



Matching Grants Report to The Rotary Foundation

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The primary partner Rotary clubs/districts must submit Progress Reports every twelve months during project implementation. The Final Report is due two months after completing the project.

Project Information

Matching Grant Number #75441 Project Country Japan

Progress report Final report Reporting Period from: 2011.July to 2011.September

Host Partner Rotary Club: Koriyama West District: 2530

International Partner Rotary Club: Nongkhai District: 3340

Project Narrative

1. Briefly describe the project.

a. What were your original objectives?

Due to the Fukushima nuclear power station event on March 3rd, 2011, air, water and soil in almost all parts of Fukushima have become contaminated with radiation. This is in addition to the troubles caused by the earthquake and Tsunami.

Everyday, people in the area fear the threat of radiation poisoning and the potential for cancers that could afflict them in the future, especially children, who are much more susceptible than adults.

Our hope is that, at the very least, every nursery school be supplied with a radiation measuring instrument. Although each unit is a bit expensive, we believe this is achievable with an ongoing effort, of which this project would be the first step.

Radiation being an invisible threat, and there being no reliable information regarding local radiation levels, people in the area of question feel helpless in protecting themselves and their children. They don't know when it is safe to let their children outside, and they are denied the ability to appreciate a warm sunny day as they are constantly aware that what seems like clean, fresh air may in fact be contaminated with radiated particles emanating from the unstable nuclear power station. Each day that passes means higher risk of further contamination and adds to the daily anxiety the people of Fukushima are burdened with as they try to forge ahead with their lives and provide the hopes of a better future for their children. In this regard, we cannot stress enough the importance of timeliness in facilitating this project. We have checked radiation levels, as best we could with what little information is available, and picked 30 nurseries for our first list of recipients.

Having a radiation measuring instrument can alert them of any potentially dangerous increases, as well as greatly reduce their daily anxiety by reassuring them that their environment is safe.

What was actually accomplished? (Photographs can help to tell your story. Please submit any action photos that you have that show beneficiary participation and demonstrate Rotarian involvement in the project. Please also indicate the name of the photographer.)

We held hands at a ceremony held on August 29th, 2012 in Koriyama city hall in Fukushima with city the mayor and Rotarians from District 2530 of Fukushima, District 2510 of West Hokkaido and International partner District 3340 of Nongkhai RC Thailand, who came from Thailand for this ceremony. In the ceremony, we learned how to use the radiation measurement instrument and discussed the list of recipient nurseries. The Thai Rotarians also delivered a message to the city mayor and the people Fukushima. We were deeply moved and encouraged by the message.

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As we expected, thanks to this MG, having a radiation measuring instrument does alert them of any potentially dangerous increases, as well as greatly reduce their daily anxiety by reassuring them that their environment is safe. Additionally, the people of Fukushima, including children and Rotarians, were encouraged by the Thai Rotarians and the pictures drawn by children in Thailand. We have rarely

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b. When and where did the project take place, and who were the beneficiaries?

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2. Scope change. If the project was changed, how and why was it changed?

It has not changed.

Rotarian Involvement and Oversight

3. How did Rotarians manage and oversee the project?

To choose nursery schools, we checked radiation levels for each school, as best we could as mentioned above, and we checked the quality of the radiation measuring instrument. After that, we obtained a radiation measuring instrument as a sample and learned how to use it to explain to the nursery schools .

4. How many Rotarians from the host partner club participated in the project? 13

5. In what way did the host Rotarians participate in the project? Please list all non-financial involvement.

We obtained a radiation measuring instrument as a sample and learn how to use it to explain to the nursery schools. Also, we had a meeting for the project with local government officials, including the mayor, and talked about the best way to facilitate the project. Additionally, we explained our project to the local news paper.

On August 29, 2011, we held the handover ceremony at Koriyama city hall in Fukushima.

We set up the ceremony to talk to the mayor, other government officials and representatives of the nursery schools. A picture of the event is included with this report.

6. How many Rotarians from the international partner club participated in the project? 12

7. In what way did the international Rotarians participate in the project? Please list all non-financial involvement.

International partner Rotarians went to elementary schools in Thailand and explained to the students there what had happened in Japan and about the situation of Fukushima children. Many of the students then drew pictures to encourage the Fukushima children. International partner Rotarians then came to Fukushima for a “handover ceremony”, where they presented these pictures.

In fact, they played some games with the nursery school children. They also danced together, sing together and delivered the pictures drawn by the Thai kids directly. The children were very excited.

We'll never forget the shining eyes of the Fukushima kids.

Community Impact

8. How many people benefited from the project? 1,700

9. What was the impact of the project on the beneficiaries?

Having a radiation measuring instrument can alert them of any potentially dangerous increases, as well as greatly reduce their daily anxiety by reassuring them that their environment is safe.

10. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

For checking the level of the radiation, it's not only for the area in and around the nursery schools. They also can check, for example, the roads for commuting to school. By checking the level of radiation, they can choose the streets for students and they can avoid radiation.

There are two major ways this project will have long-term benefits to the community. The first is the obvious outcome that by allowing people, particularly children, to avoid or reduce exposure to radiation, the chances of developing physical maladies associated with radiation exposure, most notably cancer, which may not develop for many years after exposure, will be reduced.

The second way this project may have a long-term impact on the community is the social benefits. If children grow up feeling fearful and helpless in their hometown, they may well move to a different place when they grow up, causing a severe population drop in those areas. This project will afford the children a feeling of empowerment, and, if their areas are not dangerous, the knowledge that they can safely live there in the future.

Financial Statement

Currency Used: \$48,292 Exchange Rate: 82 JPY = 1 USD

11. Income

Sources of Income	Currency	Amount
1. TRF Matching Grant Award and Contributions	JPY	3,959,945
2. Other Income (identify): <u>From Local Rotarian</u>	JPY	895
3. Other Income (identify):		
4. Interest Income (if any):		
Total Income:		3,960,840

12. Expenses (add rows as needed)

Budget Items	Name of supplier	Currency	Amount
1. <u>Radiation measuring instrument</u>	SOLFA Co.Ltd	JPY	3,960,000
2. <u>Bank remitting charges</u>	Daito Bank	JPY	840
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
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8.			
Total Expenses:			3,960,840

13. Bank Statement - A bank statement that supports the above statement of income and expenses must be attached to this report.

Important – please read:

- For final reports, if there is less than US\$200 remaining, please spend it on eligible items. If there is more than US\$200 remaining, it must be returned to The Rotary Foundation. [Note: In India, government rules require that all unutilized funds be returned to the Rotary International South Asia Office.]

For grant awards over US\$25,000, attach an Independent Financial Review to each progress report and the final report.

- Keep all original receipts for at least five years, or longer if required by local law. Do not send receipts to TRF unless requested by staff.
- If your project involves a revolving loan fund you will need to visit the Rotary website at: 'www.rotary.org' to download the Report Supplement for Revolving Loan Grants.

14. Certifying Signature – Either the Host or International Partner must certify the report. If the grant is club sponsored the current club president must certify the report and if the grant is district-sponsored the district grants subcommittee chair must certify the report.

By signing this report, I confirm to the best of my knowledge that these Matching Grant funds were spent according to Trustee-approved guidelines and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Original receipts for all expenses incurred will be kept on file for at least five years, or longer if required by local law, in case they are needed for auditing purposes. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Print Name: KINICHI TAKAHASHI Signature: _____ Date: 2011/09/27
 Rotary Title: President Club: Koriyama West District: 2530

In our effort to improve our grant program, we'd appreciate your feedback on the following questions:

A. Rotary Impact – select all that apply

- Our club or district's international Rotary connections are stronger as a result of this project.
- Club membership has increased as a result of this project.
- Visibility of Rotary in our community has increased.
- Our club's awareness of the needs in our community has increased.
- Volunteer activity in our club or district has expanded.
- Our club or district is more active in pursuing Foundation grants and Rotary programs.
- Awareness of the needs in our community has increased among Rotarians in other countries.
- Participation in this Matching Grant has not changed our club or district in any significant way.

B. Project Sustainability – select all that apply

- The project will continue to function without Foundation funds.
- Equipment purchased with grant funds is being maintained with local materials and expertise.
- If training was a component of the project, trainees are using their knowledge and skills.
- This project has provided community members with the skills, knowledge, or institutions that will allow them to help themselves.
- The community has initiated additional projects related to the same or similar problems.
- The project has not been sustainable.

C. Suggestions

Given your experience, do you have suggestions to improve the Matching Grants program?

[We have no suggestions at this time](#)

If your project clearly demonstrates Rotarian involvement and is worthy of publication, please complete an RI Newstip Form, available on the RI website at www.rotary.org. Please attach action photos showing the beneficiaries or showing active Rotarian involvement and indicate the name of the photographer.

Report Checklist

Does your report include the following?

- Time period of reporting
- How and what the project accomplished
- Rotarian participation, oversight and management
- Rotary impact
- Itemized report of income and expenses
- A bank statement
- Certifying signature
- Independent Financial Review for grant awards of US\$25,001 or more

Have you done the following?

- Made copies of the report for both the host and international partner
- Returned surplus funds over US\$200 (except in India where all unutilized funds must be returned)
- Made a file to store the report and receipt copies for five years or longer if required by local law

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