



## Matching Grants

Report to The Rotary Foundation

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### Instructions

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The primary partner Rotary clubs/districts must submit Progress Reports every six months during project implementation. The Final Report is due two months after completing the project.

### Project Information

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Matching Grant Number: 23456 Project Location: Kujer Village, Punjab, Pakistan

PROGRESS REPORT REPORTING PERIOD - FROM Feb 2004 To May 2005

FINAL REPORT

Host Partner Rotary Club: Lahore Garrison District: 3270

International Partner Rotary Club: Glenville Districts: 7190 & 7000

### Community Impact

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#### 1. Describe the project and list its accomplishments in detail. What are the lessons learned by the partnering Rotary clubs/districts?

The Kujer village is located near Shekhupura, about 60 km from Lahore, capital of the province of Punjab, Pakistan. It has a population of about 6,500. The village does not have any health facility. They have to go to a nearby town "Farooqabad" about five kilometers or to Shekhupura about ten kilometers from the village. For major treatment, they have to go to Lahore, about sixty kilometers from the village. There is no public transport operating from the village. In case of emergency, the villagers have to reach the metalled road (about two kilometers from the village) to get the public transport. The situation becomes worse for the elderly or for the women in their pregnancy stage.

This Matching Grant project became a reality with the commitment and dedication of Rtn. Lon Penna from Rotary Club of Glenville (District 7190) who visited Pakistan in year 1999 on a professional assignment. He wanted to see a village life so his driver took him to a nearby village, where the villagers led by a young person, Iqbal Malik (Bali), welcomed him with open arms. After a few months, Lon came back with his wife and according to him "was given a royal treatment by the villagers." The villagers rolled out red carpets for the couple and loaded them with bouquets of flowers, garlands and gifts. The friendship between Lon and Bali continued even after Lon's return to the USA as they became "brothers". Rotary Club of Glenville was involved with Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison in two other Matching Grant projects. Lon expressed his desire to Rtn. Shehzad Ahmed from Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison that he wanted to do a health related project for the welfare of village Kujer. Rtn. Shehzad Ahmed held some brainstorming sessions with the Kujer villagers to assess their health needs. Based on these discussions two projects were proposed for the village – one of them being this Matching Grant for providing an ambulance which would be used by them in case of emergencies.

## MATCHING GRANT PROPOSAL

With the efforts of Rtn. Lon Penna, Rotary Club of Glenville agreed to become the Primary International Sponsor with financial contribution from R.I. District 7190, NY (USA) and R.I. District 7000 (Puerto Rico) as Secondary International Sponsors.

Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison prepared the Matching Grant proposal, got all required signatures from Pakistan and submitted it to the International sponsor for their signatures. After exchange of communication with the International sponsors, the MG proposal was submitted to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in March 2003 with Rtn. Lon Penna as the International Primary Contact and Rtn. Shehzad Ahmed as Local Primary Contact.

This Matching Grant project proposed to provide an ambulance for the Kujer village for use in case of medical emergencies.

## APPROVAL OF MATCHING GRANT (MG 23456)

The Matching Grant (MG 23456) was approved on October 30, 2003 for an amount of US\$ 8,500.00 (Rs. 493,000.00) and the funds were released on January 31, 2004. The breakup of funding was as follows:

Sr. #	Description	US\$	%
1	R.I. District 7190, USA	3,250	38.2
2	R.I. District 7000, Puerto Rico	1,000	11.8
3	Total Sponsor's Contribution	4,250	50.0
4	TRF Contribution	4,250	50.0
5	Total Project Cost	8,500	100.0

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS / PRESENT STATUS

The advance payment was made in June 2004 while the balance payment was made in September 2004. Delivery date of February 2005 was given. The van was received in February 2005. After getting the delivery, the vehicle registration was done. The van was then converted into Ambulance. Rotary logo and sponsors' names were prominently printed on the ambulance. Rtn. Lon Penna and his wife, Helen, visited Pakistan from April 23 to May 3, 2005. The ambulance was shown to the villagers on April 28 and then brought back to Lahore for the remaining conversion work. The ambulance was officially handed over to Iqbal Malik (Bali), representative of the village on May 3, 2005.

### 2. How many individuals will benefit from the project? 6,500

The Kujer population is approximately 6,500. They will all be able to utilize this service in case of need. Villagers in the nearby villages will also be able to use this facility.

### 3. How has the project provided community members with specific skills or knowledge that will allow them to help themselves?

The ambulance has equipped the villagers to deal with medical emergencies in a timely manner. Many lives can be saved if medical treatment is made available in time. The presence of ambulance will cut down the time that is currently wasted in arranging for the transport in case of medical emergencies.

### 4. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

There was no cooperating organization in the beginning. However, after submission of the Matching Grant application, a young group of villagers led by Bali formed "Lon-Helen Welfare

Society (LHWS)" to honor the selfless effort of Rtn. Lon Penna and his wife, Helen. LHWS will manage the day-to-day operations of the ambulance. A register/log book will be maintained for record keeping purposes. LHWS will also be responsible for the running expenses of the ambulance.

## **Rotarian Involvement**

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### **5. How many Rotarians from the host partner club participated in the project? 18**

Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison has currently 18 members. All of them have been actively involved in discussions about this grant in our club. Ten (10) of them have personally visited Kujer village on various occasions. Rtn. Shehzad Ahmed visited Rotary Club of Glenville (District 7190, USA) as a guest speaker in July 2004 and acknowledged contributions made by Rotarians in the sponsoring districts in his powerpoint presentation.

### **6 How many Rotarians from the international partner club participated in the project? 50 +**

Rotary Club of Glenville agreed to be the International Sponsor with financial contributions from District 7190 (USA) and District 7000 (Puerto Rico). Rotary Club of Glenville invited Rtn. Shehzad Ahmed as guest speaker in one of its meetings where the Matching Grant projects sponsored by District 7190 were highlighted. More than 50 Rotarians participated in that meeting. Frank Quinn, son of Rtn. Frank Quinn Sr. visited Pakistan in October 2004 as a volunteer to visit the project areas and helped in setting up computer lab in Kujer village (another Matching Grant MG 23453). Rtn. Lon Penna and his wife, Helen, visited Pakistan from April 24 to May 3, 2005. They visited the Kujer village and stayed there with the villagers for three days. They also participated in the ambulance display ceremony in the village on April 28 and the final handing over ceremony in Lahore on May 3, 2005. Rtn. Lon Penna also highlighted the Matching Grant in his presentation at the Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison meeting on April 29, 2005.

### **7 How did Rotarians from the host partner club participate in the project? Please provide at least two specific examples.**

- The Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison and local Rotarians kept regular liaison with the International Sponsors (Rotary Club of Glenville, District 7190 (USA) and District 7000 (Puerto Rico)) and kept them informed about all progress.
- The Club members visited Kujer village various times (March 7, 2004, April 10, 2004, September 9, September 19, 2004, October 2, October 10, October 25, 2004, April 26, April 28, 2005 to name a few occasions).
- The Club members regularly mention about this Matching Grant project in various club meetings and district seminars.
- Rtn. Shehzad Ahmed and his family acted as hosts to Rtn. Lon Penna and his wife Helen during their trip to Pakistan in April-May 2005 to visit the Matching Grant projects.
- Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison provided coverage about this Matching Grant in the Daily Nation on May 1, 2005.

### **8. How did Rotarians from the international partner club participate in the project? Please provide at least two specific examples.**

- The International Sponsors and Rotarians kept regular liaison with the Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison to get latest updates on the project.
- The International sponsors (Rotary Club of Glenville, District 7190 (USA) and District 7000 (Puerto Rico)) provided full financial support to the project by contributing all amount required to be raised by the Rotary Clubs/Districts.

- Rtn. Lon Penna and his wife Helen acted as hosts to the family of Rtn. Shehzad Ahmed during their visit of Rotary Clubs in District 7190 in July 2004.
- Frank Quinn, son of Rtn. Frank Quinn Sr. came to Pakistan in October 2004 to visit the project sites and helped in setting up a computer lab in Kujer village (MG 23453).
- Rtn. Lon Penna and his wife, Helen, visited Pakistan from April 24 to May 3, 2005 to visit the Matching Grant projects. The ambulance was shown to the villagers in their presence and was finally handed over on May 3, 2005 by Rtn. Lon Penna and Rtn. Shehzad Ahmed.
- R.I. District 7190 provided coverage about this Matching Grant in its Governor Monthly Letter (The Tool Box) in March 2004.

## Financial Statement

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### **Progress Reports**

Provide an itemized statement detailing how all grant funds have been expended to date.

### **Final Report for all Minor Matching Grant awards:**

By signing this report I confirm that all grant funds were spent on eligible expenses, as detailed on the project budget submitted with this application.

### **Final report for all Major Matching Grant awards:**

Provide an itemized statement detailing how all grant funds were expended.

Items Purchased/ Project Expenses	Cost (in local currency)
Transportation charges	12,000
Payment for van	453,307
Vehicle registration	5,130
Conversion of van to ambulance	23,000
Total funds expended in local currency	<b>493,437</b>
Exchange rate utilized (US\$1 = 58)	
Total funds expended in US\$	<b>8,507.53</b>

The balance amount was paid by the Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison.

If there is a variance of more than 5%, provide a brief explanation. **(NOT APPLICABLE)**

If there are remaining funds less than US\$200, please spend it on eligible items that will enhance the project's effectiveness. If there are remaining funds greater than US\$200, these funds **must** be returned to The Rotary Foundation. Questions regarding the return of funds should be directed to the Matching Grants staff. **(NOT APPLICABLE)**


### **FINAL REPORT FOR MAJOR MATCHING GRANT AWARDS OF US\$25,001 - US\$150,000:**

Please attach an Independent Financial Review. **(NOT APPLICABLE)**

### **FINAL REPORT FOR MAJOR MATCHING GRANT AWARDS OF US\$50,001 - US\$150,000:**

A monitor report will be required before the grant is closed. **(NOT APPLICABLE)**

**By signing this report, I confirm to the best of my knowledge that Matching Grant funds of US\$ 8,500 (club/district contribution(s), The Rotary Foundation match, and any interest earned), were spent according to Trustee-approved guidelines and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Additionally, original receipts for all expenses incurred will be kept on file for at least three years in case they are needed for auditing purposes.**



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Certifying Signature May 10, 2005  
Date

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Rtn. Shehzad Ahmed, MPHF, Director Club Service, Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison  
Please print name Rotary Title Rotary Club

As part of our efforts to improve our grant program, we'd appreciate your feedback on the following questions:

**A. Project Sustainability – select all that apply**

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- The project will continue to function without Foundation funds.
- Equipment purchased with grant funds will be maintained with local materials and expertise.
- If training was a component of the project, trainees are using their knowledge and skills.
- This project has provided community members with the skills, knowledge, or institutions that will allow them to help themselves.
- The community has initiated additional projects related to the same or similar problems
- The project has not been sustainable.

**B. Rotary Impact –select all that apply**

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- Our club or district's international Rotary connections are stronger as a result of this project.
- Club membership has increased as a result of this project.
- Visibility of Rotary in our community will be increased.
- Our club's awareness of the needs in our community has increased.
- Volunteer activity in our club or district has expanded.
- Our club or district is more active in pursuing Foundation grants and Rotary programs.
- Awareness of the needs in our community has increased among Rotarians in other countries.
- Participation in this Matching Grant has not changed our club or district in any significant way.

**C. Suggestions**

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Given your experience, do you have suggestions to improve the Matching Grants program?

- This Matching Grant project has helped in developing new friendships among the Rotarians of local and international sponsor clubs and districts. Due to this project, Rotary Club of Glenville (D-7190) and Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison (D-3270) have signed Sister Club Agreement in July 2004.
- The project has been given media coverage by the International Sponsor (D-7190) in the USA as well as by the local sponsor (Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison).

*If your project clearly demonstrates Rotarian involvement and is worthy of publication, please complete an RI Newstip Form, available on the RI website at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).*

### Does your report include the following?

- Time period of reporting
- Community impact
- Confirmation that individuals have moved into shelters for LCS grants
- Rotarian involvement
- Itemized report of expenses for all progress and Major Matching Grant final reports
- Certifying signature
- Independent Financial Review for grant awards of US\$25,001 or more
- Copies of receipts or paid invoices for CLE projects
- Return of surplus funds over US\$200
- Project sustainability
- Rotary impact

### Media Coverage

- R.I. District 7190 provided coverage along with two photographs about this Matching Grant in its Governor Monthly Letter (The Tool Box) in March 2004.
- Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison arranged coverage in the Daily Nation, a leading national English newspaper, on May 1, 2005 while Rtn. Lon Penna and his wife, Helen, visited Pakistan to see the progress of Matching Grants being done with their Club/District as International sponsor.



The Daily Nation (May 1, 2005)

## Photographs

**Local Sponsor:** Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison (R.I. District 3270)  
**International Sponsors:** Rotary Club of Glenville (USA), R.I. District 7190 (USA) and R.I. District 7000 (Puerto Rico)



Kujer villagers welcoming Rotarians (RC Lahore Garrison) with garlands (Mar 7, 2004)



Gathering of the Kujer villagers to discuss Matching Grant projects (Mar 7, 2004)



Kujer villagers welcoming Rotarians (RC Lahore Garrison) with garlands (Sep 19, 2004)



Kujer villagers welcoming Rtn. Lon Penna and his wife, Helen (Apr 26, 2005)



Van/ambulance display in the Kujer village (Apr 28, 2005)



Final handing over of ambulance to Iqbal Malik (Bali) in Lahore (May 3, 2005)

## The End

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**Final Report (MG 23456)**  
RC Lahore Garrison, Pakistan (D-3270), Rotary Club of Glenville (USA), R.I. District 7190 (USA), and R.I. District 7000 (Puerto Rico)

May 10, 2005

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