

PROJECT PROPOSAL

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROJECT FOR GWARINPA VILLAGE WOMEN COOPERATIVE

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**ROTARY CLUB OF ABUJA AGWARINPA
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COVER LETTER

November 18, 2021

The President

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Dear Madam,

RE: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROJECT FOR GWARINPA VILLAGE WOMEN COOPERATIVE

Rotary Club of Abuja is an international award winning club chartered on 12th of May, 2009 and meeting at Benysta Hotel, C54, Tai Solarin Street, Gwarinpa Abuja, Nigeria.

The youthfulness and contribution of our members is our stronghold towards meeting up with the Object of Rotary and 4 Way Test in line with executing projects in the Rotary Areas of Focus.

Our club has earned recognition in commencing and completing very impacting projects in our adopted community; sustained by our continuum characteristics.

Economically empowering the Gwarinpa Village Women cannot be overemphasized as they are the epicenter and fulcrum of life in the community. This encouraged our involvement in the above mentioned project which was achieved in the last Rotary and also financially supported by your honourable club.

In our quest to indulge more women in the community, it has become necessary to enlarge its capacity; hence we have been able to secure a bigger centre for this new project.

Contained herein, is a proposal for the intended project aimed at soliciting your support to actualize it within this Rotary you.

We look forward to working with you.

Yours in service,

OBIOHA ELENWOKE
Secretary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

JEREMIAH ADIE
President

Gwarinpa is a district in the phase 3 development plan of Abuja and is about 42mins drive (41km) to Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja and 16mins drive (14km) to Central Business District. Its popularity is stemmed from the fact that it houses the biggest housing estate in West Africa as well as most of the popular construction companies in the country in an area called Life-Camp.

Living within this massive estate, is the original indigenes of the land of the Gbagyi tribe who are in loosely linked cluster settlements called the Gwarinpa village. The village is headed by a Chief known as the Esu who is given staff of office by the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Minister. This village is our adopted community where all our projects are carried out.

Eighty percent of economic activities in this community are carried out by these women who are dependent on peasant trading and other meager activities to sustain their livelihood with little or nothing from their husbands. In view of this, the club decided to embark on economic empowerment for these women to help them increase their income and keep them actively viable and vocal part of the community.

The Economic Empowerment project was initiated with the training of the women in different skills such as liquid detergent, hand sanitizers and disinfectants making as well as other skills. We marketed as well as patronized their products and in the last Rotary year set up and equipped an economic empowerment centre of which you supported financially.

As a continuum, we have decided to enlarge the capacity of this project to impact on about 500 more women. A bigger building has been secured for this project in a different location within the village which has to be upgraded to meet up with the required standard and properly equipped to serve the purpose of the project.

The effect of this project on the economic life of these women and the community in general can not be overemphasized as it will create a multiple jobs that will engage all classes of people in the community, thereby reducing unemployment and improving the well-being of a lot of families through revenue generation increase.

The successful actualization of this project can only be done with your collaboration and support, financially and otherwise. This would earn both clubs a joint achievement of one of the focus areas of Rotary – Economic Empowerment & Community Development. It would also set a major step for a long term relationship between both clubs for other clubs to emulate.

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Membership: 51

Board of Directors: President – Jeremiah Adie

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Secretary – Obioha Elenwoke

Treasurer – Njideka Kanu

Club Administrator – Nneka Aghamba

Community Service Director – Uche Egbune

International Service Director – Kennedy Amadi

Youth Service Director – Tobechukwu Onyeador

Immediate Past President – Constance Okeke

Projects for the Year: Fighting Disease:

- Provision of a 2 Bed Sick bay for our adopted school
- Free Eye Test, Medication, and Eyeglasses for our adopted school
- Free Medical Services – Rotary Family Health Day

Supporting Education

- Scholarship for our adopted schools
- Quiz Competition
- Career Talk for adopted school

Saving Mothers & Children

- Donation of Mother Care Items to nursing mothers at Gwarinpa village Health Centre

Providing Clean Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

- Construction of 6 units of Water Cistern Toilets for adopted schools

Growing Local Economies

- Entrepreneurship Training for 100 Gwarinpa Village Youths (2 Sessions)
- Women Economic Empowerment Programme

Promoting Peace

- Peace Walk/Summit in collaboration with other clubs

Protecting the Environment

- Tree planting in our adopted schools and community (100 numbers)

Rotary Public Image

- Production of Rotary Branded Signage for 3 adopted schools and Gwarinpa Primary Health Centre.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Gwarinpa village is a rural community surrounded by developed environment but yet struggling with access to social amenities, infrastructure and means of livelihood. Most of her indigenes live below \$1 per day, a situation that has put them in critical condition with daily struggle to sustain their families.

Due to non availability of arable land to engage in farming and other agricultural activities, its inhabitants are majorly involved in peasant trading to generate income. This economic activity is majorly carried out by the women to support their families. The men many a times provide little or nothing to their wives to run their homes and so the women have to go all out to fend for themselves and their children, a very dire situation in their everyday life.

The women of Gwarinpa village are bequeathed with a lot of shortcomings that have inhibited their progress, hence are heavily struggling with sustaining an economically viable business venture. Most of them are not skilled in minor technical activities that could boost their economic well being while those that are semi-skilled are not properly equipped to progress further and create market for their skills and products.

There are no centres in the community that would encourage skills acquisition and further training to improve their skills and entrepreneurial acumen for those who have gotten some form of training and skills. A business hub that will create a market place for their products and services does not exist and they lack the sales and marketing skills to boost and/or project their businesses.

SOLUTION



In view of the perils of these women and interactions the club had with them, we deemed it fit to commence skills acquisition programme for them. This was effected with training of the women on tailoring and production hand sanitizers, disinfectants, liquid detergents and air fresheners.

With these, the women commenced production and sales of these items. The club went further to patronize their products and market it to other clubs as well. This went a long way to improve the economic viability of the women in particular and the locals in general.

To enhance their skills, train more women and create a market hub for these women, it became necessary to get and equip a centre for these activities. This was achieved in the last Rotary year and with the support of your club, alternative source of electricity was provided for the centre.

The existing centre is not sizeable enough and will not be able to encapsulate our target; hence the initiative to enlarge the programme to involve at least 500 more women. The solution is to secure a bigger building and equip it accordingly to meet the required need and engage skills acquisition specialists to train the women in different skill sets.

PROPOSAL

INTRODUCTION

Rotary Club of Abuja (RCAG) has secured a building at LEA Primary Galadima Gwarinpa to renovate and equip for the women empowerment programme. This was done in collaboration with the Gwarinpa women and School Authority.

SCOPE

The project will be limited to:

- Renovation of the building
- Furnishing and Equipping
- Training
- Monitoring and Evaluation

APPROACH

- The building has already been secured in principle and further correspondences will have to be concluded with the authorities before commencement of works.
- Once this has been concluded, renovation works will commence while arrangements for the required furniture & fittings and other necessary equipment will made.
- Upon renovation completion, the place will be branded and equipped with the purchased physical assets, commissioned and handed over to the women.

- Skills acquisition professionals will be engaged for the women for an agreed period of time. At the expiration of the agreed period, the women will take over.
- All these activities will be overlapping to deliver the project within the required time.
- Monitoring and Evaluation will commence thereafter and it will be a continuous process.

COST

The total cost of the project is **\$35, 009.93** (@\$1.00 = ₦409.00) outlined as follows:

Building Renovation	\$7,334.96
Furniture & Fixture	\$1,955.99
Detergent making Equipment	\$6,845.97
Detergent/Toiletries making materials	\$2,738.39
Tailoring Equipment	\$2,933.99
Tailoring Materials	\$1,760.39
Trainer	\$1,466.99
Solar Powered Borehole	\$7,334.96
Logistics	\$971.15
Contingency	\$1,667.14
Total	\$35,009.93

FUNDING

We are very confident that your club will assist us in actualizing this project through your financial support.

Funding of this project will leave unforgettable impact in the lives of these women and in the community in general.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- The women will have a bigger centre that will accommodate more people on skills acquisition.
- Semi-skilled labour force will be created in the community hence creating room for employment.
- It will help to boost economic activities in the community.

- It will enable the women to generate more income to sustain their families.
- It will enable the women cooperative to generate more income that could be given to their members as soft loans.
- It will create a positive multilevel ripple effect in the community.
- The project will be a source of clean water to the community.
- Project will make the women less dependent on their husbands and hence have a strong voice in the community.
- It will attract outsiders and the government to the plight of the community.

CONCLUSION

Gwarinpa Village is a community that yearns for social and economic empowerment despite being in the midst of modern development. Per capita income is very low as the burden of survival is very high with women bearing the brunt of this undeserving economic condition.

Rotary Club of Abuja Gwarinpa has therefore deemed it very important to economically empower these women who are the epicenter and fulcrum of life in the community yet without a strong voice to be heard. We have equipped these women with some skills and provided an empowerment centre that will provide a rallying point for their skills improvement and sales of their product with your financial support. We also constantly patronize their products and have enjoined other clubs in Abuja to do same.

Having achieved the aforementioned at a smaller level, we are therefore enlarging the programme to accommodate about 500 more women in the community; hence the project we have initiated in this proposal. The project cannot be achieved without your financial and advisory support.

The benefits of this project cannot be overemphasized and the long time impact on the community will echo beyond borders.

We are very much confident that our relationship with your club has commenced on a wonderful note and the collaboration will definitely go beyond this project but to further escalate the Object of Rotary in line with the Four Way Test.

The 2Rooms Building



Building Location

