

Cadre Connection



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Message from the chair

The success of a project relies on the sponsor clubs, which should work together to make decisions and encourage the full participation of their members.

Three things are essential for a successful project:

- **Knowledge** — Technical knowledge is vital in order to develop meaningful projects. The project team needs a thorough understanding of Rotary Foundation guidelines and resources, including [A Guide to Global Grants](#), the [Community Assessment Tools](#) handbook, and the eligibility criteria found in the [Area of Focus Policy Statements](#).

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Cadre members participate in the 2022 Colombia Project Fair

The Colombia Project Fair, held 3-5 February in Paipa, Boyacá, Colombia, showcased 44 projects from Districts 4271 and 4281. It attracted a large delegation of Rotary members from other countries who are interested in supporting these projects as international sponsors.

Many of the Rotary clubs presenting their projects were advised by

Cadre members from the Central America and South America regional team led by Juliana Corredor González. Cadre members also helped fair organizers by compiling a catalog of projects by area of focus. The Cadre members were promoted as a valuable resource for clubs and districts that want to carry out successful and sustainable projects.

Cadre Vice Chair Carolyn Johnson and six technical advisers from Colombia represented the Cadre at the project fair. [Learn more about the Cadre](#) and how its members can help you plan and implement projects, or [contact a Cadre leader](#).

Learn about support from the Cadre

Review [a recent webinar about the Cadre](#) to learn more about its role and how it helps Rotary members plan and carry out successful projects.



Cadre members conduct evaluations virtually

Members of the Cadre have been able to carry out evaluations of global grant projects despite travel suspensions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through November to January of this Rotary year, Cadre member Marcel van Opstal met virtually from Colombia with the sponsors of a community economic development project in Ecuador. The project, sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Quito, Pichincha, Ecuador, and Zürich-Knonaueramt, Switzerland, remodeled a building for a fish market and a food services facility for fishing industry workers in Bahía de Caráquez, Manabí, Ecuador.

Planning to attend the Rotary International Convention in Houston?

You can explore topics that interest you by participating in breakout sessions being held 6-8 June, including sessions that will focus on developing projects:

- Tap into the Network to Increase Project Impact
- Measuring for Success
- Designing Results-Oriented Service Projects
- Enhance Your Club's Impact and Reach Through Rotary Community Corps

Visit convention.rotary.org periodically to find updated information about the breakout sessions.



Cadre member spotlight: G. Viviana Santa Cruz Mérida

G. Viviana Santa Cruz Mérida, of the Rotary Club of Cochabamba-Tunari, Cochabamba, Bolivia, has served as a Cadre member for more than four years. Viviana is a civil engineer with postgraduate degrees in water resource management and extensive experience designing, managing, and supervising water, sanitation, and hygiene systems as well as irrigation systems in rural and urban areas.

Viviana joined the Cadre after being inspired by a technical adviser assigned to evaluate a project sponsored by her club. As a Cadre member, Viviana serves as a resource to Rotary members in her district and beyond, sharing her knowledge about project management and global grant requirements. She says she feels lucky to serve as a Cadre member and to be able to use her expertise to evaluate projects and uphold The Rotary Foundation's commitment to managing funds responsibly and making a long-term impact.



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