



Mine Action Partnership Workshop

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Introduction

- Speaking about Rotarians involvement in landmine action
- Not on behalf of Rotary International



SERVICE CLUBS

- Potential Partners – civic and internationally minded
- Each has it's own mandate and objectives
- All share common desire to make the world a better place
- Many are international in scope



Major International Clubs

- Lions
- Kiwanis
- Civitan
- Optimists
- Zonta
- GFWC
- Junior League
- Soroptomists
- Quota
- Rotary



What is Rotary ?

- World's First Service Club
- International Association
- 166 Countries
- 1.2 m members plus 400k youth members
- 32,000 clubs



Our Mantra

- Share a set of values and objectives
- Non-sectarian- Open to all business and professional persons of good character, regardless of gender, race or ethnicity
- Dual pillars of friendship and service
- Dedicated to advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace



How do we work?

- Each club is autonomous
- Set their own service agendas
- On International projects – we often partner with one or more other Rotary clubs
- Increasingly we partner with other organizations



International Focus

- As an International Organization we do focus on specific programs or initiatives:
- One Global project - Eradication of Polio
- Current special thrusts:
 - Clean water
 - Literacy
 - Health Concerns



Rotary Foundation

- Our Trust Fund to do good in the world
- Clubs may access Foundation Funds for international humanitarian projects
- Including:
 - Survivor Assistance
 - Landmine Education



Rotary Landmine Action

- Rotary Clubs have been involved in landmine action for at least a decade
- Either through own organizations or in partnership with others or through involvement in other organizations
- Rotarians have joined landmine organizations and vice versa



Some Examples

- Mine-Ex was created by Rotarians in Switzerland, Lichenstien and neighboring clubs in Germany to take landmine action in Cambodia – often in partnership with the Red Cross
- Japanese & California Rotarians have supported Halo Trust's efforts in Cambodia too.



More Examples

- PeaceTrees Vietnam, Clear Path Intl. & Roots for Peace have active Rotarian members and receive support from West Coast U.S.A. Rotary Clubs
- Danish Rotarians have been collaborating with Sri Lankan Rotarians' from Mines To Rice Fields landmine clearance projects



More Examples

- Rotary Clubs are partnering with Help Handicapped International to provide artificial limbs to landmine survivors
- Rotary Clubs in the USA, UK and Canada are partnering with Adopt-A-MineField to clear landmines in several countries and to provide survivor assistance



Rotary Potential to do More

- Engage more Rotarians around the globe to do more to support this effort to make the world a safer place
- Formed an organization in the fall of 2003 within Rotary to share information, encourage more Rotary involvement



Rotarians For Mine Action

- Our mandate:
- To encourage fellowship and share information amongst Rotarians already engaged
- Increase Rotarians and Rotary Clubs support for: Landmine clearance, landmine education, survivor assistance & sustainable redevelopment of affected communities



Engagement Efforts

- Presentations to local clubs & regional Rotary events
- Identifying club champions
- Qly Newsletter
- Information & presentation toolkit
- Promotional video



E-Efforts (cont)

- District Chapters
- Utilizing Rotary Publications
- Presence/event at annual International Conference
- Shared Project Data Base – JMU
- www.rfma.org



Working Together

- RFMA a Clearing house within Rotary for information and projects – send us info about your projects
- Links to many landmine websites
- You can approach clubs directly – www.rotary.org - click on “Club Locator”



Together We Can

- Raise awareness of the issue and the work to be done
- Mount Projects to educate those at risk, clear landmines, assist survivors and help restore economic viability to communities



Other Service Clubs

- While each is different – we are all surprisingly similar – so what works with Rotary will likely work with them.
- As you look for support – don't hesitate to reach out



Thank You

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- To James Madison – for providing our coming project database
- To all of you – for what you do !



Service Club Web Links

- Lions
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