

# 1080 INTERNATIONAL TEAM NEWSLETTER



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## UKRAINE STILL NEEDS OUR HELP

First of all the good news! In the November/December Newsletter there was the item about RC Great Yarmouth Haven's fund-raising effort to pay for a 4x4 truck to be sited in Ukraine for the distribution of the relief goods delivered on a regular basis by RC Swaffham's member, Rtn Scott Stones. The funding target was reached and arrangements are underway to get the truck out to Ukraine.

In the Rotary Digital magazine just issued, Dave King has written a piece about **Rotary in Afghanistan** and the difficulties faced by the three Rotary clubs there. I've unashamedly 'stolen' part of the text from his article as I'm sure there will be some clubs in 1080 who could be interested in forming links; *August 15th, 2021, changed everything in Afghanistan. After 20 years of democratic government, the Taliban entered Kabul and took over the government. For Rotary clubs of Kabul, Herat, and Jalalabad the impact was severe. According to Rameen Javid, the Founder and Charter President of the Rotary Club of Kabul City, at least half, if not most of their members either left the country or lost their jobs, along with their sense of security. "Additionally, a rush of internally displaced refugees to major cities overwhelmed the three Rotary club's ability to make the impact they were used to" admitted Rameen. RC Maidstone Dawn Patrol ([info@dawnpatrolrotary.co.uk](mailto:info@dawnpatrolrotary.co.uk)) established contact with Rameen and have assisted with funds. If clubs in 1080 would like to contact Rameen his email is; [rameenjavid@yahoo.com](mailto:rameenjavid@yahoo.com)*



**Let's have a big push!** District 1080 is tantalisingly close to reaching the £half-million invested mark. We are at £484,501.44 - just £15,400 will do it! Check you account and see if there are any credits unused and, of course, consider further investment. If you require help or information please contact Rtn. Brian Davies: [brian.davies55@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.davies55@btinternet.com)

## THE WASH PROJECT

Insufficient toilets, shortage of water, crowded classrooms with broken desks and leaky roofs are the challenging conditions for pupils at primary schools in the Kenya coastal area. Following an assessment by Rotarians from four Kenyan Rotary clubs together with Rotarians from USA clubs, a community assessment was launched after which was proposed a large-scale project to address the conditions above. By mid-November 2023, a multi-club team of Rotarians had prioritized the needs, and selected six primary schools to benefit from a comprehensive program to improve the water supplies, provide adequate toilets (including health and hygiene training), renovate existing classrooms, and bring the schools into the digital age. With a projected budget of \$170,000 for the three year project, the team sought international partners. The Global Grant application has been initiated (GG 2458538) with RC Aylsham D1080 as the International partner.

This is an ideal project for 1080 clubs to join as partners. If your club is interested please contact DGE Ian Graham of RC Aylsham: [ian@iwgraham.co.uk](mailto:ian@iwgraham.co.uk) or Howard Phillips through the district international team.

### A New

Amnesty International's 2022/23 report states that human rights are increasingly being violated not only by governments but also by corporations and individuals. This disregard is deeply disturbing for Rotarians as human rights are inherent to all human beings and it is a Rotarian's basic responsibility. Human rights issues such as human trafficking, forced labour, racial discrimination, child abuse, gender inequality and honour killings. As these violations affect a substantial percentage of the world's population, it is apposite that these issues should come under the umbrella of a separate area of focus.

As areas of focus are decided not by the RI Board but by the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, a Resolution has been prepared by the Rotary Club of Norwich St Edmund which requests the RI Board to ask the Trustees of Rotary Foundation to agree to the establishment of a new Area of Focus based on Human Rights. The draft Resolution has been submitted for approval to the District Executive (DE) in the hope that it will be considered at the DE's next meeting. If approved by the District and by its Clubs, the Resolution will be submitted to the Council on Resolution which will meet sometime in October.

Howard Phillips attended a recent 'cluster' meeting on international meeting and heard of some interesting projects seeking support;

### *India*

David Willis, DG of district 1240, is looking for support for a multi-district club project in India for a mobile women's cancer screening scheme being set up by a club in India. For more information please contact: [demonpostie@sky.com](mailto:demonpostie@sky.com)

## ***Liberia***

Another project, which Suresh Bharwaney of RC Edgware & Stanmore District, is investigating is centred on Liberia. This is led by Monrovia Rotary and Hamilton Rotary in Canada who are planning a Liberian Learning Centre and Rotary Reading Room. If your club is interested in finding out more please contact Suresh:

***[suresh.bharwaney@gmail.com](mailto:suresh.bharwaney@gmail.com)***

## ***South Africa***

An early childhood development project for training nursery practitioners in the Port Elizabeth area has been underway for two years leading to NVQ 2 & 4. This is a multi-club project being led by the Rotary Club of Stockport. If you'd like more information please contact RC Stockport Lamplighter or Alistair Moulds at RC Billericay Mayflower.



**ShelterBox**

**Rotary**



*Shelterbox has very recently signed an agreement with MAP (Medical Aid for Palestinians) to begin to get aid to those affected in the Gaza conflict.*

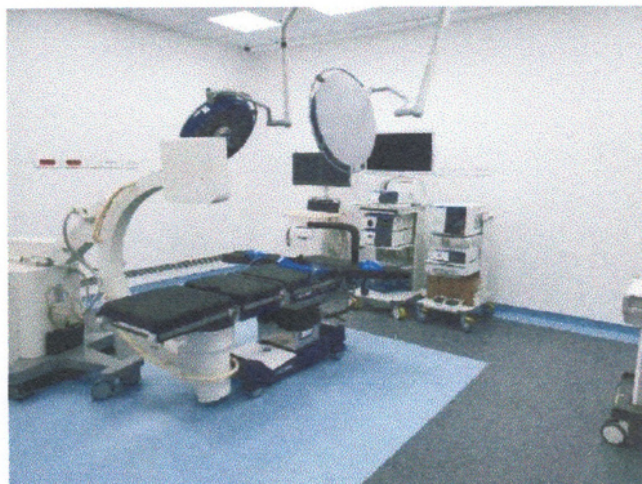
- ShelterBox has launched an urgent fundraising appeal to provide emergency shelter and other essential items to people left with nowhere to live in Gaza.*
- ShelterBox will be providing emergency shelter aid and other essential items to thousands of people who need it in Gaza, working in partnership with MAP (Medical Aid for Palestinians)*
- Emergency shelter aid items like tarpaulins, rope, and tape will mean people can make temporary repairs to damaged buildings that will help keep them watertight and protect them from the winter weather.*
- Chilling winter temperatures are putting the lives of 1.9 million displaced people at risk. Blankets, mattresses, pillows, and floor mats will help people stay warmer and save lives. We will also provide washing sets, water carriers, kitchen sets, and items like nappies, toothbrushes, sanitary items, and body/hair wash. Vital items for people with no belongings and unable to return home, or people who have had their homes damaged*
- Together with MAP, we'll be procuring items in Egypt and Türkiye. The situation is complex, but we intend that our aid will reach people in the coming weeks via the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and Gaza*
- MAP is predominantly a medical organisation that was already working in Gaza before the conflict started. Working together with them, means we can get emergency shelter aid and other essential aid items into Gaza, and to the people who need it, more quickly. MAP is based in London with offices in Gaza, West Bank, and Beirut. They are also partnering with others and have already delivered trucks of aid into Gaza with IRC."*

*Please contact Tim Thomas, the 1080 Shelterbox coordinator, for details of Shelterbox tents etc located in 1080 which you might like to use for fundraising events to support the above appeal. contact- [timthomas74@gmail.com](mailto:timthomas74@gmail.com) or mobile 07557 273088, home 01493 700412*

## Remember Lebanon?

You may remember three years ago, working with then 1080 International Lead, PDG Robert Lovick, we took part in a joint appeal with other districts to help RC Beirut Cosmopolitan raise funds to replace the paediatric unit at Karantina Hospital in Beirut that was totally destroyed in the huge accidental explosion of fertilisers in Beirut Docks. The importance of the project is that Karantina is the only public, ie free treatment, hospital in Beirut and a huge under-privileged population relied on it. Pictures of the rebuilt unit have reached us and it is difficult to imagine that this is the same facility. Other Lebanese Rotary clubs worked with other international clubs to fund replacement of other units at the hospital. The hospital is now totally rebuilt. If your club would like to know more please email or 'phone me (Howard Phillips) and I'll forward the email I received with the item on Karantina attached.

Here are some before and after pictures of the rebuilt paediatric unit that 1080 clubs helped fund.



Our heroes saving lives



Does your club have something on international activities that it would like to share with other clubs for support? If so, please contact Howard Phillips or one of the team.

## *An opportunity in Brazil*

We've received an email from Alexandre Censi, a Rotarian in Brazil, about plans to organise a global grant for microcredit in Jundiai, Brazil. Rotary Club Jundiaí is hoping to find overseas clubs who would like to investigate participating. The Project objective is to increase the income of small business inside the poor communities of Jundiaí city and neighborhood. This is a second phase project, phase one has already been successfully carried out. If your club would like to know more please contact Alexandre direct;

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### **THE DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL TEAM**

**If we can help your club with advice or with projects you would like to spread the word about, please email or call Howard or one of the team members.**

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***If you feel you would like to contribute to our district international team by joining us please contact team lead Howard Phillips or one of the team .***