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Eugene Delta Rotary Club had the opportunity to work with Ralph Christensen from Twin Rivers Rotary on a Global Grant for Market Latrines in the Village of Nano, Savannah Region, Togo, West Africa. Ralph has been working with the Nano Community for over 10 years and has provided public health training through Public Health International (PHI) for which he is an executive board member. He worked closely with the Eugene Delta Grant Committee walking us through the global grant process and communicating with the primary Dapaong Tadjouare Rotary Club Contact, Arsene Taneman Tindame, and a PHI local native employee in Togo, Lare Somire. Ralph drafted the grant application and training plan with a budget of \$38,795 to build latrines for use of the entire village population at the twice weekly market. The design is for "pour flush latrines" that are more sanitary, easier to maintain, less costly to maintain, and are simple to construct, relative to standard pit style latrines of similar capacity.

Ralph began working with the Eugene Delta Rotary Grant Committee in November 2019 and Gael Coyle, Global Grant Committee Chair, began entering the Global Grant Application into the Grant Center in November. It was a long process and was approved on May 11, 2020 with funds deposited from Rotary International on July 7, 2020 in the Tandjouare Rotary Grant account. The construction of the latrines began on July 9, 2020.

Due to Ralph's patience and assistance, Eugene Delta Rotary Club had the great opportunity to learn the grant application process and see this needed project coming to fruition. This is Eugene Delta Rotary Club's first Global Grant and we look forward to submitting our next one. Thank you to Ralph Christensen for this valuable experience.