

District/Governor's/Rotaract Grant Final Report Form

This report must be completed and uploaded on matchinggrants.org within 30 days after completion of the project but no later than 2 years after the date of approval of the project. For scholarships, the report is due 30 days after payment of funds.

Rotary Year 2022-2024

District Grant # (from matchinggrants.org) _P-4142

Rotary Club: Ft. Collins Breakfast

Project Title: Peanut Butter House-Liberia

Project Description:

The Peanut Butter House has been producing RUTF (Ready to Use Therapeutic Food) for 11 years and distributing it at no charge to malnourished children in Liberia. The Peanut Butter House produces about 1,000 packets of RUTF each year and distributes the RUTF (peanut butter paste enriched with protein and vitamins) at 3 centers. The centers serve approximately 1,000 children and their families each year. The average length of treatment is 2-3 weeks of RUTF eaten twice a day. RUTF has been so successful in restoring malnourished children to good health that UNICEF and The World Health Organization recommend RUTF as the best treatment of non-hospitalized malnourished children.

The Peanut Butter House recently expanded its program to provide additional services to children suffering from malnutrition. This expansion included adding a nurse to the staff, providing medicine for the children and their families and providing rice, vegetables and fish to the families of children suffering from malnutrition. The cost is \$1500 a month to run the Peanut Butter House and these additional services.

The RUTF fortified peanut butter paste is making a difference among the poorest of the poor. Malnourishment continues to be a huge challenge for many poor Liberian children. This project, though small, gives hope to many slum dwellers.

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1. **Is this a scholarship governor's grant report?** Yes ☐ No ☒ (If yes, go directly to line 16)

 2. **Briefly describe the project. What was done and where did the project activities take place? Explain how the beneficiaries and other community members were involved?**

The grant funds arrived in Liberia in September 2022. Ingredients for the RUTF were purchased and production began. By December 2022, 3200 packets of RUTF had been produced.

In January 2023, RUTF production was halted when the local health authority condemned the building due to termite damage. For the next 16 months, a successful fundraising campaign was undertaken, the original wooden building was demolished and a new concrete block building was constructed. The new building met World Health Organization standards for a food production facility. In August 2024, RUTF ingredients were purchased and production resumed.

The Production Manager (an adult) and the production team members (adolescents) are Liberian orphans who have received specialized training and are paid for their work. They also have housing and education provided by Transformation International.

3. How many Rotarians participated in this project? 2

4. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

They assisted with purchasing the RUTF ingredients and they observed the RUTF production.

5. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?

Over a hundred Liberian slum dwelling children and their families benefited from this program. The remaining RUTF packets will benefit many more children and their families.

Members of the slums around Monrovia contact Rev. Luther Tarpeh requesting that the Peanut Butter House team come to their community and help their children.

The Peanut Butter House team includes a nurse who thoroughly examines the children and identifies the malnourished children in need of RUTF. The team first provides the malnourished children and their families with rice, vegetables and fish to help the children resume eating. The second week, the children receive the RUTF which is eaten twice a day. After about 2 weeks of eating the RUTF, the children show signs of improvement.

6. Who are the beneficiaries and what is the expected long-term community impact of this project?

The beneficiaries are malnourished Liberian children who live in slums and who are the poorest of the poor. RUTF restores malnourished children to good health, usually within 2-3 weeks. The long term impact is a reduction of malnutrition and an increase in improved health of children.

Here is a brief story from Rev. Luther about a child receiving RUTF:

Peter is 8 months old. His parents are slum dwellers. Because of the unhealthy environment where they live, Peter has been sick since he was 3 months old. His immune system was weakened by the constant illnesses. His parents could not afford to take him to the hospital. After 3 weeks of eating RUTF, his health has improved incredibly. He is playing and smiling again.

7. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was their role? N/A

8. Income:

Income Source	Amount
District Grant	\$6,000
Total Project Income	\$6,000

9. Expenditures: (number receipts starting with 1 and indicate a receipt # (s) for each expenditure) (Do not include travel expenses)

If international project convert amounts to US dollars	Receipt # (s)	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount
Bank charges for wire transfer			\$260
Stipends for nurse and project managers			\$850
Rice, veggies, fish for kids and families			\$1320
Purchase of peanuts, oil, milk and other ingredients			\$855
Stipends for Production team & manager			\$1200
Repair of generator & stove			\$575
Fuel to power generator			\$535
Transportation for distribution around communities			\$291
Miscellaneous			\$114
Total project expenditures			\$6,000

Regarding the financials, Rev. Luther buys the ingredients from local Liberian people. There are no receipts. The local economy is “cash and carry” and receipts are not given because the concept is foreign/not a part of the local culture. Rev. Luther keeps an itemized expenditure list which can be found in the Document section of Matching Grants. I have worked with Rev. Luther for over 10 years. He is honest and trustworthy.

10. Please explain any variance of more than 5% between the budgeted amount and the actual amount including the reason for the variance and why the alternative was chosen. N//A

11. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	5	
The grant process worked well	5	Grant funds were delayed until 9/2022
My interaction with partner clubs was good	5	
We achieved the results we expected	5	

12. Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab? (If not, please do so)

See pictures of children enrolled in the Peanut Butter House and pictures of the parents and children receiving RUTF.

13. What worked well on this project and why?

Malnourished children who need RUTF are being identified and enrolled in the program. The Peanut Butter House has operated in Liberia for over 10 years and local inhabitants are aware of this resource. Families contact Rev. Luther asking to enroll their children and families of prior children enrolled in the program refer local malnourished children for evaluation. The program nurse visits the children, does a thorough physical exam and enrolls children needing RUTF.

The RUTF restores children to good health and the families receive health education from the nurse.

14. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it?

There was an unexpected interruption and delay in RUTF production. Shortly after the first phase of RUTF production was completed in December 2022, the original Peanut Butter House building was closed by local health authorities due to termite infestation. RUTF production could not continue until a new building was constructed. It took 16 months to raise the needed funds, demolish the original wooden building and construct a new concrete block building that met World Health Organization standards for a food production facility. The second phase of RUTF production was completed in August 2024.

Despite the delay, the Grant activities were successfully accomplished within the 2 year time frame.

15. How was this project publicized?

N/A. Local Liberian people are aware of the RUTF program and they refer malnourished children to Rev. Luther. The nurse makes home visits to examine the children and enrolls children needing RUTF.

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17. Scholarship Governor's grant only

- a. Name of scholarship awardee _____
- b. Current school _____
- c. University of college they will be attending _____
- d. Course of study _____
- e. Starting date _____

Project Inventory

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$500 in value and are not expendable.

Item Purchased	Date of Purchase	Cost	Initial Destination/ Location	Comments

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District's

and RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of the District, RI, and TRF.

Please attach all receipts or an invoice and a copy of the check used to pay the invoice. Funds over \$100 not used must be returned to the district grants treasurer.

A copy of the wire transfer plus financial reports are in the Documents section of Matching Grants.

Certifying signature of primary contact:

Cynthia Cloyd Date: 9.22.2024

Print name Cynthia Cloyd

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