

The Rotary Foundation Global Grant #1642555

Mother-Child Health (Kenya)

The subject Global Grant (GG) is underway. The total GG value is \$91,200 USD. The funds came from a supporting team of 12 Rotary clubs, 7 districts, 4 countries (including 3 US states), 1 Interact club, 1 Rotaract club, and matching funds from The Rotary Foundation.

The grant provides training and critically needed delivery ward birthing and support equipment to three county-owned public hospitals in rural Kenya. The receiving hospitals are located in Kiambu, Kangema, and Karatina counties. They are all within a two hour drive from Nairobi. Equipment delivered includes warmers, incubators, photo therapy units, adjustable delivery beds, scales, thermometers, and resuscitation equipment. Countless lives will be saved, both mothers and newborns, from the efficient use of this much needed equipment.

In anticipation of a follow-on GG, additional public hospitals in more remote areas of Kenya have been recently visited by members of the GG's host and international partner clubs to assess their delivery ward-related needs. The goal is to qualify the birthing-related needs of 3-5 additional county-owned medical facilities for inclusion in an anticipated Phase 2 effort. We will not be able to accomplish this goal without expanding our supporting cast of team members.

We would love to welcome you aboard for Phase 2. Talk it over with your club and district leadership. Could you have some "club cash" or District Designated Funds (DDF) available for this Rotary year? We need your conceptual commitment of \$500 USD or more before the end of December. Funds are expected to be due around April or May, 2018.

Please contact me with any questions. And, thank you for your interest.

Yours in Rotary Service,

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