



*District 7980 – Connecticut, USA
Richard B. (Rick) Benson, Governor 2008-09*

Re: Global Grant Partnership on Dengue Fever Reduction – Phase 3 GG1412480

Under the leadership of Dr. Paul Spiekermann, Westport Rotary has successfully completed GG 25009, which indicated the successful significant reduction of Dengue Fever in a large neighborhood in the Kadapiro neighborhood of Surakarta, Indonesia through non-chemical means. Phase 2, (GG 26037) is currently expanding the study to a larger area and is similarly proving to be effective. Phase 3, the largest of the three, has been approved by TRF in draft format and is designed to expand the test area further and to prove the sustainability of this non-chemical method of interrupting the life cycle of the mosquito that spreads Dengue. Installing white ceramic tiles onto existing residential concrete water tanks so larva can be seen and disposed of is the process.

If this method is proven successful in Surakarta, the methodology is likely to spread all across Indonesia. The World Health Organization has recently completed a study indicating Dengue is spreading faster worldwide than previously thought and that up to 100 million people get the disease annually with 10 – 15% experiencing severe pain and loss of work. The Foundation Trustees are fully aware of the significance of this project and the impact its success could have on slowing the spread of this disease.

Several D7980 clubs, several districts in Europe, the host club and the Indonesian district 3420 are participating, but we still need about \$15,000 – 20,000 to reach the total \$69,038 budget.

We invite your club to partner with Westport Rotary. Any amount from \$1000 to \$5000 would be most appreciated. Dr. Spiekerman and I are committed to keeping you fully informed, giving your club credit as a partner in all publicity, and getting you PHF recognition points.

We need to submit the funding plan to TRF in July and will probably need funding from the partners in August, 2013 so materials can be purchased in Indonesia in September. Please let me know as soon as possible if your club would consider partnering with Westport.

For Dr. Paul Spiekermann,
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