



# 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.

Cobija is a city and municipality in the Bolivian Amazon, capital and most populated city of the department of Pando located in the Nicolás Suárez Province. The city is located on the banks of the Acre River, on the border with the Federative Republic of Brazil, in addition to being the only urban agglomeration in this department.

It has a population of about 65,000 inhabitants. It is located at an altitude of 228 m above sea level. north. m., has a tropical and rainy climate, and is the least populated departmental capital in the country.

## **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.

An evaluation was carried out with members of the Rotary Cobija club and members of the Cobija Municipal Autonomous Government and also the Municipal Urban Sanitation Service (SEMASUR).

A community meeting was held with members of the recyclers' association, interviews were conducted with personnel from the Cobija Autonomous Municipal Government, and a mapping was conducted in the Villa Fatima community and in the municipality of Cobija.

When in the last year did the discussions occur?

November 2022.

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

Community meeting and interviews were conducted.

### **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).

Citizens from Cobija in general will benefit with the project. But the direct beneficiaries will be the 38 families (Recyclers' Association), that currently work on the garbage collecting, by having moto bikes, containers, special equipment to handle in a better way the process of collecting and sorting the garbage, in order to sell the collected plastic and aluminum waste to be recycled.

Describe the process of how the beneficiaries were identified.

By talking to the Municipal Urban Sanitation Service (SEMASUR) we could identify the Recyclers' Association is made up of 38 families that have come together to reduce the waste scattered on streets and avenues in the capital of the Municipality of Cobija and to contribute to the prevention of environmental contamination in the municipality. This association, which is in the process of maintaining its legal status, maintains a close coordination relationship for the collection of plastic and aluminum waste with the Cobija Municipal Autonomous Government, through the Municipal Urban Sanitation Service (SEMASUR). In addition, the company has more than 10 years of experience collecting plastic and aluminum waste informally, with a market agent in neighboring Brazil who has been purchasing this waste for the past 10 years. The buyer makes monthly advance payments of approximately Bs. 500 to collect the approximately 5,000 kilos of waste that the association collects per week, representing 50% of plastic waste and 40% of aluminum waste. In this way, the association improves the food security of their families and reduces 40 tons per month of solid residues distributed in the streets and avenues of the capital of the municipality.

According to the above, the needs to be addressed by the project are the following:

1. Lack of differentiated containers for solid waste (plastic - aluminum)
2. Insufficient environmental culture among the population.
3. Collection and selection of recyclable materials from the sanitary landfill.
4. Recyclers do not have equipment or machinery for solid waste collection.
5. Recyclers do not have protective equipment to do their work.

### **COMMUNITY STRENGTHS, NEEDS, PRIORITIES, AND PROJECT DESIGN**

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

General population and the Municipal Government

Describe the community's strengths and resources.

The Recyclers' Association is a solid group of people, very organized, and willing to receive help in order to improve the job that they are doing and get better.

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

Clearly, they are not educated people and the challenge will be to learn a new way of doing the same process they have been doing to improve and be better.

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

The lack of a good service on garbage picking is the problem we are trying to solve with this project. Not in the best way, but the recyclers' association is doing the job but there is a lot of space for improvement, the process, the security, the service and the amount of solid residual material that could be recycled can improve in many ways.

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

In the future, the project will generate incomes, by selling to Brazil the solid residual recycled material, this money will be used to buy and maintain the equipment that the GG will provide at the beginning.