



*Peace is a process.
Let's do this together.*



**Mediators Beyond Borders International
Member Guide
To Engage with Rotary International**

People building peace

Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI) is honored to be a Service Partner of Rotary International (RI). This partnership seeks to increase the capacity of both organizations to help prevent and resolve conflicts, with the goal of eventually ending violent conflicts. Establishing this point of Partnership has involved the work of many MBBI members and Rotarians.

What is Rotary?

RI, whose motto is “service above self,” seeks to significantly impact the challenges facing humanity such as fighting disease (most notably Polio), providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies, and promoting peace. Rotary is made of 1.2 million Rotarians in clubs around the world and hundreds of thousands of members belonging to Rotaract (young adults), Interact (High-schoolers), and affinity groups with a specific focus such as:

- Rotarian Action Group for Peace (RAGFP).
- Rotary Alumni (Peace Fellows, scholarship recipients, and former program participants).
- Rotary Partner Organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Peace Corps.

What can we do together?

- MBBI, a leader in skill-development training, can help enhance many Rotary club projects.
- Through their connection to community leaders, Rotarians can help enhance MBBI’s peacebuilding.
- Rotary has supported the training of over 1000 Peace Fellows, several of whom are MBBI members, team leaders, and consultants. Peace Fellows may be eager to collaborate with you on peace projects.
- MBBI partners can implement Rotarian-led projects, some of which may receive financial support from The Rotary Foundation.
- MBBI members are encouraged to volunteer at the Rotary annual International Conventions, regional peace conferences, and regional Institutes. These events will help you learn about the work and priorities of Rotary members, Rotary’s global reach, the value of the partnership, and connect with Rotarian peacebuilders.

A Guide To Partnering With Rotary

How to connect with Rotary members?

MBBI strongly encourages you to start with Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in your area to inform them about your work and learn about their priorities. Some may be interested in starting or expanding activities within the peace and conflict prevention/resolution concentration.

The main resource Rotary provides is its wonderful members who have strong community networks, plan and implement humanitarian projects, and are dedicated volunteers. They are eager to spread awareness, assess communities, partner on planning and implementing humanitarian projects, and more.

To connect with a Rotary or Rotaract Club, follow these steps:

- Visit [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) to learn about RI. Locate clubs near you by using [Rotary's Club Finder tool](#).
- Once you find a club that is near you, visit their website.
- Reach out to the club (officers, President, and the Chair of the Community Service Committee - some clubs may have a Program or Peace Committee as well). Offer to attend an upcoming club meeting to share about MBBI's work and to learn more about the club's goals and priorities.

To connect with the Rotarian Action Group for Peace:

- Visit www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org to learn about the group's projects and goals. Contact the group's leadership to get involved.

To connect with a Rotary Peace Fellow:

- Rotary Peace Fellows (RPF) have received a 2-year fellowship for a graduate degree in Conflict Resolution or have completed a 3-month certificate program. MBBI's goal is to support RPFs by involving them in peacebuilding with clubs. Connect with a local RPF by contact us or using [Peace Fellow directory](#).

To learn more, or if you would like to become involved, contact us at: ripartner@mediatorsbeyondborders.org



ITI Minsk, 2017



ITI Jakarta, 2016

My offer to speak at a club has been accepted, What's next?

MBBI will provide you an introductory presentation and a "Guide for the Rotary Family to engage with MBBI." Contact the [MBBI-RI Working Group](#) at ripartner@mediatorsbeyondborders.org and **we will help you prepare.**

- Visit mediatorsbeyondborders.org to learn about ongoing partnership activities like the International Training Institute (ITI) for women peacebuilders, the Peace Conversations Facilitations (PCF) program for Rotary Clubs, and MBBI Country Projects. These all have been partially funded by Rotary and are evidence based for effective impact.
- Knowing more about MBBI's impact on the peacebuilding efforts around the world such as MBBI's involvement with the UN will help you understand Rotary's grant-funded activities within peace and conflict prevention/resolution.
- Peacebuilding is a relatively new focus for many clubs. The MBBI-RI partnership is a learning opportunity for Rotarians, Rotaractors, Peace Fellows, and MBBI members. Rotarians and Rotaractors may be interested in volunteering with or initiating local efforts to prevent, resolve, or heal conflicts, which you can be part of.
- Based on your experience, you may be able to assist clubs in conducting community assessments, facilitating dialogues, and training Rotarians and youth.
- MBBI's focus is to build a partnership that will enable you to use your skills to increase Rotary's and your community's peacebuilding capacity and to include Rotary members in your peace-related activities.

Rotary Global Grants

Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation have six areas of focus. Important for MBBI, one of those areas is Peace and conflict prevention/ resolution with an overarching goal **to be of service to humanity. Rotary's greatest accomplishment to date is the near eradication of Polio.**

Rotary Global Grants (GG) have involved MBBI work: 90 women peace-builders trained by MBBI and partially funded by Rotary have already impacted over 30,000 people in 33 countries.

In connecting with Rotary Clubs you may find that they want to support one of the current collaborative projects seeking club and district funding.

Being involved with a GG is a great way for Rotarians to learn about peace-building and help implement an MBBI's program in a conflict impacted community.



Past RI President Tanaka discussing peacebuilding
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Impact

Together, MBBI and the Family of Rotary combine resources to save lives today, and one day, eradicate conflicts.

Inspiration

This Partnership can play a key role in building **connected** communities.

Connected communities are **safer** communities

Safer communities are **prosperous** communities

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Kenyan Community Leaders Trained by MBBI



Community Dialogue Facilitated by MBBI-LA

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