

Educational Reading #1

The Seven Areas of Focus

Rotary undertakes thousands of service projects every year. To maximize their effectiveness, Rotary organizes much of its humanitarian work around **seven Areas of Focus**.

These areas represent some of the world's most significant challenges.

Promoting Peace involves supporting conflict resolution, mediation, education, and leadership development.

Fighting Disease includes vaccination campaigns, medical clinics, disease prevention, sanitation, and improving healthcare systems.

Providing Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene addresses one of humanity's most basic needs. Clean water reduces disease, improves school attendance, and strengthens communities.

Saving Mothers and Children focuses on prenatal care, nutrition, vaccinations, and reducing preventable deaths among mothers and young children.

Supporting Education includes literacy programs, scholarships, teacher training, school construction, and educational resources.

Growing Local Economies helps individuals and communities become more self-sufficient through vocational training, entrepreneurship, agricultural development, and microfinance.

The newest Area of Focus, **Protecting the Environment**, recognizes that healthy ecosystems directly affect health, food security, water supplies, and economic opportunity.

Many Rotary projects address several Areas of Focus simultaneously. For example, constructing a clean-water system may improve health, education, economic development, and peace by reducing competition for scarce resources.

These Areas of Focus also guide Rotary Foundation Global Grants, ensuring projects are sustainable and produce measurable, long-term results.

Rather than providing temporary aid, Rotary emphasizes helping communities develop lasting solutions. The goal is not simply to solve today's problem but to build local capacity for tomorrow.