

Global Grant Application

GRANT NUMBER
GG2466475

STATUS
Draft

Basic Information

Grant title

Sustainable and Precision Double-Yield Farming Project

Type of Project

Humanitarian Project

Address community needs and produce sustainable, measurable outcomes

Primary Contacts

Name	Club	District	Sponsor	Role
Senen Niño Pineda	E-Club of Bulacan True North	3770	Rotary Club	Host
Marissa de Luna	Sweetwater San Diego	5340	Rotary Club	International

Committee Members

Host committee

Name	Club	District	Role
Roderick Marquez	E-Club of Bulacan True North [Rotary Club]	3770	Secondary Contact
Erwin Veneracion	E-Club of Bulacan True North [Rotary Club]	3770	Secondary Contact
Ofelia Mangulabnan	E-Club of Bulacan True North [Rotary Club]	3770	Secondary Contact

International committee

Name	Club	District	Role
Romeo Villanueva	Sweetwater San Diego [Rotary Club]	5340	Secondary Contact International
Philip Villanueva	Sweetwater San Diego [Rotary Club]	5340	Secondary Contact International
Florian Pet	Sweetwater San Diego [Rotary Club]	5340	Secondary Contact International

Do any of these committee members have potential conflicts of interest?

A conflict of interest occurs when someone is in a position to make or influence a decision about a grant or award that could benefit them, their family, their business, or an entity in which they serve in a paid or voluntary leadership or advisory position.

For each Rotary member who serves on the grant committee, list all relationships that the member has with any scholarship recipients, cooperating organizations, project vendors, or other individuals or organizations that will benefit from the grant.

N/A

Next, list all relationships that district officers and other members of the sponsor clubs or districts (other than the members of the grant committee) have with any award recipients, cooperating organizations, project vendors, or other individuals or organizations that would benefit from the grant.

N/A

Project Overview

Tell us a little about your project. What are the main objectives of the project, and who will benefit from it?

This is a long-term sustainable project aimed at more than doubling the crop yield of Filipino farmers through scientific and precision farming methods. The project includes the formation of an RCC to be consisted by the farmer beneficiaries, who will be trained on becoming a self-managed business unit, with proper values as a person and as member of a family and community, with technical knowledge on precise soil analysis, preparation and fertilization, and crop management. With the application of the technical knowlege, from the current harvest of 2 tons/hectare, it is expected to more than double the harvest to 5 tons/hectare on the 1st planting cycle and will gradually increase to 9 tons/hectare up to the 4th cycle. The direct beneficiaries are 50 farming families of Barangay Casalat, San Ildefonso, Bulacan, Philippines who are members of Casalat Agventures Farming Association (CAFA) that will then be formed as a Rotary Community Corps (RCC).

Areas of Focus

Which area of focus will this project support?

Community economic development

Measuring Success

Community economic development

Which goals of this area of focus will your project support?

Developing opportunities for productive work and improving access to sustainable livelihoods; Empowering marginalized communities by providing access to economic opportunities and services; Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, social businesses, and locally supported business innovators; Strengthening communities' economic resilience and adaptive capacity in response to environmental and climate-related hazards and natural disasters;

How will you measure your project's impact? Find tips and information on how to measure results in [the Global Grant Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Supplement](#). You need to include at least one standardized measure from the drop-down menu as part of your application.

Measure	Collection Method	Frequency	Beneficiaries
Yield per hectare	Grant records and reports	Every six months	50-99
Number of individuals trained	Grant records and reports	Every six months	50-99

Do you know who will collect information for monitoring and evaluation?

Yes

Name of Individual or Organization

The CAFA-RCC that will be organized as beneficiaries of this grant under the monitoring of Rotary E-Club of Bulacan True North (RECBTN) and in cooperation with its suppliers/partners will collect the necessary information to evaluate and measure the project's impact or success.

Briefly explain why this person or organization is qualified for this task.

As the project is a team effort, RECBTN, CAFA-RCC and their suppliers/partners have a common responsibility of closely monitoring the project implementation including financial management and recording its results to ensure that project objectives are attained.

Location and Dates

Humanitarian Project

Where will your project take place?

City or town

San Ildefonso

Province or state

Bulacan

Country

Philippines

When will your project take place?

2025-02-01 to 2025-12-31

Participants

Partners (Optional)

List any other partners that will participate in this project.

Bulacan Agricultural State College

Municipal Agricultural Office of San Ildefonso, Bulacan

Rotarian Participants

Describe the roles and responsibilities that the host and international sponsors will have in this project. Please be specific. Which sponsor will receive and manage the grant funds?

The host club will lead the project management including sourcing suppliers for soil nutrient inputs, plant bio-stimulants, and crop seeds. It will monitor the conduct of farmers' training on crop management, soil analysis, and soil nutrient inputs. It will also coordinate with the monitoring of project progress and evaluation. The host club will also coordinate with project partners including the conduct of monitoring and evaluation.

The international sponsor will supplement the funding of the project and help in the monitoring and evaluation of the same.

Describe how the partnership between the host and international sponsors was formed. What agreement have the sponsors made toward ensuring that the project will be implemented successfully? How will they manage any challenges that arise throughout the project?

A member of the host club (PP Erwin Veneracion) is a relative of the Charter President (CP Romeo Villanueva) of the international sponsor. The previous club of PP Veneracion (RC San Rafael) is a sister club of RC Sweetwater San Diego, and they had joint club project in the Philippines, specifically the donation of two (2) units of oxygen concentrators for government hospitals in Bulacan, Philippines. Likewise, both clubs have chances of visiting the club meetings both in San Diego, California and Bulacan, Philippines. When the RC San Rafael was delisted from RI, PP Erwin Veneracion joined RECBTN and suggested the sisterhood with RCSWSD and inviting them to be partners of the project.

Apart from providing the necessary financial counterpart, the sponsors (being Filipino-Americans) regularly visit the Philippines. They will be monitoring the implementation of the project and will be visiting the project sites.

A sisterhood agreement between the host and international sponsor will be inked.

Budget

What local currency are you using in your project's budget?

The currency you select should be what you use for a majority of the project's expenses.

Local Currency

PHP

U.S. dollar (USD) exchange rate

56

Currency Set On

27/09/2024

What is the budget for this grant?

List each item in your project's budget. Remember that the project's total budget must equal its total funding, which will be calculated in step 9. Project budgets, including the World Fund match, must be at least 30,000 USD.

#	Category	Description	Supplier	Cost in PHP	Cost in USD
1	Operations	Soil Analysis Fee	My Happy Farmer Machineries Corporation	150000	2679
2	Operations	Crop Management Recommendation and Technology Transfer Fee	AKAP Communities Philippines	75000	1339
3	Training	Farmers' Training on Crop Management	AKAP Communities Philippines	250000	4464
4	Supplies	Bio-Fertilizers (soil conditioners, fertilizers, foliar sprays, etc.)	CAM PARTS AGRI Corporation	600000	10714
5	Supplies	Inorganic Fertilizers	CAM PARTS AGRI Corporation	450000	8036
6	Equipment	Knapsack Sprayers	My Happy Farmer Machineries Corporation	105000	1875
7	Monitoring/evaluation	Technician Progress Monitoring (3 visits per farmer)	AKAP Communities Philippines	225000	4018
8	Supplies	Crop Seeds	My Happy Farmer Machineries Corp.	170000	3036
9	Signage	Rotary Markers and Signages	Prism Designs Printing Station	50000	893
10	Operations	Onsite Visit Transportation and Accommodation Expenses	Local providers	100000	1786
11	Accommodations	Visit of International Partners	Local providers	150000	2679
12	Operations	RCC Organizational and Admin Expenses	Local providers	82930	1481
Total budget:				2407930	43000

Supporting Documents

- AKAP_Quotation_QR_AKAP001-Final.pdf
- CPAC002_09_30_24_Quotation_Rotary_E-Club_of_Bulacan_True_North_09_30_24.pdf
- MHFF002_09_30_24_Rotary_E-Club_of_Bulacan_True_North_Quotation.pdf

Funding

Tell us about the funding you've secured for your project. We'll use the information you enter here to calculate your maximum possible funding match from the World Fund.

#	Source	Details	Amount (USD)	Support*	Total
1	District Designated Fund (DDF)	3770	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
2	Cash from Club	E-Club of Bulacan True North [Rotary Club]	2,000.00	100.00	2,100.00
3	District Designated Fund (DDF)	5340	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
4	Cash from Club	Sweetwater San Diego [Rotary Club]	5,000.00	250.00	5,250.00

*Whenever cash is contributed to the Foundation to help fund a global grant project, an additional 5 percent is applied to help cover the cost of processing these funds. Clubs and districts can receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for the additional expense.

How much World Fund money would you like to use on this project?

You may request up to 16,000.00 USD from the World Fund.

16000

Funding Summary

DDF contributions:	20,000.00
Cash contributions:	7,000.00
Financing subtotal (matched contributions + World Fund):	43,000.00
Total funding:	43,000.00
Total budget:	43,000.00

Sustainability

Humanitarian Projects

Project planning

Describe the community needs that your project will address.

During the community needs assessment, farmers have identified increasing productivity and family income as their top priority needs, which if addressed, could create a big difference in their lives. According to them, because of their financial difficulties, they are reliant on government subsidies such as seeds and fertilizers which may not be appropriate and sufficient hence their harvest is much below than the national average, a hectare of land can only harvest 40 cavans. Considering the operational and manpower costs of farming and to include their daily living cost, farmers are often victimized by loan sharks charging exorbitant interests. This cycle of poverty can be solved by increasing remarkably the yield of farmers. The project therefore will focus on remarkably increasing the production of rice farmers in the target community.

How did your project team identify these needs?

The Rotary E-Club of Bulacan True North (RECBTN) with the help of the Extension Workers from Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC) gathered data on the current status of the farming community of Brgy. Casalat, San Ildefonso, Bulacan as the target beneficiary community of the proposed project. A total of 35 rural farmers who are all active members of Casalat Adventurers Farmers Association (CAFA) in Casalat, San Ildefonso Bulacan served as the survey respondents. Meanwhile, three key informants composed of the Chairman of their Association - Mr. Elino R. Zausa, the Barangay Councilor in-charge of agriculture sector in their barangay, and one potential farmer beneficiary were the participants of the FGD.

The team employed a combination of survey method and focus group discussion techniques in gathering data from the respondents. The survey questionnaire collected personal information, farming practices, farm production, marketing practices, financial information, and problems being encountered by the farmers. The guide questions used by the team during the FGD asked information on the community background and situation, community needs, and priorities.

How were members of the benefiting community involved in finding solutions?

The surveys and focus group discussions conducted for community needs assessment delved into getting suggestions on the solutions to the problems of low crop yield and other phenomenal problems of the community. Among all the farm issues identified, the proposed solution is to address first the inappropriate and insufficient fertilization being practiced by the farmers which could be the major cause of crop failure. A few of the farmers mentioned that they have tried soil testing before but they cannot afford the additional cost of bio-fertilizers, hence they have to fall back to their old practices.

How were community members involved in planning the project?

The project concept was presented to the members of the benefiting community, their comments and suggestions were properly considered such that an agreement was reached on how to go about the project.

Project implementation

Summarize each step of your project's implementation.

Do not include sensitive personal data, such as government ID numbers, religion, race, health information, etc. If you include personal data, you are responsible for informing those whose personal data is included that you are providing it to Rotary and that it will be processed in accordance with Rotary's [Privacy Policy](#).

#	Activity	Duration
1	RCC formation and organizational training	1 week
2	Training on precise fertilization, crop management and values formation	1 week
3	Soil testing, analysis and fertilization recommendation	1 week
4	Soil preparation, conditioning, bio-fertilizer application and seeding	1 week
5	Field monitoring and crop management including application of fertilizers	15 weeks
6	Harvesting	1 week
7	Assessment and evaluation	1 week

Will you work in coordination with any related initiatives in the community?

No

Please explain. Are local initiatives not addressing these needs? Or, if they are, why did you decide not to work with them?

There is no local initiative currently addressing the priority needs of the community on increasing rice output of farms through the application of technologies already mentioned above.

Please describe the training, community outreach, or educational programs this project will include.

The trainings that will be provided to the farmer beneficiaries include values formation, organizational training, financial management, soil testing and analysis, determination of required soil nutrients, proper soil preparation, precise application of inorganic and bio-fertilizers, proper crop management including irrigation, use of foliar sprays, and proper drying and storage of harvest.

How were these needs identified?

The trainings are consequent to what are needed to be done in implementing the project and for the attainment of its objectives.

What incentives (for example, monetary compensation, awards, certification, or publicity), will you use, if any, to encourage community members to participate in the project?

From the community needs assessment, it was gleaned from the data that the farmers exhibit high levels of willingness to participate in the project. To build on their willingness to participate, they will be enticed further with trainings to be conducted. Recognizing farmers who logged the highest yield and highest yield difference will also be part of the project evaluation and post-assessment. With the expected end result of multiplying their current production and income, without additional cost on their part should be more than enough incentive for them to participate in the project.

In terms of publicity, local news outlets and social media pages will be invited to cover the project launch, monitoring phase, and post-project assessment. The RCC and its members will be properly recognized with their participation in a game-changer rice farm production project.

List any community members or community groups that will oversee the continuation of the project after grant-funded activities conclude.

RECBTN as sponsor of CAFA-RCC will continue to oversee the continuation of the project to ensure that the grant fund will continue to be revolve and be used to benefit more farmers and for other investments such

as for drying facility that will provide more benefits and income to the farmers. CAFA-RCC will be capacitated through trainings and guidance so that it will have the ability to continue the project with lesser intervention from RECBTN and suppliers/partners.

Budget

Will you purchase budget items from local vendors?

Yes

Explain the process you used to select vendors.

Vendors were asked to provide bids for the supplies (i.e. soil nutrient inputs like soil conditioners, fertilizers, foliar sprays, knapsack sprayers) and for training needs (e.g. crop management recommendation and farmer's training on crop management) and technical assistance. Vendors were vetted and bids verified.

Did you use competitive bidding to select vendors?

Yes

Please provide an operations and maintenance plan for the equipment or materials you anticipate purchasing for this project. This plan should include who will operate and maintain the equipment and how they will be trained.

The equipment to be purchased in this project is a very simple and standard knapsack sprayer that with very few moving parts hence very easy to operate and maintain. Most farmers are already familiar with the said equipment hence will need very little orientation. Each farmer beneficiary will receive one unit which they will own, operate and maintain. The RCC as a group can assist any farmer-member in case he is having problems with his sprayer that he cannot solve on his own.

Describe how community members will maintain the equipment after grant-funded activities conclude. Will replacement parts be available?

As mentioned above, the knapsack sprayer is a very common and standard farm equipment that can be easily and cheaply maintained. Spare parts are available from the supplier and other farm equipment stores.

If the grant will be used to purchase any equipment, will the equipment be culturally appropriate and conform to the community's technology standards?

Yes

Please explain.

The knapsack sprayers to be purchased conform with local agriculture technology standards.

After the project is completed, who will own the items purchased by grant funds? No items may be owned by a Rotary district, club, or member.

The knapsack sprayer will be owned each recipient farmer. The grant fund will be maintained as revolving fund of CAFA-RCC which they can reuse on succeeding farm cycles but with close monitoring by RECBTN. Future decision to invest the fund to other projects such for a drying facility that will result to more benefits and income for the farmers can be done only with the concurrence of RECBTN.

Funding

Does your project involve microcredit activities?

No

Have you found a local funding source to sustain project outcomes for the long term?

No

Will any part of the project generate income for ongoing project funding? If yes, please explain.

Yes, each farmer beneficiary who are members of the CAFA-RCC will be required to pay 10% of their gross profit (as shown in the attached Financial Projections) as membership fee to the RCC. That is if they will continue to fully avail of the revolving/grant fund for the additional expenses that will be incurred because of the project implementation. However, the farmer may later opt to reduce its availment of the revolving fund which will proportionately decrease his membership fee.

Supporting Documents

- CAFA-RCC_training_plan.docx
- Projected_P_L_CAFA-RCC_Final.xlsx
- community-assessment-casalat_farmers.docx

Authorizations

Authorizations & Legal Agreements

Legal agreement

Global Grant Agreement - to be authorized by the primary contacts and club presidents (or DRFC chairs if district-sponsored)

This Global Grant Agreement (Agreement) is entered into by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (TRF) and the grant sponsors (Sponsors). In consideration of receiving this Rotary Foundation Global Grant (Grant) from TRF, the Sponsors agree that:

1. All information contained in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate.
2. We have read the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants (Terms and Conditions) and will adhere to all policies therein.
3. The Sponsors shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Rotary International (RI) and TRF, including their respective directors, trustees, officers, committee members, employees, agents, associate foundations and representatives (collectively Rotary), from and against all claims, including but not limited to claims of subrogation, demands, actions, damages, losses, costs, liabilities, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and other legal expenses), awards, judgments, and fines asserted against or recovered from Rotary arising out of any act, conduct, omission, negligence, misconduct, or unlawful act (or act contrary to any applicable governmental order or regulation) resulting directly or indirectly from a Sponsor's and/or participant's involvement in grant-funded activities, including all travel related to the grant.
4. The failure of the parties to comply with the terms of this Agreement due to an act of God, strike, government regulation, war, fire, riot, civil unrest, hurricane, earthquake, or other natural disasters, acts of public enemies, curtailment of transportation facilities, political upheavals, civil disorders, outbreak of infectious disease or illness, acts of terrorism, or any similar cause beyond the control of the parties shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement. In such an event, the Agreement shall be deemed terminated and the Sponsors shall refund to TRF all unexpended global grant funds within 30 days of termination.
5. TRF's entire responsibility is expressly limited to payment of the total financing amount. TRF does not

assume any further responsibility in connection with this grant.

6. TRF reserves the right to cancel the grant and/or this Agreement without notice upon the failure of either or both of the Sponsors to abide by the terms set forth in this Agreement and the Terms and Conditions. Upon cancellation, TRF shall be entitled to a refund from the Sponsors of any global grant funds, including any interest earned, that have not been expended.

7. The laws of the State of Illinois, USA, without reference to its conflicts of laws principles, shall govern all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including, without limitation, its interpretation, construction, performance, and enforcement.

8. Any legal action brought by either party against the other party arising out of or relating to this Agreement must be brought in either, the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois, USA or the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, USA. Each party consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of these courts, and their respective appellate courts for the purpose of such actions. Nothing herein prohibits a party that obtains a judgment in either of the designated courts from enforcing the judgment in any other court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, TRF may also bring legal action against Sponsors and/or individuals traveling on grant funds in any court with jurisdiction over them.

9. This Agreement binds and benefits the parties and their respective administrators, legal representatives, and permitted successors and assigns.

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District Rotary Foundation chair authorization

I hereby certify that this global grant application is complete, meets all Foundation guidelines, is eligible for funding, and that the sponsoring club and/or district is qualified.

All Authorizations & Legal Agreements Summary

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Legal agreement

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