**Rotary Club of Edmonton International Service Committee Project Funding Proposal**

**Lead Rotary Club: Peace River Rotary Club**

**Tanzania Girl’s and Women’s Health & Education Project (TGWHEP)**

**Summary**

(See proposal for complete details)

Lamadi is a mixed ward and town located in the Busega District of the Simiyu Region of Tanzania, approximately 3km from the western border of the Serengeti National Park and Kijereshi Game Reserve, with Lake Victoria’s shores to the east. As of the 2012 census, the population of Lamadi was 22, 062.

A 2019 needs assessment confirmed the need for numerous improvements to community health and education, including school latrines, menstruation latrines, hand washing stations, and water tanks. There are only two latrine units per school to support the entire student population (~1300), and only two hand washing stations with limited access to soap.

In the 2021-2022 year, the project will focus on building six new school latrines, including two units for menstruation needs for girls, as well as two new water tanks with handwashing stations and provisioning of soap. The construction of latrines and water tanks/handwashing stations is expected to be completed June 30, 2021.

The project will also seek to deliver health education in schools with the partnership of Peace for Conservation and their relationship with school administration and teachers, and through partnerships with AMREF, PCI and Teach for Tanzania.

The local community will be engaged in the construction of the project, supplying or sourcing materials required such as cement, timber, tin roofing, and iron grates, as well as local short term employment opportunities in construction of the infrastructure.

Partnerships in Tanzania:

* Mwanza Rotary Club and Peace for Conservation are active partners in the area and will ensure partnerships with other groups.
* Project Concern International (PCI) is a non-profit global development organization with projects in Asia, America, and Africa.
* African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) is a non-government organization founded and based in Africa with half a century of experience in health development.
* Teach for Tanzania aims to help improve the quality of education for children.
* As well, Courtney Hughes of the Northwest Spirit Passport Rotary Club has an extensive and continuing relationship and background with organizations and communities in the area.

**Budget**

Total Project cost: $10,330 (see proposal for details)

Funding as of January 12, 2021:

D5370 grant $2900

Peace River Rotary Matching $2000

Northwest Spirit fundraising $1735

Grande Cache Rotarians donations $1000

Personal donations $1500

Total raised to date $9135

**Request to Rotary Club of Edmonton**  **$1195**

Notes:

* The project is sponsored by the Peace River Rotary Club (Diane Brodeur, Chair of International Service Projects). Funding will be administered by the Peace River Club.
* Courtney Hughes of the Northwest Spirit Passport Rotary Club is the project contact person. The Northwest Spirit Passport Rotary Club and the Peace River Rotary Club are collaborating on the project. Courtney has extensive experience in Tanzania is has worked closely with local organizations there.
* The project is scalable upward and is envisioned as potential the first phase of similar future initiatives in Tanzania.
* COVID 19 has precluded most international travel to Tanzania but will not impact the construction of the latrines.
* Local engineering approval of the project has already been received.