

## July Newsletter

Good morning, good afternoon (whatever) everyone. Welcome to our first newsletter of the new Rotary year. A plea to you all, each month I would like to highlight a worthwhile and flagship project from each District so please give me details of any project you feel is interesting and worth distributing to your peers.

## Sand Dams update

James Onions writes:

“The response of clubs and Districts in RIBI to the lack of clean water for communities in Kenya has been tremendous already surpassing an investment of over £700K. Most Districts and over 200 clubs are involved. Thank you all - and it is continuing!!

When launched it was suggested that Rotary would be able to deliver clean water at £10 per person for life and currently we are delivering water at below that cost to well over 70,000 people. The spreadsheet attached covers the RIBI funded sand dam building in Kenya. It covers all dams built since the opportunities of the sand dam technology were introduced to RIBI. The spreadsheet lists dams and locations (so you can locate on Google maps) and includes which Districts are recognised on each. We have been joined by District 3030 in India who are keen to fund a dam in Kenya.

The last Global Grant (known as GG4) took nearly a year to get

approved, however we are expecting that process to now speed up. We currently have one Grant (GG3) completing reporting, one grant (GG4) in the build phase, one grant (GG5) submitting and two (possibly three) further ready to submit. For the first time we have been able to agree a forward plan that will use all the funding we expect. This is all covered at summary level at the end of the spreadsheet.

We expect to have over 40 sand dams built by year end 2016 and over 50 by end 2017. Some include agriculture. We have also triggered the UK Government and others to build a further 10 dams - usually with agriculture. Though most dams have been built in the central counties surrounding Mtito Andei, we have built two dams with the Massai in the South around Rombo. We are also entering new areas of Kenya to the North - like Baringo and the Northern Rangelands, which includes the Lekurruki elephant conservancy. These present cultural challenges with several different tribes which historically have occasionally fought over water ownership.

The project looks like continuing to 2020 with huge demand. To support that we are developing a new sand dam brochure tailored to Rotary. We are also opening up new countries with three Districts working on funding projects in India.

## Tackling Modern Day Slavery in Supply Chains

In more recent years the approach advocated by Walk Free, [www.walkfree.org](http://www.walkfree.org), several humanitarian organisations and some Government legislation has focused the emphasis on Corporate and Government responsibility in Corporate Supply Chain management. The aim is to hold companies to account to ensure they Know all aspects of their resource and goods suppliers – that all steps and providers in the supply chain are known and that there are no goods sourced from where slave labour has been part of the extraction, production and supply process.

From the US Free The Slaves [www.freetheslaves.net](http://www.freetheslaves.net) analysis, the estimates are that 78% of slavery victims are in labour slavery, where manual labour is needed, such as logging, mining, various farming, ranching, fishing, brick making and in service industries, dish washers, janitors, gardeners and house maids and then 22% trapped in forced prostitution or sex slavery. The estimate is that 26% of those in slavery are under the age of 18Yrs, which in most jurisdictions are considered children or adolescents. They view slavery as the result of vulnerability. It flourishes where people cannot meet their own basic needs and lack economic opportunity, they lack education, health care and may not have an honest local government or community officials.

Slaves usually come from the poor, the desperate, the uneducated, the marginalised and the unprotected. People are forced to work without pay, under the threat of violence and they are unable to walk away. Children are far easier to manage than adults. They are exploited and their freedom denied.

The Walk Free Global Slavery Index 2016 [www.globalslaveryindex.org](http://www.globalslaveryindex.org) estimates there are 45.8 M in slavery, which calculates to approx 11.9M under 18Yrs, in child slavery. (Suggestion, read the forward by Andrew Forrest.)

The emphasis on Corporate and Government responsibility in Corporate Supply Chain Management holds companies to account to remove modern slavery from corporate supply chains. It requires them to drill down through their suppliers, through their sub contractors and the subcontractors' suppliers, etc, all the way down to the raw material source and then back up the production supply process, all the steps until product receipt. The approach is to Know The Chain <https://knowthechain.org> and understand all the players, the full supply chain from raw material sourcing through the refine, manufacture / production and procurement chain, up to distribution including retailing.

This may sound easy but each step can also be camouflaged by various and many participants, subsidiaries, agents, sub contractors, employment agencies with separate legal entities which can hide transparency. Corporations can depend upon operational practices which can

include – relying on the labour of migrant workers who have been recruited by labour agents / brokers for a fee – debt bondage e.g. Construction in the Middle East. Sourcing: Cotton harvesting Uzbekistan

[http://www.antislavery.org/english/campaigns/cottoncrimes/forced\\_labour\\_in\\_uzbekistan\\_background.aspx](http://www.antislavery.org/english/campaigns/cottoncrimes/forced_labour_in_uzbekistan_background.aspx)

Cobalt mining in the Congo [www.amnesty.org.au/news/comments/41123](http://www.amnesty.org.au/news/comments/41123)

Seafood Thailand <http://ejfoundation.org/video/sold-sea-human-trafficking-thailands-fishing-industry-0>

Let's look at the available resources to assist Corporations and Governments. There is a link between some prime commodities and some of the worst forms of goods produced under forced and child labour. [www.verite.org/Commodities](http://www.verite.org/Commodities)

**“Forced Labour Commodity Atlas”** Click on each Commodity of interest to find a wealth of research information, e.g. Bricks, Charcoal, Cocoa, Coffee, Coltan Tungsten and Tin, Cotton, Granite, Palm Oil, Shrimp, Tobacco etc. Verite.org can provide Corporations and Governments consulting and auditing services to assist large Corporations and Governments in sourcing commodities via processes with ethical suppliers.

The Walk Free Foundation, have produced **A Guide for Tackling Modern Slavery in Supply Chains.** [business.walkfreefoundation.org](http://business.walkfreefoundation.org)

It is a very comprehensive document which outlines a process and procedural tools of best practice for Corporations to follow. It was drawn

up with input from a number of Companies and organizations, including BHP, General Electric, Rio Tinto, Safeway International, Credit Suisse, plus several others. The International Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply UK, International Rights Forum and Price Waterhouse, have all assisted in its creation. There is considerable research, information and services available to guide Corporations in ethical sourcing to help prevent and remedy severe human rights violations and suffering.

In the **US and UK** the subject of Slavery, Child Slavery and Human Trafficking has had greater focus and they have taken Supply Chain Management further, with a Legislative Approach.

In 2010 **The California Transparency in Supply Chain Act** was signed into law.

[www.dol.gov/ilab/child-forced-labor/California-Transparency-in-Supply-Chains-Act.htm](http://www.dol.gov/ilab/child-forced-labor/California-Transparency-in-Supply-Chains-Act.htm) The Act requires businesses with US\$ 100M in turnover locally or internationally, to disclose via a public statement the efforts they are making to eradicate human trafficking and slavery from their supply chains. Hundreds of large Corporations across many industry sectors do have such statements, including, Amazon, Colgate Palmolive, Bayer, Caterpillar, Chevron, Costco, Ford, General Electric, Lowes, Nestle, Nike, Safeway, Target and many more etc.

In March 2015 in the **UK, The Modern Slavery Act** [www.gov.uk/government/publications/transparency-in-supply-chains-a-practical-guide](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transparency-in-supply-chains-a-practical-guide) was passed after

several years of consultation and it requires Corporations with over 36M pounds in turnover to annually report – Directors to report – The statement must set out what steps they have taken during the financial year to ensure that modern slavery is not occurring in their supply chains or organisation. The Govt. has also appointed an Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner. The aim is to ensure ethical business practices in supply chains and to increase transparency for the public, consumers and investors. Large Corporations are being held accountable and to be transparent in their operations as part of their social responsibility towards human rights, the environment as well as for their financial performance.

#### **Slavery - So What Can Rotarians Do ?** A view

a/ As humanitarians Rotarians are in a prime position to Raise Awareness, create public awareness to the plight of millions in Slavery, Child Slavery and Human Trafficking – with speakers at Clubs, Conferences and Conventions, covering Slavery, Human Trafficking and Ethical Supply Chains Management. (Gary Haugen, CEO International Justice Mission at the Seoul 2016 Convention, see Newsletter 65, <http://racsrag.org/> ).

b/ As Consumers, Community and Industry Leaders, Employees, Investors, and Voters, Rotarians have considerable influence with a Corporations reputation and with Governments in their operational management and statutory compliance practices. We can hold them to account to ensure ethics and transparency in supply chain

management. Large Corporations and Governments their Chairman, CEO and Leaders all have significant employee support resources along with purchasing power. (We know them. We work with or for them. We are them.) They and we are in a unique and very strong position to influence, speak out and lead, to alleviate and eliminate this evil practice.

c/ Rotarians make a significant humanitarian contribution across all the R I Areas of Focus through project work and a major strategy thrust, with enhanced attention could be aimed to assist regions of poverty. Reducing the extent of poverty and the vulnerability to slavery, by elevating the Area of Focus - Basic Education and Literacy, to be a priority. (A strategy direction priority set by R I ?) Take a village out of poverty, aim for sustainability (adopt a village projects) educate the children and you significantly reduce the children's need for migration and the potential of human trafficking and slavery. With 530+ Districts, 33,000+ Clubs, Rotary International could start a wave of change in Regions of poverty over the next decade and ongoing.

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## Rotary's Water Survival Box Project

Help us celebrate 10 years of Disaster Relief

Imagine.....



*you've lost everything*

*how will you and  
your family survive ?*

Since 2006 we have responded to 49 Disasters, in 27 different countries on 4 continents – providing water-purification kits and other essential survival items – for more than 100,000 people. We remain an entirely voluntary Rotary project with no paid staff so that every £ goes to pay for the box, its contents and the air freight to send it direct to the disaster zone. This has only been achieved through the funding support from so many Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs in RIBI and the army of Rotary, Inner Wheel, youth, school and other

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community groups that assist with the physical packing of our boxes. We greatly appreciate the contribution of all our supporters.

To celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> year providing disaster relief we challenge all Clubs in RIBI to commit to the cost of at least two WSBs in 2016/2017 and in each subsequent Rotary year. Each box costs £150 including the air freight charges and includes a Grifaid Aquafilter Family kit that will convert up to 100,000 litres of contaminated water into water that is safe to drink. This equates to 10 litres every day for each member of a family of five for some 5 years – or 100 people for 3 months. The box also contains a range of essential survival equipment including health and hygiene items, a stainless steel kitchen set, basic shelter and simple tools, and other necessary household items. Full details of the box and reports on many of the operational deployments are on our website [www.watersurvivalbox.org](http://www.watersurvivalbox.org)



Aquafilter being demonstrated to families in war-torn Aleppo, Syria in February, 2016

*photo courtesy of our operational partner the 'Hand In Hand for Syria' charity*

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