GLOBAL GRANTS COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Use this form to report community assessment findings to The Rotary Foundation when you apply for a global grant.

Assessing the strengths, weaknesses, needs, and assets of the community you plan to help is an essential first step in designing an effective and sustainable global grant project. See Community Assessment Tools for full instructions and helpful tips.

This form will help you report the results of your community assessment, and it's required when you apply for any humanitarian or vocational training team grant. Complete a separate form for each beneficiary community (e.g., school, health care system, or village), using information that is both current and specific to each community. Remember, you can't use global grant funds to cover the cost of doing an assessment, but you can use district grant funds.

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Describe the characteristics (such as geographic information, main sources of income, population size, and access to education and health services) of the specific community where this project will take place.

Meycauayan is the name of the Filipino phrase "*may kawayan" in* English translation, "*with bamboo".* With a total Land area of 3,210 hectares, the city is located 19 kilometers north of Manila, and 26 kilometers south of the City of Malolos – the provincial capital of Bulacan. The City of Meycauayan is generally surrounded by plain and gently rolling hills. It is bordered by the City of Marilao in the north, the towns of Bocaue and Bulakan to the northwest, Valenzuela City to the south, the Northern part of Caloocan City to the east, and the municipality of Obando to the west. Politically subdivided into 26 Barangays.

The city's industries and primary sources of income were jewelry making, manufacturing, commercial, and service centers. A 3rd city income class with an average annual income of $17,857,142.86 or 1 billion pesos.

With a total population of 225, 673, according to the 2020 census. The City Health System and infrastructure is Ranked at 33rd place in the entire country and 63rd place in terms of access to educational infrastructure according to the Department on Trade and Industry Local Government Unit profiling.

COLLECTING COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT DATA

When you conducted the assessment, who in the community did you speak to? At least two different community representatives and beneficiaries who are not involved in Rotary (such as teachers, doctors, or community leaders) should be included in the discussions.

The Key Informant Interview (KII) was conducted last year in 2022, October 17 (Monday) around 2:30 PM with Informants from the City Government of Meycauayan, the city's local chief executive - Mayor Atty. Henry Villarica, and city health unit head, Dr. Christian Roque, Dr. Merie Jane Berboso from city health unit 8 – Brgy. Lawa & Caingin, Barangay health workers Mrs. Lisa Madriaga, Mrs. Gina Javier, and Mrs. Rosario Ocfemia of Brgy. Bagbaguin health center.

When in the last year did the discussions occur?

The needs assessment using KII was conducted in the last year of 2022, October 17 (Monday) around 2:30 PM. And follow up consultations were arranged after the initial meeting.

What methods did you use to collect information from community members (such as community meetings, interviews, or focus groups)?

The project proponent utilizes Key Informant Interview (KII) method.

TARGET POPULATION

Who will benefit directly from the project? List the groups that will benefit (such as schools, hospitals, vocational training centers, cooperatives, or villages).

Residents of Meycauayan – patients in need of immediate health care, City Health Units situated in remote areas of Meycauayan.

Describe the process of how the beneficiaries were identified.

Thru a series of consultations with the informants, needs assessment findings, previous program/project undertakings, and advice of project proponents from other clubs in district 3770.

COMMUNITY STRENGTHS, NEEDS, PRIORITIES, AND PROJECT DESIGN

Describe what members of the community said matters to them during the assessment.

The community thru informants stressed the need for accessible health care and improving its system, as a response to their previous experience on covid-19 emergency response.

Describe the community's strengths and resources.

The city has its infirmary, needed medical supplies, organized barangay emergency response clusters, a pool of doctors and physicians, and community leaders (more than willing to assist us) that were in constant communication. Composed of 10 city health units for 26 Barangay units, catering the immediate medical attention, and treatment of patients.

Describe any challenges and gaps in the community's behaviors, skills, and knowledge.

One of the challenges is there is no Public Hospital in the city. Much of indigent Meycauayeños rely on Barangay health centers for their immediate health care need.

The closest hospitals were privately owned, and the provincial hospital is approximately 24km. or 35-45 minutes drive away from the city.

The city has experts, and local resources, however, employment generation, investments, public road rehabilitation, and improvement were the top priority of many locals.

What issues will the project address, and how does the community currently address those issues?

The project is aiming to address the immediate healthcare concerns and needs of indigent patients, and institutions in need - situated in remote, and poor areas of the City of Meycauayan.

Currently, community members heavily rely on Brgy. Health Centers (Units) for first aid treatment, and free medication. Emergency cases and laboratory result-examination were brought to the Bulacan Medical Center (Provincial Public Hospital) in the City of Malolos.

The project will be the first of its kind to address the growing medical need of indigent patients, and other basic social services needed by Meycauayeños. This will also improve the healthcare system of the city.

Provide the specific details of the project design and how it will solve these issues.

> Mobile Health Care Unit – a flexible, modern, and mobile treatment facility designed to provide immediate medical care thru its equipment, tools, and doctors in remote areas of the City of Meycauayan.

Describe the long-term plan for the project (such as oversight, financial responsibilities, and expected behavior change) after Rotary's involvement ends.

> The host sponsor will monitor/manage the project throughout its implementation from community assessment, and the bidding process to turnover of the finished project.
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> The counterpart club will monitor the project as to the specifications of the Vehicle Unit, pieces of equipment, and medical materials.
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> The host will fully coordinate with the Local Government Unit Head and City Health Unit Officer, to ensure the use, maintenance, and success of the project. When the unit is properly turned over, the host sponsor with the implementing agency and target beneficiaries will be covered by a Memorandum of Agreement. The Rotary Club of Meycauayan East's Rotarians will also help by providing assistance and support for the implementing Unit (CHU).
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> The sponsor will constantly communicate, visit, and monitor the proper use, and maintenance of this mobile unit, and its equipment in the future.
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> The host sponsor will do all the reporting to TRF, and comply with all of its requirements. The host sponsor will invite international sponsors to monitor and/or visit the finished project.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (FOR ALL ENVIRONMENT AND WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE PROJECTS)

What are currently the greatest environmental threats to local land, air, water resources, and the ecosystem?

> N/A

List any cultural practices that are relevant to the project (such as agricultural techniques or traditions).

> None.

What positive and negative environmental changes do you expect to result from the project?

N/A