

4-14-15

GLOBAL GRANT #GG1529434
Fort Collins Rotary Club
DISTRICT AND GLOBAL GRANTS COMPETITION

International Contact

William M. Timpson

William.timpson@colostate.edu

Committee Members

Alan Aushbaugh

serviceinaction@gmail.com

Judy Lane

Judylane62.jl@gmail.com

Susan Scratchley

sscratchley@hotmail.com

Host Contact

Willy Rubeya (Passed on the request to the new elected leadership)

EMAIL: ruwilly@yahoo.fr]

Host Committee Members

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Areas of Focus

Global grant sponsors are required to demonstrate in the application how their planned activities support the goals of one or more of the areas of focus. In addition, grant sponsors of humanitarian projects and vocational training teams must describe how they will measure impact in the area(s) of focus.

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution: Rotary supports the training, education, and practice of peace and conflict prevention and resolution.

Goals: Training leaders, including potential youth leaders, to prevent and mediate conflict; Supporting peace-building in communities and regions affected by conflict; Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to peace and conflict prevention/resolution.

Project Title
“POWERING SUSTAINABLE PEACE STUDIES”
Providing Translations and a Generator
for the University of Ngozi in Burundi, East Africa

THE AMAHORO (PEACE) PROJECT
Building Sustainable Peace and Development in Post-Conflict Societies

with endorsement from the
Rotary Clubs of Bujumbura, Burundi

Dr. Apollinaire Bangayimbaga, Rector
 University of Ngozi, Avenue de l' Université, B.P. 137 Ngozi, Burundi, East Africa

Dr. William M. Timpson, Professor
 School of Education, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523, USA

“Amahoro” is the Kirundi word for peace. After forty years of genocide and civil war during which a large percentage of its educated citizens were targeted, exiled or killed, impoverished Burundi is now ripe to model a transformative development approach while nurturing a new generation of leaders. Founded in 1999 with a commitment to peace and reconciliation, its **University of Ngozi (UNG)** is uniquely situated to be a laboratory for peace-building and sustainable development and the Amahoro Project hopes to help lead the way.

Based on four years of research, a new book from Routledge—***Conflict, Reconciliation and Peace Education: Moving Burundi Toward a Sustainable Future***—describes the challenges of this work in Burundi and was co-authored by Colorado State University Professor and Fort Collins Rotarian William M. Timpson, a Fulbright Scholar and Specialist in sustainable peace and reconciliation studies. His co-authors are Dr. Elavie Ndura, a survivor of the violence in Burundi and now a professor at George Mason University and Fr. Apollinaire Bangayimbaga, Rector of the University of Ngozi and Ph.D. in theology from the University of Madrid.

Those committed to the *Amahoro Project* believe that development must wed with educational innovation to ready new leaders and professionals to heal and foster civil society as basic infrastructure needs are addressed. In early 2012, as an inclusive, private, co-educational, and multi-faith institution that enrolls Hutu, Tutsi, and Twa students from Burundi as well as increasing numbers of students from neighboring countries, the University of Ngozi signed an **International Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU)** with CSU and its School of Global Environmental Sustainability (SoGES) to pursue projects toward sustainable peace and development.

In all our endeavors, we propose to use **locally generated and regionally applicable case- and project-based learning** to transform surface or memorized learning. Liberatory education is needed to aid the shift Burundi from an exploited European colony toward long-term stability. What proves viable in Burundi, East Africa and the developing world could also have benefits for communities in the industrialized world that struggle with conflict, violence, polarization, and the costs of security. Over the course of this project, the University of Ngozi will be established as a viable center for **research and development in sustainable peace and development**. Leaders from around the world—in higher education, NGOs, government, business—would be invited to learn here and build new partnerships.

However, all of this is also contingent on having a reliable source of electricity for the University of Ngozi. The need for a generator is clear; everything stops without it. **With a reliable source of electricity, Burundians can forge a**

- **RECOVERY** and **REBIRTH** of spirit;
- **RECONCILIATION** of wounds, differences, rivalries, prejudices, and hatreds;
- **RESOLVE** to understand the truth of the past, fix the present, and prepare for a better future; and a
- **RESILIENCE** to rebuild an impoverished, post-colonial nation.

GLOBAL GRANT PROPOSAL #GG1529434

**“POWERING PEACE STUDIES”
Providing Translations and a Generator
for the University of Ngozi in Burundi, East Africa**

***THE AMAHORO (PEACE) PROJECT
Building Sustainable Peace and Development in Post-Conflict Burundi***

The Rotary clubs in Bujumbura are supportive.

UPDATE: Timpson has been awarded a second Fulbright Specialist Award to support this work on sustainable peace and development. He plans to return to Burundi and his work with the University of Ngozi this coming May and June (2015) to work with neurologist Dr. Selden Spencer and lead workshops on problem-based and case-based learning for medical and health science teaching staff using translated materials in an ambitious effort to shift education away from the memorized and controlled knowledge that suited the purposes of colonizing powers and toward a greater emphasis on critical and creative thinking about real world problems. The University of Ngozi is hoping to become a Center for Studies in Sustainable Peace and Development.

UPDATE: Robin Steele has completed her application for a Fulbright Specialist Award. If successful, she can then negotiate with Rector Bangayimbaga about the timing of her work at the University of Ngozi, i.e., exactly what, where and when.

- **Communication from Rector Bangayimbaga**

Bill: Now about the generator. The lab material that we have installed needs more electric energy, said our technical advisor (ingenior). After visiting our laboratory, he calculated that we need 55 kwa to power our facilities. His idea is that we need a generator of 60 kwa. Now the cost is 50 000 000 FBU (Burundian Francs) with installing fees and reverser costs of 2 000 000 FBU. The total is 52 000 000 FBU or \$31 515 US dollars. If our friends in Rotary can make this effort, you would save our university. Many things have to be done, but the provision of electric energy is a priority.

Apollinaire

FUNDING UPDATE: Commitment of funds from the Fort Collins Rotary Breakfast Club: \$1,500

- *Email commitment from Larry Selman after Timpson’s presentation to their International Committee*

FUNDING UPDATE: (3-28-15): Potential support from other Rotary Club

- Psychiatrist Allen Dyer, an expert in post-conflict recovery, is linking his work in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East with our work in Burundi and has made a presentation to a Washington DC Rotary Club.
- Retired lawyer Robert Hiller is promoting our work through Rotary contacts in **Santa Fe**.
- Neurologist **Selden Spencer** in doing likewise with his contacts in Iowa. He is the recipient of a Fulbright Specialist award and will accompany Timpson to Burundi in May and June to conduct workshops on problem-based learning in medical and health science programs.
- Timpson's receipt of a second Fulbright Specialist award with the hint of a third next year means that the **U.S. State Department** is a committed ally for this work at the University of Ngozi in Burundi. Hopefully we can forge expanded relations with Rotary International in Africa. Perhaps we can lobby for a seventh Rotary International Peace Center. As we speak, Burundian troops are playing a role as a regional peace keeper.

FUNDING UPDATE: Commitment of funds from the Fort Collins Wednesday Noon Rotary Club: \$3,000

- This is the group that Fr. Bangayimbaga addressed in October, 2014.
- Rotary members will now assist Timpson in making appeals to other clubs. Together we will need to raise \$USD10,000 from different Clubs. This project is now listed on MatchingGrants.com.
- If we are successful the Rotary District #5440 will hopefully award us a matching \$10,000.
- If that is successful, we will apply to Rotary International for a Global Grant match of \$USD15,000 for a final total of \$USD35,000 for the new generator and posting of the translated materials on sustainable peace and development on the University of Ngozi website as well as other websites.
- We will need Rector Bangayimbaga to complete several tasks for all of this to be successful.
 - Contact the Rotary Club of Bujumbura and get 3 names of Rotarian members there to serve on the Host Committee.
 - Continue efforts to establish a Rotary Club in Ngozi. Without that any funds will be channeled through the Bujumbura Rotary Clubs.
 - Consult with experts to get details on the following: the kind of generator; the make and model, who will sell it, who will install it and who will service it when needed.

2-16-14

**NEW GLOBAL GRANT APPLICATION
(2014-2015)**

Title: Translated Materials and a New Generator for Building Sustainable Peace and Development through the University of Ngozi in Post-Conflict Burundi

Country and Location: Ngozi, Burundi, East Africa

Host Rotary Club: Fort Collins

International Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Bujumbura, Burundi

Grant Purpose: After forty years of genocide and civil war during which a large percentage of its educated citizens were targeted, exiled or killed, impoverished Burundi is now ripe to model a transformative development approach while nurturing a new generation of leaders. Founded in 1999 with a commitment to reconciliation, its **University of Ngozi** (UNG) enrolls 1,500 students in a variety of disciplines—health, agriculture, business, law, communication, computer sciences—and is uniquely situated to be a laboratory for peace-building and sustainable development.

We need funding for this project: **TRANSLATIONS, DELIVERY and ACCESS**

- Translate existing curricula that emphasize **sustainable peace and development through case- and project-based learning**, and which link traditional disciplines and communities with innovations that address basic needs.
- **Write or rewrite, translate, copy and distribute new and existing materials** in Kirundi, French and English, both in hard copy and internet-based access, for delivery and dissemination.
- We have the support of **Atwood Publishing** and their materials on teaching and learning peace, reconciliation, sustainability and diversity
- With a new generator, we can assure the completion of this project and access for the approximately eleven million people of Burundi.

First Year Request: \$35,000—Install generator; mount translated materials on websites.

Second Year Request: \$35,000—Field test and revise materials; offer training regionally.

Third Year Request: \$35,000—Evaluate impact; revise and disseminate materials.

First Year Grant Amount: \$35,000

Suggested Rotary Club of Fort Collins Contribution:

Additional Rotary Club Funds Needed:

Rotary Club of Bujumbura Contribution: At least \$USD100

Rotary Contact: Dr. William M. Timpson William.Timpson@Colostate.edu

PROPOSAL

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CENTER for PEACE & CONFLICT STUDIES

Helping to Build Sustainable Peace and Development in Post-Conflict Societies

Fort Collins Rotary Club
Colorado State University
University of Ngozi, Burundi, East Africa

Dr. William M. Timpson, Professor
School of Education, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523, USA
Phone (970) 491-7630 Fax (970) 491-131 William.Timpson@colostate.edu

Dr. Apollinaire Bangayimbaga, Rector
University of Ngozi, Avenue de l' Université, B.P. 137 Ngozi, Burundi, East Africa

“Amahoro” is the Kirundi word for peace. After independence from colonial rule by first German and then Belgian forces, Burundi had to fight through the legacy of an imposed racialized hierarchy that put the minority Tutsis (15%) in control of the majority Hutus (85%). What ensued was **genocide, civil war and forty years of violence** when a large percentage of the educated Hutus were targeted, exiled or killed. Impoverished Burundi is now ripe to model a transformative approach to development while nurturing a new generation of leaders and offering its expertise to others on the African continent.

Founded in 1999 just before a peace accord was signed, the **University of Ngozi** (UNG) committed itself to peace and reconciliation so that every graduate would have some skills for resolving conflicts without resorting to violence. As a major research university, **Colorado State University** (CSU) has a successful track record in extending expertise to the field, through Extension, and overseas with several large, longstanding funded projects in Africa through a wide range of public/private/NGO partnerships. Working together, CSU and UNG offer a way to co-host a **Rotary International Center For Peace and Conflict Studies**, a much needed first for continent of Africa.

In early 2012, the University of Ngozi, a co-ed, multi-faith institution, signed an **International Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU)** with CSU’s School of Global Environmental Sustainability (SoGES) to pursue sustainable peace and development. This emphasis would add a unique emphasis for a Rotary Center, mixing “peace with others” to “making peace with the planet” and within a context of sustainability.

Timpson, W., E. Ndura, and A. Bangayimbaga (2015) *Conflict, reconciliation, and peace education: Moving Burundi toward a sustainable future*. New York, NY: Routledge.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CENTERS FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT

STUDIES: The Rotary clubs in Bujumbura, the capital city of Burundi, are eager to work with us on this project.

- There are seven in the world but none in Africa. Rotary headquarters estimates that this effort could take 3-5 years.
- CSU has an active graduate and undergraduate minor in Sustainable Peace and Reconciliation Studies.
- The U.S. Ambassador in Burundi has experience with Rotary and would be supportive.
- CSU President Tony Frank, a member of the Fort Collins Rotary Club, is also supportive.
- The Rotary Peace Center in Bangkok, Thailand has expressed interest in discussing the possibility of sharing their three-month certificate program in Peace and Conflict Studies for delivery through Colorado State University's School of Global Environmental Sustainability in partnership with the University of Ngozi in Burundi.

ROTARY FOUNDATION WEBSITE

From the website:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/apply-grants/district-grants>

PROPOSED 3-MONTH CERTIFICATE IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

With the support of Rotary International, a three-month certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies will be modeled after the one that exists at the Rotary Center in Thailand. Students will complete two months of training at Colorado State University and a one-month internship at the University of Ngozi in Burundi, East Africa.

References

Timpson, W. and D. K. Holman, Eds. (2014) *Controversial Case studies for teaching on sustainability, conflict, and diversity*. Madison, WI: Atwood.

Timpson, W. and D. K. Holman, Eds. (2011) *Case studies of classrooms and communication: Integrating diversity, sustainability, peace and reconciliation*. Madison, WI: Atwood.

Timpson, W., E. Brantmeier, N. Kees, T. Cavanagh, C. McGlynn and E. Ndura-Ouédraogo (2009) *147 practical tips for teaching peace and reconciliation*. Madison, WI: Atwood.

Timpson, W. (2002) *Teaching and learning peace*. Madison, WI: Atwood.