "International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians (ICUFR)". It has a topic "International Contacts and Project Discussions" and under that are several sub-topics that relate to World Community Service and Matching Grant Programs. This entire Site is in "forum" or "message board" format. Postings are entered "online" and not edited. Clubs who find partners are asked to inform the sysop (Gord Hankin) to remove the message.

8. *Rotaone Listserv* - www.onelist.com/subscribe/Rotarians

This is a Listserv sponsored by ROTI. When you subscribe, Rotarians post messages which are then transmitted to all subscribers. There is a lot of "noise" (things you are not interested in), but if the sender titles the message

District so that he can share your solution with others.

The Privacy Issue - Another issue that we will need to address as we design the Databases for the WCSRN is the issue of Privacy and Security. Some of our Databases will undoubtedly need to have security and the issue of passwords for access. We want maximum use of the data but we want to maintain the integrity of the names of the Rotarians who volunteer their help. Right now we are taking the position of making maximum availability of information but if we find that people are taking advantage of that availability to use the information for other than its intended purpose, we will have to restrict access. In the meantime, we will only use E-mail addresses and Web Site addresses and suggest that you do the same unless you are absolutely sure of who you give your mailing address or phone number to.

U. Web Site Development: Within the near future, all Rotary Districts will have a Web Site and at this point in time almost all District Governors for 2000-01 already have E-mail capability. These are vital tools, necessary for the success of the Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Projects of the future. Harriett Schloer, Webmaster of the RD5110 Site and RI President-Elect Frank J. Devlyn's Web Site has written a Guide that can be found at <http://roti.org/guide.htm>. It is highly recommended that each District, that is considering creating a Web Site, download that Guide before they start their process. ROTI has some additional suggestions that may be found at http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/don_higgins/rotiwiz.htm#step.

There will also be a Technology Task Force for the Rotary year 2000-01. Their objective is to build the capabilities of the Clubs and Districts to take advantage of this technology.

V. Internet and E-mail Training: One of the largest problems we all have is "Navigating the Web" in order to find the unique information we seek. It is vital that all Rotarians become "Internet literate" and understand how to use it. It is equally important that we all have E-mail and know how to use it most effectively. The ability to use these tools is vital to the success of WCS, 3H, Matching Grant and Disaster Relief Aid Projects. Many Districts have been offering training to their Rotarians and seminars have also been offered at the recent training sessions (International Assembly) for District Governors, 2000-01 as well as Zone Institute for past RI Officers (PDGs, RI Board members, etc). Until the reader has had an opportunity to attend a comprehensive training session on these concepts perhaps these tips will be of some help.

E-mail Tips: There are several hazards to overcome to make E-mail efficient, save browsing time, computer printer time, and paper cost. At least one of the following references should be reviewed and kept by your computer as a reminder:

ROTI E-mail Etiquette Guidelines - http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/don_higgins/roticomm.htm
(Please note that there is an underline between don and Higgins)

Netiquette - <http://www.albion.com/netiquette>

E-mail Etiquette - <http://www.netpath.net/~gwicker/emailetiquette.html>

In addition to what you find in the above guidelines, let me emphasize a couple of items:

Be careful how you select your E-mail address: The letters l, I, L, I, j and m, n, and o and 0 can cause a lot of confusion unless they are part of your family name. Try various combinations of what you want to use as your address with your Word Processor, then print them out and see how your printer shows the characters. There is nothing more frustrating than to try to send an E-mail and have it rejected (if your ISP notifies you) because you misaddress it due to characters that are not readable in creating the address.

Do not use spaces or underlines in your address: When MS Word or other software produces a link, such as those

found in this document, it underlines the entire address and the underline is covered over and then the responder will misaddress you.

Unless your address includes your actual name or you want your address to be completely anonymous, put your real name in parenthesis at the end of your address. It helps in maintaining address books, group lists and for other addressees to know who got the mail. For example, I use my address as johannsenj@aol.com (Jim Johannsen), even though my address of JohannsenJ is pretty self explanatory. The name in parenthesis is not part of the address, it just "rides" along.

Do not "forward" or use "reply" unless you consciously want a copy of the previous transmission to you to go on to the person you are sending to. I receive many E-mails that are three to five pages long because of a compounding of the forwarding function when a simple one line message would suffice.

Subject of your E-mail: If you want your E-mail read promptly, be sure you put a concise accurate Subject on your mail. I personally do not even bring up the mail to read if I cannot recognize the subject or the person sending it.

W. WCSRN Newsletter: We expect to begin the Newsletter around 30 June 2000 and plan to have it be a quarterly publication, advising Rotarians of the progress of the WCSRN and related subjects. If you want to be on the mailing list, send an E-mail to johannsenj@aol.com and we will put you on the distribution list. Until the first issue, here are a few quotations that are relevant to our mission:

Necessity is the mother of invention - Plato, 427-347BC

If I could feel your pain, would I continue to let you suffer? - Statement from unknown person, but quoted frequently by the Rotarians involved with the Hunger Plus Program.

When the boy threw a single starfish of all the many on the beach after a storm, the father said "son, your kind act really can't make a difference" - The son replied to his father "It sure made a difference to that one". - Unknown author

Yet as we take our first steps into the infant twenty-first century, we must proceed boldly rather than tentatively to assure that none are denied access to this dynamic realm of information and knowledge ... - Tom Clancy, Ruthless.com (fiction novel with many references to the Internet)

X. Other Organizations Dedicated to Health, Hunger, and Humanity

1. InterAction - <http://www.interaction.org>

InterAction is American Council for Voluntary International Action and is a coalition of over 150 non-profit organizations working worldwide. It purports to be "the US's leading advocate for humanitarian assistance to the world's poor". The list of membership organizations is very impressive but Rotary is not shown, nor are Lions, Kiwanis, etc.

2. Canadian Council for International Co-operation - www.web.net/ccic-ccci

This sounds like the Canadian equivalent to InterAction. This coalition is composed of over 100 Canadian non-profit organizations.

3. Action Without Borders - <http://www.idealists.org>

The mission of this organization is basically the same as our WCSRN. They attempt to be a resource for anyone who is looking for a project, needs humanitarian aid, wants to volunteer, etc. They are primarily an information resource and they have a Database of 20,000 organizations in 140 countries and the Database can be searched. My search on "Rotary International" yielded 50 references. I did not try to search on "humanitarian aid", etc. but it would appear that this is a valuable source of information, possibly to seek out Rotary Partners, etc.

4. AERDO - <http://aerdo.org>

AERDO is Association of Evangelical Relief and Development Organizations. There are a forum for non-profit Christian agencies and individuals engaged in relief and development work. There are 45 members shown and it

appears many provide volunteer effort as well as medical supplies, equipment, etc.

5. *Project Concern International* - <http://www.serve.com>