

ROTARY DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

By DISC Co-Chairs Sharon Taylor, Annapolis Rotary Club and May O'Brien, Washington, DC Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club of Washington, DC announces the approval by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) of a \$1 million grant for malaria eradication in Zambia in the Copperbelt Province. The grant is being led by the Seattle # 4 Rotary Club and the Mufulira Rotary Club, Zambia, in partnership with 19 Rotary Clubs, including the Rotary Club of Washington, DC, and seven Rotary Districts. The project received funding support from The Rotary Foundation, Rotarian Malaria Partners (RMP), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and several individuals. The Gates Foundation provided 100% matching funding of all clubs, District and TRF contributions.



High impact goals. This Global Grant, the largest effort to date by Copperbelt Rotarians to eliminate malaria from their province, proposes to scale up to train, equip, and deploy 1,055 Community Health Workers in three, mostly rural, target districts in the Copperbelt province: Kalulushi, Luanshya, and Mufulira, with a 2019 population estimated at 550,000 and nearly 236,000 malaria cases in 2018. The objective is to drive down malaria incidence by at least 90%, sustain it, and drive it toward zero in these three Copperbelt Districts. Together, these Districts account for about 21% of the Province's 2.6 million population (2019 estimate) and 21.5% of the 925,000 cases of malaria reported annually there. RMP works in partnership with

Zambia's National Malaria Elimination Center.

Implementation will begin during the fourth quarter of 2020 and will be completed during 2022, led by Dr. Frederick Kaoma of Mufulira, Jim Moore of Seattle, and Martha Lungu, Executive Administrator of Rotarian Malaria Partners Zambia. RMP Zambia was founded by eight Rotary clubs in the Copperbelt Province.

Jim Moore, Rotarian Malaria Partners, to speak in D.C. –

Jim, a founding board member and past Vice-Chair of Rotarian Malaria Partners, the Zambia grant leader, will speak at the Washington, DC Rotary's weekly virtual meeting on October 21. The club expects Zambian guest Rotarians also to join.



Jim has been a member of Seattle #4 Rotary for 20 years and served as D5030 District International Service Chair and District Global Grant Coordinator. Jim served in the Peace Corps in Nepal for 3 years. Subsequently, he led multi-cultural project teams in 20 different countries in Asia and Africa, focusing on water, agriculture and infrastructure development. He is a former CFO and COO of small and medium scale manufacturing companies and has worked in venture capital. He received BA & MBA degrees from Harvard. In 2009, he received RI's greatest honor, the "Service Above Self" award for his international work.

Contact: If you are interested in attending the DC Rotary Club meeting on October 21, please contact Maria Nelly Pavisich, DC Rotary's global grant proponent, at mnpavisich@yahoo.com

for details and Zoom link.

URGENT APPEAL TO ALL CLUBS – Need \$1750 to Plant 200 coconut trees in Bangladesh in October.

The D.C. club is searching for partners to fund a \$2,000 international environmental project for planting coconut saplings in coastal regions in Bangladesh. This "Reforestation and Alternative Incomes by Coconut Gardening" project would provide environmental preservation and support the economic welfare of villagers. There is a need to plant immediately in October. Your financial support would be invaluable towards helping Rotarians in Bangladesh launch this project in a timely fashion.

The host country club is the Uttara Rotary Club in Bangladesh, D3281, near Dhaka. Partner club is Kensington-Chelsea (U.K.) Rotary club which is contributing \$250. Contact DC project lead, Bryan Ingram, bryan@green.org.

The cost for each sapling is \$10, available from private nurseries in Dhaka or Mymensingh. The trees would provide cyclone protection as well. The planting location is New Madrsha complex and "Pal Bari" on the banks of 4 big ponds. The required saplings are the Vietnam coconut breed variety, which gives fruits, green coconuts, in 3 years. The saplings will be planted 10 feet apart in clusters. August and September are the most suitable times for planting. Advance notice of 7-10 days is needed to prepare the ground with a minimum of 3'x3' with fertilizer. The Vietnam coconut varieties have higher yield potential and are less vulnerable to coastal cyclones and pests and are easier to maintain.

Next Month: Profile of Charlotte Hall Rotary's Dr. Ilah Shah, Global Grant Superstar! Showing a small club's can-do attitude!