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Tanzania Urgent Request

The Wheelchair Foundation UK has received an urgent request from the Tanzanian Government to supply thousands of wheelchairs and other disability equipment.

A meeting took place at the Tanzanian High Commission, London, when this request was repeated. The modus operandi of the Wheelchair Foundation UK was explained to the High Commissioner with a particular reference that the work of the charity relied upon the goodwill of the Rotary family in the UK and that all our donations are quickly utilised and as with all other charities income was the prime concern.

In their effort to achieve the desired outcome the Tanzanian Government is prepared to offer some financial assistance which equates to approximately 20% of the cost. This support would allow any Rotary based donor wishing to send wheelchairs to Tanzania to be able to do so for a reduced price of £60 instead of the usual £75.

The smallest container load of 110 would therefore cost £6,600 instead of the regular sum of £8,250 a matched fund of £1650.

As with all deliveries donors would be welcome to travel to the country to witness the handover of their aid and again the High Commissioner welcomed this personal involvement.

Tanzania is one of the poorest African countries and has vast areas without Rotary Club cover but we will be endeavouring to gain as much support from the local Rotarians as possible to ensure that along with our own due diligence all deliveries work with no corruption.

If any individual, club or district is wishing to support this special programme please contact Milton Frary (*contact details below*).

Any club, district or Rotary based charity that would wish to work or extend their work in Tanzania should also make contact with Rotarian Milton Frary (*contact details below*) to see how possible assistance might be extended to their work. 'Joined up Rotary'

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