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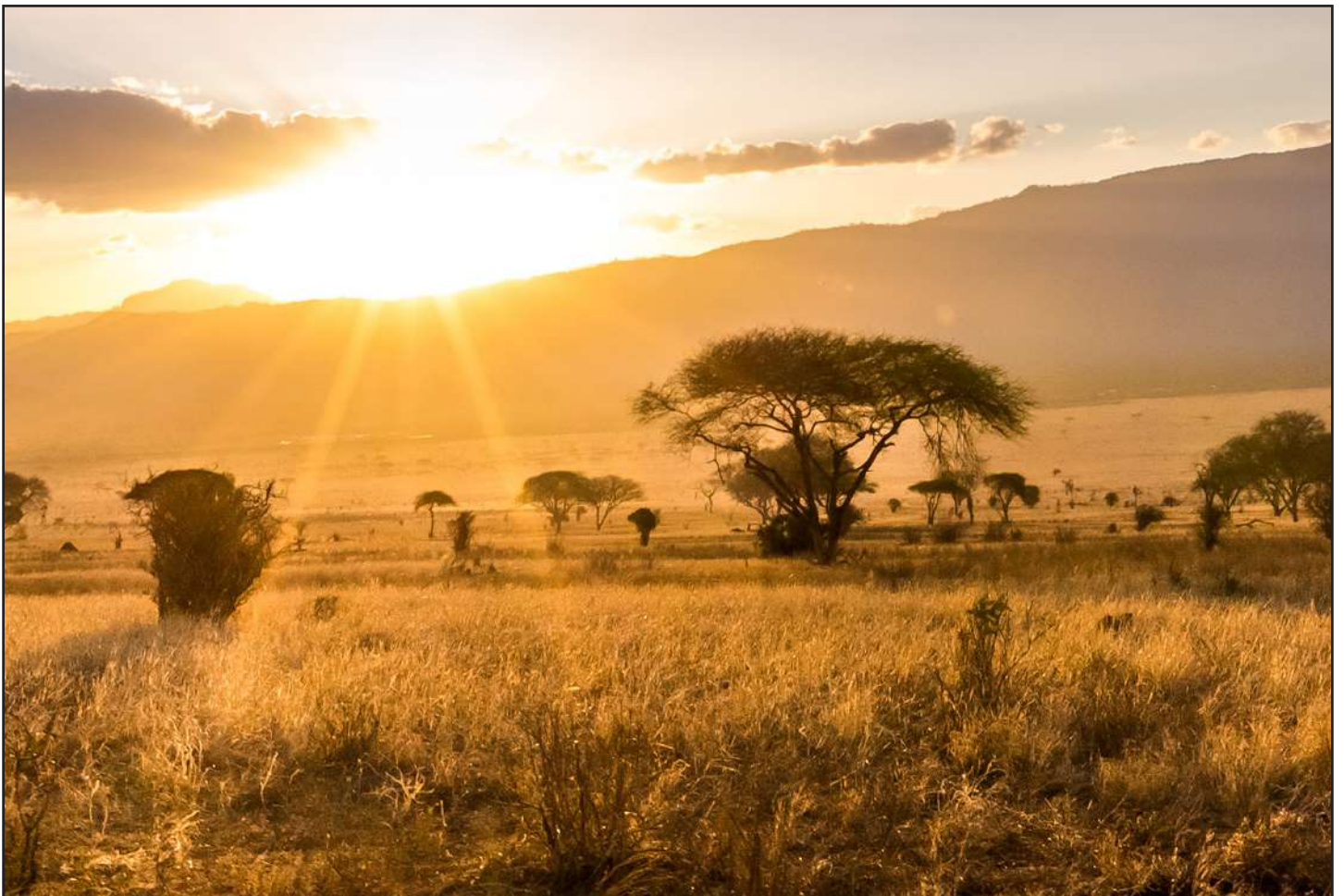
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A SEASON OF SERVICE, A DISTRICT IN MOTION

Welcome to the August edition of the Rotary District 9210 newsletter. The past few weeks have reminded us, once again, that Rotary's greatest strength lies not in grand pronouncements but in the quiet, deliberate work our clubs carry out in clinics, hospitals, community halls, and homes across Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

This issue arrives on the heels of Rotary International's Maternal and Child Health Month, and it shows. From the Rotary Club of Gweru's autoclave handover at Mkoba Polyclinic, to the Rotary Club of Lusaka Central's yellow bench project easing the wait for expectant mothers in Kalomo, to the Rotary Club of Lilongwe Lingadzi's remarkable work restoring dignity and livelihoods to fistula survivors, the throughline is unmistakable: our clubs are meeting mothers and children exactly where they are, and giving them a little more room to hope for the best.

We also feature two new club leaders stepping into the Rotary year. In Chitungwiza, President Solomon Bamusi chose to begin his induction day at a polio vaccination post rather than in a boardroom, welcoming Global Polio Eradication Initiative Coordinator Dr. Wondu Gebresilasie into the club on the very same day. In Highlands, President Rachel Matsika was inducted before a room full of sister clubs, opening a new chapter under the theme "Creating Lasting Impact." Elsewhere, the Rotary Club of Highlands wasted no time putting that theme into action, restoring sight for 276 residents of Mabvuku. Further afield, the Rotary Club of Maluba's years-long partnership with Project C.U.R.E. finally bore fruit with equipment now reaching four major Zambian hospitals; the Rotary Club of Samfya opened a new road to surgical care for children in one of Zambia's most remote districts; and the Rotary Club of Borrowdale Brooke answered a hospital ward's quiet call for help with 179 tins of baby formula.

Taken together, these stories are a portrait of a district that keeps choosing service first. We are grateful to every club correspondent who submitted a story this month, and we encourage every club across the district to keep sending us your projects, inductions, partnerships and milestones. This newsletter is only as rich as what you share with it.

"In Chitungwiza, service comes first, even before the ceremony.", and across District 9210, that could just as easily be this month's headline.

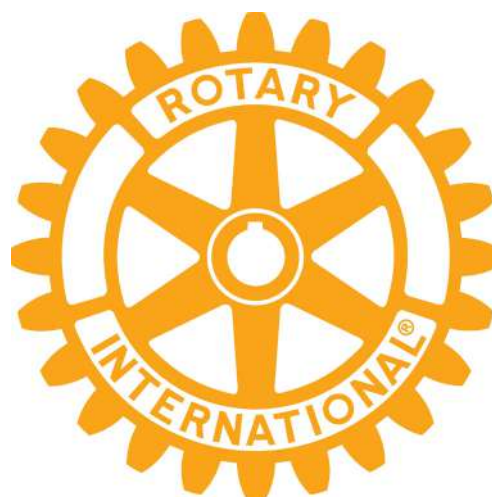
As always, thank you for reading, and thank you for the work that makes each edition possible.

Yours in Rotary Service,
The District 9210 Newsletter Team



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District 9210 Newsletter Editor





LET'S GET TO WORK!



**YINKA BABALOLA,
PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

It surprises you when a stranger across the table becomes a lifelong friend. It surprises you when a small project in one neighbourhood ripples outward in ways you never imagined. And it may surprise you when you realise that the person Rotary has changed most, is you.

That is why this year, we are called to harness the change within ourselves, to look to the future and to Create Lasting Impact.

Now, I want to be clear about what those words mean. Change is only the beginning. Impact is what endures. We must think of the long-term impact of every project. How can a new water system contribute to the long-term health of a community? Can residents help other communities build their own? How can a new classroom be part of a wider strategy to improve education in the area? That is the sort of thinking we need.

As we prioritise impact, we must also consider how our actions can contribute to peacebuilding. Peace does not happen by accident. It must be built deliberately and strategically.

“As you plan your next project, ask yourself: ‘How does this create the conditions for peace?’”

Consult the Pillars of Positive Peace to learn how we can bring the world one step closer to peace in everything we do.

The more you change your community and the world, the more you will change. Don't just tell people about the projects you have run or the funds you have raised. Tell them how Rotary has shaped who you are. Those personal stories open doors, inspire new members and remind all of us why we are here.

Storytelling is also an excellent way to recruit new members and raise funds. We need more

people standing with us and more resources if we are to end polio, spread peace and have a lasting impact on the world. We have set a goal of increasing membership to 1.25 million Rotarians and more than 125,000 Rotaractors by 2030, just in time for Rotary's 125th anniversary.

Sit down with your club and look back over your accomplishments in the last few years. Find your best year. Maybe it was a record year for new members. Maybe you reached a fundraising milestone. Maybe you completed a project that the whole community is still talking about. Once you find that year, I challenge you to do better than your best.

In these ways and more, we will Create Lasting Impact across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

“Thank you, my dear friends. Now let's get to work.”



MEMBERSHIP MONTH: EACH ONE, BRING ONE...AND KEEP ONE

This Membership Month, I challenge every Rotarian in District 9210 to embrace the simple but powerful commitment: Each One, Bring One... and Keep One. Invite one person to experience Rotary. Share our story. Open the door to friendship, fellowship and purpose.

Let us also Keep One. Let us engage, mentor, support and value every member so that together we build stronger, more vibrant, and more caring clubs. This year, our District target is clear: 1,200 net gain. This is achievable if Each One Brings One and we all commit to Keep One.

Together, let us grow Rotary across Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique, more members, greater impact, a better world.

"Membership is the heartbeat of Rotary. Strong clubs are built by people who care, who connect, and who are committed to Service Above Self. Every new member brings new energy, new ideas, and greater impact in our communities."



SAMUEL TAURAYI CHIKOWORE,
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2026-2027,
ROTARY DISTRICT 9210



**THE PI LENS,
TELLING
OUR STORY
BETTER**



IF WE DON'T TELL OUR STORY, WHO WILL?

Pretty much every week, across our District 9210, Rotarians and Rotaractors are changing lives.

The service work that we do continuously creates lasting impact in our communities. Yet sometimes, the only people, besides the direct recipients, who know about this extraordinary work are the Rotarians and Rotaractors who were there.

That is where Public Image comes in.

Public Image isn't simply about social media posts, attractive flyers, or having the Rotary logo in the right place. It is about what people think and feel when they hear the word Rotary.

Every one of us contributes to that image. The way we welcome a visitor to a meeting. The quality of a project we deliver. The photograph we share. The story we tell. The way our club presents itself online. Even the way we speak about Rotary to a friend. We are all custodians of the Rotary brand.

THIS YEAR, LET'S BECOME BETTER STORYTELLERS

Across Malawi, Northern Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe, we have hundreds of Rotary stories waiting to be told.

As a committee, our District Public Image goal this year is to help clubs become more visible, more consistent and more confident in telling those stories.

We will support clubs through training, practical resources, branding guidance, our Public Image network, and opportunities to learn from one another.

However, ultimately, the most powerful stories will come from you. So here is my challenge to you for August:

Find ONE story in your club worth telling, and tell it well.

Don't just tell us that you donated 50 desks. Tell us about the child who no longer has to sit on the floor.

Don't simply report that you held a health outreach. Tell us about the person who received care they could not otherwise access.

Don't only show us a financial presentation. Show us the impact.

Public Image isn't about making Rotary look good. It is about helping people see the good that Rotary is already doing.

And when our communities see our impact, they are more likely to understand us, trust us, partner with us, and perhaps even join us as members in the clubs.

KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

Enhancing Public Image on my.rotary.org. Brand guidelines for people of action in the Brand Centre. Promoting Your Club as People of Action in the Learning Centre under Public Image Courses.



MWAKA ZAMCHIYA

DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIR

2026-2027, ROTARY DISTRICT 9210

#alwayschoosekindness

***This year, let us make District 9210
impossible not to notice!***



SERVICE BEFORE CEREMONY: ROTARY CLUB OF CHITUNGWIZA INDUCTS NEW PRESIDENT AT THE FRONTLINE OF POLIO ERADICATION

For the Rotary Club of Chitungwiza, the induction of President Solomon Bamusi began not in a boardroom but at a hospital entrance, a fitting statement of intent for the Rotary year ahead.

Before the formalities of the day commenced, the club paid a visit to a PolioPlus static vaccination team stationed at the main entrance of Chitungwiza Central Hospital. The 10th of July marked the final day of Round 3 of the 2026 polio vaccination campaign, and members witnessed the campaign in action first-hand.

“By the time that we got there, we got a patient who was vaccinated while we were in attendance, and we got a few comments from him before we went back to the boardroom for the main programme to start,”
- President Bamusi

A NEW MEMBER WITH A GLOBAL MISSION

The day carried a double significance for the club.



Alongside the presidential induction, the Rotary Club of Chitungwiza welcomed a distinguished new member: Dr. Wondu Gebresilasie, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Coordinator to Zimbabwe. Making his first visit to Chitungwiza, Dr. Gebresilasie was inducted into the club on the same day, and the hospital visit was no accident of scheduling.

“We took it as an opportunity for him to visit that static team so that he could see how we are doing it here in Chitungwiza,

so that if there are some other comments that he could give us, he could then share with us,”
-Bamusi

His induction strengthens the club's hand in the fight to end polio, Rotary's flagship global cause.

A SIGNATURE PROJECT AWAITS ITS MOMENT

The Rotary Club of Chitungwiza has, for a number of years, marked each presidential induction with one of its



signature projects: the distribution of sunscreen lotion to members of the community living with albinism.

“Whenever a presidential induction is done, the first task for the new president is to distribute some sunscreen lotions,” said Bamusi. “That event will continue throughout the year, they will come and pick up the sunscreen lotions from City Med, where the club is housed, free of charge.”

This year, however, the beneficiaries were unable to attend, having been invited to an event hosted by His Excellency the President of Zimbabwe in Harare on the same day.

“We didn’t distribute sunscreen lotions on the day, but we are going to do that in the next few weeks,” Bamusi said. “I’m sure we’ll get a date when we will invite them so that we will then distribute the sunscreen lotions, just to mark a new year for the new president.”

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE

The programme was ably directed by Past President Timothy Goche, the club’s current Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms, as Master of Ceremonies. Assistant District Governor Patricia Kambarami delivered an address on the day, and the club was honoured by

Governor Sam Chikowore.

THE POLIO MOMENTUM CONTINUES

The engagement with the GPEI did not end in Chitungwiza. Later in the day, DG Sam Chikowore hosted Dr Wondu Gebresilasie at The Rotary Centre in Harare, together with World Health Organisation (WHO) Technical Director Dr Maxwell Rupfute and the leadership of the Rotary Zimbabwe National PolioPlus Committee (RZNPPC): Chairman PDG Rose Peters, Polio Ambassador Professor PP Sydney Makarawo, and Treasurer PAG Don MacDonald.

As the Rotary Club of Chitungwiza opens a new chapter under President Solomon Bamusi, the message of induction day was unmistakable: in Chitungwiza, service comes first, even before the ceremony.

The Rotary Club of Chitungwiza in Zimbabwe is part of Rotary District 9210, covering Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

ROTARY CLUB OF HIGHLANDS WELCOMES PRESIDENT RACHEL FOR THE 2026-2027 ROTARY YEAR

On 11 July 2026, the Rotary Club of Highlands proudly inducted President Rachel Matsika as Club President for the 2026-2027 Rotary year during a ceremony held at Party4Hire.

The induction marked the beginning of a new chapter of leadership, service, and fellowship as President Rachel Matsika officially assumed office. Under the Rotary International theme, Creating Lasting Impact, she will lead the club in advancing meaningful service projects and strengthening community partnerships throughout the year.

The club extends its sincere appreciation to Party4Hire for providing an excellent venue that contributed to a memorable celebration.

The club was honoured by the presence and support of fellow Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Marondera, Rotary Club of Harare Central, Rotary Club of Harare City, and Rotary Club of Harare CBD. Their fellowship and encouragement reflected the strong spirit of unity and collaboration that defines Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Highlands congratulates

President Rachel Matsika and wishes her a successful, inspiring, and impactful Rotary year as she leads the club in service above self and in creating lasting impact within our communities.



ROTARY CLUB OF HIGHLANDS BRINGS CLEARER VISION TO MABVUKU COMMUNITY



On Wednesday, 29 July 2026, the Rotary Club of Highlands launched its first community project of the 2026–2027 Rotary year with a Community Eye Wellness Awareness Event in Mabvuku.

Held in partnership with Specsavers Opticians Zimbabwe and Mabvuku Polyclinic, the event brought essential eye care services closer to the community while raising awareness of the importance of good eye health.

Ahead of the event, members of the club's Rotary Community Corps (RCC) mobilised the community by distributing promotional flyers throughout Mabvuku, Tafara and surrounding areas and sharing event information across local WhatsApp groups, encouraging strong community participation.

Through the generous support of RestoringVision, 276 pairs of free reading glasses were distributed to community members aged 40 years and above, providing immediate improvement in vision for many recipients. Those requiring further assessment or specialised treatment were referred to Specsavers Opticians Zimbabwe and the appropriate healthcare facilities for continued care.

The project forms part of District Governor Sam's flagship Community Impact Initiative to distribute 10,000 reading glasses across District 9210

under the "Together We Give" programme. The initiative aims to restore sight, improve quality of life, and increase access to essential eye care services for underserved communities.

This successful collaboration between Rotary, healthcare professionals, community partners, and the club's RCC members demonstrates Rotary's commitment to Creating Lasting Impact. By helping people see better, the club is empowering them to work, learn, care for their families, and enjoy a better quality of life.

"Together, we are helping people see better, live better, and creating lasting impact in our communities."

#ClubofGiants
#ServiceAboveSelf
#CreateLastingImpact





ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

2026-2027

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

JULY 2026



MATERNAL &
CHILD HEALTH

AUGUST 2026



MEMBERSHIP &
NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER 2026



BASIC EDUCATION
& LITERACY

OCTOBER 2026



COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

NOVEMBER 2026



ROTARY
FOUNDATION

DECEMBER 2026



DISEASE PREVENTION
& TREATMENT

JANUARY 2027



VOCATIONAL
SERVICE

FEBRUARY 2027



PEACEBUILDING &
CONFLICT
PREVENTION

MARCH 2027



WATER, SANITATION
& HYGIENE

APRIL 2027



ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

MAY 2027



YOUTH
SERVICE

JUNE 2027



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MONTH

TOGETHER, WE CREATE LASTING IMPACT



SERVICE
ABOVE SELF



FELLOWSHIP



INTEGRITY



DIVERSITY



LEADERSHIP



GWERU, in a significant boost to local maternal and healthcare services, the Rotary Club of Gweru, in partnership with the Dundee Rotary Club of Scotland, officially handed over a medical autoclave to the City of Gweru at Mkoba Polyclinic on Thursday, July 30, 2026.

The event coincided with Rotary International's Maternal and Child Health Month, celebrated globally every July to focus on improving healthcare outcomes for mothers and children.

The handover ceremony was graced by Rotary District Governor Sam Chikowore as the Guest of Honour. Key local health leadership also attended, including the City of Gweru's Director of Health Services, the Ministry of Health and Child Care's Acting District Medical Officer Dr. Guvheya, Mkoba Polyclinic Sister-in-Charge Sister Mawire, and several frontline healthcare workers.

The newly donated autoclave, used to sterilize and eliminate bacteria on delivery packs, plays a critical role in preventing disease transmission and surgical



infections during childbirth. Mkoba Polyclinic serves a vast population of nearly 50,000 residents across Mkoba and its surrounding areas, making the addition of the sterilization unit a vital upgrade for community safety.

"Maternal and child health remains a cornerstone of our service. The Rotary Club of Gweru will continue working hand-in-hand with the local authority and other key partners to ensure no mother loses her life while bringing new life into the world in Gweru,"
Rotary Club of Gweru President
Kudakwashe Tambaoga

Echoing these sentiments, District Governor Sam Chikowore highlighted that sustainable progress relies on teamwork. He commended the local club for addressing tangible needs in the health sector and reiterated Rotary's core mission of driving long-term positive change through strategic collaboration

Expressing gratitude on behalf of the local authority, the City of Gweru Director of Health Services commended Rotary for its consistent partnership, noting that the organization has repeatedly stepped up to support the city in delivering quality, accessible healthcare services to its residents.

President Kuda Tambaoga also expressed sincere gratitude to the Dundee Rotary Club for their international partnership and financial support as the main sponsor, which made the procurement and delivery of the autoclave possible for the people of Mkoba and Gweru at large.

The handover marks yet another milestone in the Rotary Club of Gweru's ongoing efforts to support public health infrastructure and save lives across the Midlands province.





TWO LOW-COST, HIGH-IMPACT PROJECTS: ROTARY CLUB OF LUSAKA CENTRAL'S YEAR OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

As the Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Lusaka Central, I would like to share two inspiring projects on maternal and child health carried out by our club under my leadership. These projects show how, even on a modest budget, meaningful impact is possible.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM

On 27 September 2025, the Rotary Club of Lusaka Central conducted a Maternal and Child Health Training Program at Ng'ombe Urban Health Clinic in Lusaka, reaffirming its commitment to improving community health and supporting maternal and child well-being.

The training was facilitated by Ms. Itsumi Marumo, a Registered Nurse from Japan and a Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) volunteer serving in Kalomo, Southern Province, Zambia. Her expertise provided participants with valuable knowledge and practical insights into maternal and child healthcare.

The event was attended by approximately 53 participants, including Rotarians, community members, nurses and other healthcare professionals from the clinic, as well as enthusiastic Rotaractors from Eden University. Training covered maternal healthcare awareness, child healthcare best practices, community health education, and HIV/AIDS

awareness and prevention. In recognition of their contribution, President Abhishek Raj presented Certificates of Appreciation to Ms. Marumo and to the participating nurses and healthcare professionals.

Notably, the project involved minimal cost, a bottle of drinking water and a certificate of appreciation for each participant, underscoring that meaningful community health impact does not require a large budget.





YELLOW BENCH PROJECT AT MAWAYA URBAN CLINIC, KALOMO

On 30 January 2026, the Rotary Club of Lusaka Central, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Maebashi East, Japan, implemented the Yellow Bench Project at Mawaya Urban Clinic in Kalomo, Southern Province of Zambia, donating 10 yellow benches to provide comfortable seating for pregnant women and mothers attending the clinic.

Prior to the project, many expectant mothers were required to stand or wait in long queues due to inadequate seating. The benches have significantly improved the clinic environment, providing a safe and comfortable waiting area for patients.

The handover ceremony was graced by the District

Commissioner for Kalomo District, Mr. Joshua Munsaka Sikaduli, as Guest of Honour. President Abhishek Raj, accompanied by his family, attended to officially present the benches and reaffirm the club's commitment to community service. The Rotary Club of Lusaka Central contributed K5,000, while the Rotary Club of Maebashi East, Japan, contributed K12,701,

bringing the total project value to approximately K17,701.

Beyond seating, the project was designed to promote maternal, child and mental health awareness, and to provide safe, welcoming spaces for counselling and support, improving the overall healthcare experience for pregnant women, mothers, and the wider community.





ROTARY CLUB OF MALUBA



A vision that began in 2021 has become a reality, as the Rotary Club of Maluba celebrated the successful delivery of essential medical equipment to Arthur Davison Children's Hospital (ADCH) in Ndola. The milestone represents years of planning, collaboration, and perseverance, demonstrating the impact that strong partnerships can have on strengthening Zambia's healthcare system

ROTARY PARTNERSHIP DELIVERS LIFE-SAVING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO ZAMBIA'S HOSPITALS

The project, a flagship initiative for the Rotary Club of Maluba, has expanded far beyond its original scope. What started as support for a single hospital has now grown into a broader healthcare initiative benefiting four major public health institutions: University Teaching Hospitals – Women and Newborn Hospital, Levy Mwanawasa Teaching Hospital, Arthur Davison Children's Hospital, and Kasama General Hospital.

A significant turning point came in 2023, when Rotary members conducted a Hospital Assessment visit alongside Project C.U.R.E. Although discussions surrounding a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Health are still ongoing, an unexpected breakthrough soon followed: Rotary's partner, Project C.U.R.E., based in Atlanta, United States, confirmed that a container carrying the equipment requested by ADCH had been shipped to Zambia.

The equipment's arrival in July 2025 stands as a powerful example of Rotary's guiding principle, "Service Above Self," and highlights what can be achieved through persistence and international collaboration. The Rotary Club of Ndola-MUKUBA, as host club, played a vital role in coordinating local efforts to ensure the successful delivery and handover of the equipment.



Special recognition was extended to Dr. Nduna, Senior Medical Superintendent at ADCH, and her team for their patience and confidence in the project, as well as to Past President Nkonde Chola of the Rotary Club of Ndola-MUKUBA, whose leadership was instrumental in bringing the initiative to completion, exemplifying Rotary's identity as "People of Action."

The donation reinforces the importance of collaboration between government, civil society, international partners, and the private sector

in addressing Zambia's healthcare challenges, particularly efforts to reduce child mortality and improve access to quality medical care.

Exactly one month later, Rotary celebrated another milestone when the Rotary Club of Kasama received a second container of similar medical equipment for onward delivery to Kasama General Hospital, a reflection of Rotary's continued commitment to strengthening healthcare services across the country.





ROTARY CLUB OF SAMFYA AND BEIT CURE CHILDREN'S CLINIC LAUNCH LIFE-CHANGING PARTNERSHIP

For families in the remote corners of Samfya District, a life-changing surgery in Lusaka can feel as distant as the city itself. The Rotary Club of Samfya has taken decisive action. Through a collaboration with Beit CURE Children's Clinic in Lusaka, the club is systematically removing the transport and logistics barriers that have long prevented families from accessing treatment for conditions such as cleft lip and clubfoot.

Rotarian James and Rotarian Isabel recently travelled into the heart of these communities to meet the first two families who will benefit from the partnership. In Musaba area they sat with the family of one-year-old Daniel Chipulu, born with a cleft lip. Further along in Mano area they spent time with the family of Bitman Makumba, a young boy living with clubfoot, the first beneficiaries from Samfya District to be supported through the Rotary–Beit CURE collaboration.

The visits were moments of genuine human connection. The Rotarians listened as parents described years of quiet worry, the practical impossibility of raising transport money, and the daily reality of watching their children grow without corrective treatment. For many rural families in Samfya, the journey to Lusaka is not simply long but financially out of reach, bus fares, accommodation, food, and lost income create a barrier that feels insurmountable.

“We are so happy and full of hope. Without Rotary's help with transport, we could never have hoped to take Daniel to Lusaka. This support has given our son a real chance at healing, and we will always be thankful to Rotary.”, Mrs. Matildah Chipulu, mother of Daniel

Club President Rotarian Kalenge Nyirenda reaffirmed the club's unwavering commitment, stating that every identified child



would be assisted to reach the services they need. He outlined an expanded vision for the coming months: support for five additional children with similar conditions in neighbouring Lunga District, and three more within Samfya District itself, with the goal of ensuring no child in these communities is denied healing simply because of geography or poverty.

Early intervention for cleft lip and clubfoot can dramatically improve a child's ability to eat, speak, walk, and participate fully in community life. As the first two children prepare for their journey to Lusaka, the wider impact is already being felt: neighbours are hearing the stories, other parents are coming forward, and what began as a targeted collaboration is growing into a sustained community response.





A ROTARY FOUNDATION GLOBAL GRANT EMPOWERING FISTULA SURVIVORS IN LILONGWE THROUGH SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

The true success of a Rotary project is measured not only by its immediate achievements, but by the lasting transformation it creates in the lives of those it serves. A Rotary Foundation Global Grant, implemented through the partnership between the Rotary Club of Lilongwe Lingadzi, the Rotary Club of St. Joseph (District 6040), and the Bwaila Hospital Fistula Care Centre, is delivering exactly that.

The project recently celebrated the graduation of 27 women who, following successful obstetric fistula treatment, completed comprehensive training in tailoring and entrepreneurship. Equipped with practical skills, business knowledge, and a sewing machine each, these women are now prepared to establish their own tailoring enterprises,

restoring not only their livelihoods, but also their confidence, independence, and hope for the future.

The project's greatest achievement lies in its sustainability. Follow-up visits to graduates from earlier cohorts tell a powerful story of resilience: many are now running thriving tailoring businesses within their communities, generating steady incomes, supporting their families, and rebuilding lives once disrupted by one of childbirth's most devastating complications.

One of those women is Chiwonetsero Positani from Salima. After living with obstetric fistula for nine years, she finally received successful treatment at the Bwaila Fistula Care Centre. Through the Global Grant, she was trained in

tailoring and received a sewing machine to start a home-based business. In just a few months, Chiwonetsero earned more than MWK 220,000 (USD 127) through tailoring, enabling her family to buy food, save through their village savings group, and invest in livestock. Her husband has since left the uncertainty of informal gold mining and now works alongside her in the business they run together.

The impact extends well beyond the women themselves. Reusable sanitary kits produced by the graduates are purchased and distributed to schoolgirls in rural Lilongwe, helping them manage menstruation with dignity and reducing barriers to school attendance, creating a reliable market for the women's products while improving menstrual health and educational opportunities for girls.

This Global Grant characterizes Rotary at its best: fostering international collaboration to deliver sustainable, community-led solutions that address both immediate needs and long-term development, generating a ripple effect of opportunity, health, and hope for families and communities across Malawi.





ROTARY CLUB OF BORROWDALE BROOKE DONATES BABY FORMULA TO PARIRENYATWA'S PRETERM UNIT



When nurses at Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals' neonatal unit stood before the Rotary Club of Borrowdale Brooke to share the realities facing their tiniest patients, they could not have anticipated the wave of compassion that would follow. What began as a presentation to a community club ended with 179 tins of baby formula delivered to one of Harare's most vital, and most stretched, medical facilities.

The donation, made this March, was directed to the hospital's preterm babies unit, which cares for 38 premature infants at any given time. The need had been brought to the club's attention after representatives from the unit were invited to speak at one of its regular meetings; what the nurses described that evening left the room moved, and the club moved quickly.

The challenge facing the unit is both medical and deeply human. Mothers of preterm infants frequently experience complications that prevent them from producing breast milk in the critical days following birth. Illness, trauma, and the physical toll of difficult deliveries can leave a mother's body unable to

respond even to a breast pump, leaving nurses to find solutions for newborns whose survival depends on consistent nutrition.

"We get babies who don't get milk. Their mothers' breasts are so dry, and even if you use a breast pump you won't get anything. Thank you, be blessed.", Sister Nyaradzo Pabwaungana, Head of the Midwifery Training School

Sister Esther Hazvinei Pfigirai expanded on the range of circumstances the unit navigates daily, including newborns left in the care of nursing staff when mothers do not survive delivery, while arrangements for the infant's future are made, the donated milk helping them thrive in the interim.

Beyond the donation itself, the visit shone a light on a facility doing quietly extraordinary work: the unit is home to Africa's first Immediate Kangaroo Care programme, a low-technology, high-impact therapeutic approach that places premature infants in skin-to-skin contact with caregivers to help regulate the baby's temperature, breathing, and development.

"What brings these people together is not about the same skills or income. It's about the spirit in each of these individuals that you see here. They want to share and help, because to us it's about service above self.", President-Elect Louis Kesekende

For the Rotary Club of Borrowdale Brooke, the visit was as much about listening as it was about giving. Kesekende confirmed that plans were already in motion to return with more, mobilising through the club first and reaching out to corporate partners. Projects Chairperson Beverly Manyangadze captured the emotional weight of the moment: the club intends to remain present and engaged with the unit going forward.

This was the club's first formal engagement with Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals, but the tone of the visit suggested it was the beginning of something sustained rather than a single act of goodwill. For a unit doing some of the most delicate and consequential work in the country, the preterm unit has gained more than 179 tins of formula, it has gained advocates.



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**EMPOWER
COMMUNITIES**



**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**

See you in Zimbabwe!



TELL US *Your Story*

BE PART OF OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!

The Rotary District 9210 Newsletter Editorial Team invites you to share inspiring stories of service and impact from across Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, and Northern Mozambique.



SPECIAL FOCUS
**JULY IS MATERNAL
AND CHILD HEALTH
MONTH**



SHARE. INSPIRE. IMPACT LIVES.

Every act of Rotary creates change.
Your story can inspire others and
show the world how Rotary is
Creating Lasting Impact.

We are looking for authentic stories written
by those who were involved in, witnessed,
or benefited from a Rotary or Rotaract initiative
at the local, regional or global level.



**YOUR STORY CAN INSPIRE OTHERS.
DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF!**



*Together,
we create
lasting change
in our
communities.*

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



Submit your story as a
Microsoft Word document.



All photographs must comply
with Rotary Brand Guidelines.
Images that do not meet these
standards may not be accepted.



Maximum length:
600 words.



Submission deadline:
31 July 2026



Include high-resolution
photographs suitable
for publication.



Email your submission to:
fgwaze@gmail.com



The Editorial Team reserves the right to edit submissions for clarity,
style, length, and consistency with Rotary International's editorial
and branding guidelines, while preserving the integrity and intent
of each story.

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Each One
Bring One

DISTRICT 9210
TARGET **1200**
NET GAIN



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