

**Matching Grants**  
Report to The Rotary Foundation

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The primary partner Rotary clubs/districts must submit Progress Reports every twelve months during project implementation. The Final Report is due two months after completing the project.

## **Project Information**

Matching Grant Number #76433 Project Country Brazil

Progress report  Final report  Reporting Period from: 02/01/2012 to 04/28/2013

Host Partner Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Candido Mota

District: 4510

International Partner Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Folsom

District: 5180

## **Project Narrative**

1. Briefly describe the project.  
What were your original objectives?

**To** provide sustainable solar-powered hearing aids for hearing challenged children so they could attend school and have good language development.  
-To share educational methods for Auditory Training and Foster Language Development and Literacy in deaf children.

What was actually accomplished?

As it turned out (we found this out at the workshop), the club had difficulty in finding school-aged children who needed hearing-aids. We determined that in this region putting aids on children before the age of two is not common practice- which explains why we could not locate many. Waiting so long to put HA on children devastates language. We hope this is the start of a change to infants getting HA's. Accomplished: 80 adults and 2 children received hearing aids- most of whom had hearing losses but had never had a hearing aid before.

When and where did the project take place, and who were the beneficiaries?

**Where?** in Candido Mota & Assis , Brazil **When?** in 3 parts. June-Dec 2012, Municipal Health Clinics identified disadvantaged adults and 2 children as needing hearing aids but could not afford them, or be provided by the government. The Rotarians collected audiograms from 4 Municipalities. These were given to Solar Ear, our cooperating agency, and from those the most severe candidates from age 1 month to 68 years old were chosen to receive them. Jan.&Feb 2013 Rotarians From the Candido Mota and Assis Rotary Clubs arranged for the candidates have ear molds made. March&April 2013 distribution of HA completed. Workshop completed. **Who?** Disadvantaged adults and 2 children as mentioned above from municipalities surrounding the Rotary Club areas of Candido Mota and Assis, 63 hearing professionals benefitted from the workshop.

Scope change. If the project was changed, how and why was it changed?

Originally 192 hearing aids were to be distributed. Due to the time lapse between the proposal and project, Solar Ear had to pass along an increase in the cost of materials to make the hearing aids to us - this reduced the # of hearing aids to 164. *Still* inexpensive.

Children could not be found. (see explanation) The result was 2 children and 80 adults who have economic difficulty and cannot afford aids were identified for distribution.

The time for the project to be completed is not 90 days, but one year and two months. Because it took longer to identify persons to receive the aids, and manufacture of hearing aids was delayed, the project was delayed. All changes communicated to RI in 2012.

## Rotarian Involvement and Oversight

3. How did Rotarians manage and oversee the project?

-Rotarians managed the acquisition of the aids from the supplier.

-Communicated with international partner to be sure the money we provided was being used in production. Advertised project 4 times in Newspapers.

-Organized club members into teams who set up chairs, provided food, took pictures, made sure all recipients were ready and in line when their turn came up-involving as many Rotarians as possible.

-The hosted the visiting Rotarian- set up workshop for Professionals.

-A Rotarian listened to each hearing-aid and helped check battery equipment to ensure it was of good quality, and Rotarians witnessed all recipients receive his/ her HA.

4. How many Rotarians from the host partner club participated in the project? 30

5. In what way did the host Rotarians participate in the project? Please list all non-financial involvement.

**Local Host Rotarians:** visited the Healthy Municipality Sector of Cândido Mota and Assis for the purpose of identifying the recipients of hearing equipment.

-looked for impoverished hearing-impaired people, and asked them to make the audiogram exams and followed for doctor examinations.

-helped organizing the patients to make ear molds during four days in November and December 2012. Local Rotarians served breakfast for the patients.

-had contact with the supplier so that all the exams and aids could be performed as required by the doctors.

-helped organizing the patients and fitting the hearing aids during the all stages of delivery

-Coordinated the workshop for Vocational Training of 63 Hearing Professionals conducted by a member of the International Partner, who is a former Ambassadorial Scholar, Jean Irwin, with expertise in Hearing-Impairment. She also shared with them what she had learned as an Ambassadorial Scholar

-The PUBLICITY the C. Mota Club did was excellent- the awareness it brought forward, and made it possible to have a lot of participation in the workshop and brought the mother of the 3-year-old to us, bringing training to the mother.

6. How many Rotarians from the international partner club participated in the project? 4

7. In what way did the international Rotarians participate in the project? Please list all non-financial involvement.

-Jean Irwin Hatfield ,a certified teacher of the deaf and auditory therapist, came and conducted a workshop for local Audiologists and teachers of the deaf on best practices for hearing aid users in auditory training used in the US. She is familiar with how hearing aid output should sound and so checked to be sure of the quality of the HA's.

-Irene Perale another member of the District translated into Portuguese all of the technical materials and videos used in the workshop.

-Erika an RYE student from Canada translated when Jean went to work with a local 3-year-old who is profoundly deaf and whose mother heard of the Rotary program and asked for help.

-Connor Kane, an Ambassadorial Scholar translated for the workshop. He is from North Carolina.

## **Community Impact**

8. How many people benefited from the project? (HA's / Workshop Participants) 82/63

9. What was the impact of the project on the beneficiaries?

The impact is: -Better communication for recipients at work and with family. -The creation of the environment that it is acceptable to wear hearing-aids.

10. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?



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**APARELHOS AUDITIVOS** – Os rotary clubes do distrito rotário 4510, em parceria com o Rotary Clube de Folsom, na Califórnia, arrecadaram 164 aparelhos auditivos para doação (foto). A entrega desses aparelhos já foi iniciada. Ontem e hoje os aparelhos foram e serão entregues aos pacientes previamente cadastrados e selecionados por equipe médica.

# Financial Statement

Currency Used: US Dollars

Exchange Rate:

= 1 USD

## 11. Income

Sources of Income	Currency	Amount
1. TRF Matching Grant Award and Contributions		33,750
2. Other Income (identify):		
3. Other Income (identify):		
4. Interest Income (if any):		
<b>Total Income:</b>		

## 12. Expenses (add rows as needed)

Budget Items	Name of supplier	Currency	Amount
1. 164 hearing aids with Solar Charger	Solar Ear	US Dollars	\$33,750
2.			
3.			
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5.			
6.			

**13. Bank Statement** - A bank statement that supports the above statement of income and expenses must be attached to this report.

### Important – please read:

- For final reports, if there is less than US\$200 remaining, please spend it on eligible items. If there is more than US\$200 remaining, it must be returned to The Rotary Foundation.

[Note: In India, government rules require that all unutilized funds be returned to the Rotary International South Asia Office.]

- For grant awards over US\$25,000, attach an Independent Financial Review to each progress report and the final report.
- Keep all original receipts for at least five years, or longer if required by local law. Do not send receipts to TRF unless requested by staff.
- If your project involves a revolving loan fund you will need to visit the Rotary website at: '[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)' to download the Report Supplement for Revolving Loan Grants.

**14. Certifying Signature** – Either the Host or International Partner must certify the report. If the grant is club sponsored the current club president must certify the report and if the grant is district-sponsored the district grants subcommittee chair must certify the report.

By signing this report, I confirm to the best of my knowledge that these Matching Grant funds were spent according to Trustee-approved guidelines and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Original receipts for all expenses incurred will be kept on file for at least five years, or longer if required by local law, in case they are needed for auditing purposes. 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 in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in 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 RI and TRF.



- President Evaldo Alves  
Luiz Ricardo Begosso D4510  
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Rotary Club House.  
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Sao Paulo- he  
workshop for hearing  
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taken by J. Irwin)



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International partner  
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in this region. (Photos

Each family member was called over to be sure instructions of hearing aid use and battery recharging was known by the whole family, adding to the sustainability of HA use. All phases of the project received good publicity. (Photos L. Begosso) Food table was provided- overseas it. President E. Cavalcanti



**DOAÇÃO**  
**Beneficiados recebem aparelhos auditivos pelo Rotary Clube**

**INDIANARA PAIÃO**

Os Rotary Clubs do Distrito rotário 4.510, em parceria com o Rotary Club de Folsom, na Califórnia, arrecadaram 164 aparelhos auditivos para doação. A entrega desses aparelhos já foi iniciada. Oitem e hoje, os aparelhos foram entregues aos pacientes que foram previamente cadastrados e selecionados por equipe médica.

A distribuição foi realizada na Casa de Amizade e beneficiou um total de 80 pessoas. Para que todos possam ser melhor atendidos, a entrega aos pacientes foi dividida em três grupos em diferentes datas.

"Nesses dois dias os aparelhos foram distribuídos aqui em Assis, mas o mês que vem os pacientes de Cândido Mota também serão contemplados", adianta o companheiro rotariano de Cândido Mota, Luis Ricardo Begosso.

Os recursos para aquisição dos aparelhos auditivos e doação aos pacientes foram obtidos através de projeto realizado em conjunto com o Rotary Club de Cândido Mota, Rotary Club Assis Norte, Rotary Club de Folsom (Califórnia, EUA), Distrito 4510, Distrito 5180 e Fundação Rotária.

Para poder receber o aparelho auditivo, os beneficiados tiveram, inicialmente, que comprovar a necessidade pelo aparelho apresentando o laudo de um exame de audiometria. Os contemplados também receberam orientações sobre o uso correto do aparelho.

"Dentro de um mês eles retornam para que seja feita uma análise de como está sendo a convivência com o equipamento", explicou Begosso.

Segundo o rotariano os equipamentos são de última geração e funcionam com baterias recarregáveis por energia solar, reduzindo substancialmente os custos de manutenção, comparado com os aparelhos nacionais e convencionais. O grupo de pacientes atendidos é formado por crianças e adultos.

*Médica instala aparelho auditivo em paciente*

*In our effort to improve our grant program, we'd appreciate your feedback on the following questions:*

**A. Rotary Impact – *select all that apply***

- X Our club or district's international Rotary connections are stronger as a result of this project.  
Club membership has increased as a result of this project.
- X Visibility of Rotary in our community has increased.
- X Our club's awareness of the needs in our community has increased.
- X Volunteer activity in our club or district has expanded.  
Our club or district is more active in pursuing Foundation grants and Rotary programs.
- X Awareness of the needs in our community has increased among Rotarians in other countries.  
Participation in this Matching Grant has not changed our club or district in any significant way.

**B. Project Sustainability – *select all that apply***

- X The project will continue to function without Foundation funds.
- X Equipment purchased with grant funds is being maintained with local materials and expertise.
- X If training was a component of the project, trainees are using their knowledge and skills.
- X This project has provided community members with the skills, knowledge, or institutions that will allow them to help themselves.  
The community has initiated additional projects related to the same or similar problems.  
The project has not been sustainable.

**C. Suggestions**

Given your experience, do you have suggestions to improve the Matching Grants program?

Since this is the last year for MG we'll have to see how the Future Vision made common practice effects the paperwork and so on. We found RI to be outstanding in its response time to questions and all manner of help. Thank you for that, Valerie.

If your project clearly demonstrates Rotarian involvement and is worthy of publication, please complete an RI Newstip Form, available on the RI website at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Please attach action photos showing the beneficiaries or showing active Rotarian involvement and indicate the name of the photographer.

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**Report Checklist**

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**Does your report include the following?**

Time period of reporting

How and what the project accomplished

Rotarian participation, oversight and management

Rotary impact

Itemized report of income and expenses

A bank statement

\_\_\_\_\_ Certifying signature

Independent Financial Review for grant awards of US\$25,001 or more

**Have you done the following?**

Made copies of the report for both the host and international partner

Returned surplus funds over US\$200 (except in India where all unutilized funds must be returned)

Made a file to store the report and receipt copies for five years or longer if required by local law