



GLOBAL GRANTS COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Use this form to report community assessment findings to The Rotary Foundation when you apply for a global grant.

Assessing the strengths, weaknesses, needs, and assets of the community you plan to help is an essential first step in designing an effective and sustainable global grant project. See [Community Assessment Tools](#) for full instructions and helpful tips.

This form will help you report the results of your community assessment, and it's required when you apply for any humanitarian or vocational training team grant. Complete a separate form for each beneficiary community (e.g., school, health care system, or village), using information that is both current and specific to each community. Remember, you can't use global grant funds to cover the cost of doing an assessment, but you can use district grant funds.

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Describe the characteristics (such as geographic information, main sources of income, population size, and access to education and health services) of the specific community where this project will take place.

Pleiku, Vietnam, is a community of about 460,000 people characterized by its agricultural significance (coffee, rubber cultivation, tea production, and the cultivation of various crops), cultural diversity, and ongoing efforts to improve education and healthcare services, which are currently lacking. The area's unique mountainous geography and cultural heritage includes several ethnic minority tribes, including the Bahnar and Jarai peoples, often referred to as Montagnards.

COLLECTING COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT DATA

When you conducted the assessment, who in the community did you speak to? At least two different community representatives and beneficiaries who are not involved in Rotary (such as teachers, doctors, or community leaders) should be included in the discussions.

We spoke at length with Michael Browzowski, the founder of Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization which targets relief for victims of human trafficking. We also spoke with Dr. Dong Nguyen, a Vietnamese medical doctor employed at Bac Mai hospital in Hanoi, Vietnam. We also attended a leadership conference in Hai Phong, Vietnam with 75 local community leaders, and a leadership conference in Pleiku, Vietnam with 23 local attendees.

When in the last year did the discussions occur?

The assessment spanned from September 26 to October 16, 2023.

What methods did you use to collect information from community members (such as community meetings, interviews, or focus groups)?

We gathered information through face to face meetings with locals in Pleiku as well as health professionals, including Dr Dong Nguyen, MD in Hanoi and representatives of non-profit organizations. Our focus group, led by Holm Tran, our translator, and a Vietnamese American. Dr John Hart, MD (Senior flight surgeon from California) also did online medical research for our mobile health fair.

TARGET POPULATION

Who will benefit directly from the project? List the groups that will benefit (such as schools, hospitals, vocational training centers, cooperatives, or villages).

Our target population is the village people of the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

Describe the process of how the beneficiaries were identified.

We identified potential beneficiaries by holding community meetings and inviting locals. At the meetings we spoke on a variety of health related topics. The information was well received and locals are hopeful that we will be able to help them improve their lives.

COMMUNITY STRENGTHS, NEEDS, PRIORITIES, AND PROJECT DESIGN

Describe what members of the community said matters to them during the assessment.

The locals feel that a pharmacy and availability of medicine are vitally important to their community.

Describe the community's strengths and resources.

The local economy consists of coffee bean growers and local farmers producing adequate food supply.

Describe any challenges and gaps in the community's behaviors, skills, and knowledge.

Healthcare facilities in Pleiku are very basic, at a first aid, buddy care level. The outdated equipment and severe provider shortage are exacerbated with a meager 5% allocation of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for healthcare.

There is an acute need for primary care providers, reflected in a ratio of only one physician for every 1,000 people in Vietnam. The shortage extends to medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, and basic medical bags/ first aid kits.

What issues will the project address, and how does the community currently address those issues?

We will address these issues by establishing a mobile health fair. Working in cooperation with Anchorage International Rotary, Hanoi Rotary, Da Nang Rotary, and the Children's Benefit Foundation will increase the potential for sustainability and longevity of this project.

Provide the specific details of the project design and how it will solve these issues.

Costs involving funding for travel, food and lodging, supplies, storage, local staffing, and local transportation will be satisfied through a Vietnam Mobile Health Fair Rotary Global Grant.

Describe the long-term plan for the project (such as oversight, financial responsibilities, and expected behavior change) after Rotary's involvement ends.

These details will be addressed through a Rotary Global Grant, local donations, with the Children's Benefit Foundation Project Partner.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (FOR ALL ENVIRONMENT AND WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE PROJECTS)

What are currently the greatest environmental threats to local land, air, water resources, and the ecosystem?

There is no public water or sewage system. Air and water pollution is evident throughout the area.

List any cultural practices that are relevant to the project (such as agricultural techniques or traditions).

We need to be sensitive to the need of making this a community based project rather than outsiders imposing a program on the natives. We will accomplish this by including local community members and in partnership with Da Nang Rotary Club and Hanoi Rotary Club.

What positive and negative environmental changes do you expect to result from the project?

Creating a continuous health fair will bring the community together, foster environmental awareness and clean up and healthier people.