

Goals of Rotary Club of Calgary – International projects

WCS Committee (World Community Service)

Vision: *“Empowering the World’s Most Vulnerable People”.*

Mission Statement: *“Humanitarian assistance for people in need that leads to individual and community self-reliance as well as a higher quality of life”.*

Priority Project Elements

1. Building on strong internal and external relationships.
2. Strong project champion and mentoring.
3. Location in Asia, Africa, and Central and South America.

Major interest areas: Health, Education and Literacy, Water and Sanitation, Container Shipments

Other interest areas: Disaster Relief, Microcredit, Community Wellbeing

Project champions (member of RC Calgary) assume responsibility and accountability to WCS for initiating, managing, tracking and reporting on projects.

A major WCS project is generally defined to have a RCC budget allocation of greater than \$5,000 and generally has Rotary Clubs or Districts in two or more countries joining together to accomplish a humanitarian project in the host country.

Pertinent WCS goals:

- Continuing member and public awareness of the full scope of international projects
- Opportunities for direct involvement in projects by more of our members
- New WCS members successfully encouraged and mentored to become project champions
- Continuing contact with international Rotarians to identify and complete worthwhile projects
- Lasting and publicly visible benefits from focused efforts on signature or legacy projects
- Improved understanding of community and world issues
- A legacy international project for the club’s 100th identified, including potential RI involvement

Evaluation Criteria

Mandatory Components – All Projects:

- Demonstrated project ownership by Lead Champion and other supporting Champions who are committed to take responsibility and accountability for the project.
- Project objectives are aligned with WCS & RCC priorities as set out in the WCS LRP.
- Beyond the Project Term, there is no ongoing commitment to operating funds required for the project.

- All or almost all of the project funds will be directed to vulnerable people in underdeveloped countries.
- Evidence of solid project plan with timelines, costs/budget specified and a process to track project costs and activities.

Desirable Components Applicable to Major Projects:

- Project will leverage WCS funds with funds from TRF, CRCID, CIP, other partners, private donations or other sources.
- Project is multi-year to build expertise, focus, impact and public awareness.
- Project will build local Calgary recognition for the Rotary Club of Calgary.
- Project will have an enduring, self-sustaining, and long lasting impact.
- There is potential for the project to expand without additional funds or involvement by RCC.
- Evidence of credibility and reliability of host country implementer is provided.
- Degree of involvement of project recipients or others in host country in Project.
- Project involves RCC members outside of WCS.
- Project involves a partner Rotary Club in the host country.
- Project provides host country recognition of RCC.