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What is the WASH Rotary Action Group?

The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group (WASH) was formed in 2007 by a group of Rotarians to help clubs and districts with their WASH projects. The group's primary focus is to develop and support projects that provide sustainable and safe water, sanitation, and hygiene. We believe water is not an end in itself, but rather the means to a better life and livelihood in communities that lack these basic essentials. We can assist in many ways, providing clubs and districts with human, technical, and financial advice.

How can I get involved?

Interested in the program, but wonder what might be expected of you if you join? There are so many ways to get involved! WASH Rotary Action Group members are Rotarians from around the world who engage in efforts to provide safe water, sanitation and hygiene for all who lack these essentials of life. Find your perfect fit in one of the following roles:

Member: Joining the WASH Rotary Action Group supports our initiatives worldwide.

Volunteer: Our Operations Team is always on the lookout for new members to broaden the scope of our activities. Generating membership, building member satisfaction, World Water Summits/training, communications and fundraising are just a few areas where you might be involved.

Professional Resources Team: Many of our members bring their outstanding skills to the WASH Rotary Action Group. Volunteer your experience to ongoing projects and help project leaders organize their initiatives to ensure efficient, effective and sustainable projects.

Ambassador: Represent the WASH Rotary Action Group in your district. Motivate and inspire clubs by speaking at club meetings and other events. Share relevant information about the WASH Rotary Action Group's resources and ongoing projects in your region. Connect local Rotarians with professionals worldwide who can address the specific technical needs of individual projects. Ambassadors can help liaise with WASH projects in different regions to create partnerships, facilitate project development and enhance funding opportunities.

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What are the benefits of joining the WASH Rotary Action Group?

Put simply, WASH Rotary Action Group members have the opportunity to make a tangible and life-changing difference to those in desperate need of safe water, sanitation and hygiene. Joining the group opens doors for you to more specialized projects and professionals, as well as exciting new networking opportunities within Rotary.

How can the WASH Rotary Action Group help with your Global Grant?

When Rotary clubs embark on a water, sanitation and/or hygiene project, we ask them to submit their Global Grant application to info@wasrag.org. WASH members with expertise in water, sanitation, and hygiene programs will review the grant application and suggest ways of improving the project. When the Global Grant is approved, the WASH Rotary Action Group may donate \$2,000 to the Global Grant.

Can the WASH Rotary Action Group help plan projects?

Many members of the WASH Rotary Action Group have specialized expertise in the various aspects of water, sanitation and hygiene. Rotarians (and friends of Rotary) can access this talent pool to get advice in implementing sustainable and safe water, sanitation, and hygiene programs and projects. Members of the WASH Rotary Action Group live in many countries, are sensitive to local cultural issues and are fluent in local languages.

WASH Rotary Action Group members share a passion for the water, sanitation and hygiene sector. Their skills embrace program management, water resources, water supply, water quality, sanitation, hygiene, behavior change, community empowerment, monitoring and evaluation, public health, funding, operations and maintenance, WASH in Schools and WASH in Health Care Facilities, Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) and much more.

As Erica Gwynn, Rotary's WASH Area of Focus Manager, put it so succinctly:

"I believe the strength of Rotary is the advocacy role it offers, that can influence decision-makers with making real systemic changes in the role of governments. Rotarians are in a unique position, as they have great and extensive networks. Rotarians have changed national agendas."