

Bellevue Rotary Club

World Community Services

Project Contribution Proposal Form

Project Name	Cambodian village demining project
Project Contact Information	Sally Mackle Seattle 4 Rotary District 5030 Mine Action Chair 425-827-8544 HALO Trust US State Department
Project Location	Cambodia
Onsite Rotary Partner	Unknown
Project documentation	Yes, upon request
BRC Proposed Grant	\$500
BRC Contact	Rob Rose
Does the project meet BRC-WSC criteria?	Unknown
Recommendation Date	October 2006
Status	Under Review
Last update	December 4, 2006

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1. Summary

This year, for the third year in a row, we are raising funds to demine a village in Cambodia. We are 1/2 way toward our goal of \$20,000, which the US State Dept will then match at 100%. It is the easiest matching money I have found --- no forms to fill out, no deadlines, and no reports required of the Rotary clubs. All the reporting work is done by HALO Trust, the largest demining organization in the world, and our partner for the previous 3 villages we cleared of landmines.

Our State Dept is happy to do these matches because it doubles the amount of land cleared, and helps them extend their budget for demining. Plus it is an incentive to Rotary Clubs, which always like to get their funds matched.

I have attached the interim report from this year's demining to give you a sense of the importance of this work. More than 440 landmines have been cleared to date, probably saving that many lives – or at least saving that many adults and children from losing a limb, their eye sight, or another major medical situation. Apart from the horror of the killing or mining, the long term consequences of mine removal has other far reaching effects: it restore the village to a normal life. People can now plant their crops without fear of being blown up by a landmine; children are now free to play throughout the village, not restrict to small, safe areas; the economy of the villages improves drastically since the roads are now safe and crops can be taken to the market towns and sold. Children can now attend school and access to water is assured with no landmines blocking either. So removal of the mines is just the beginning of restoring a whole village to a normal life after 25 years of facing the daily fear of a mine accident.

Issaquah, SeaTac, Ballard and Seattle 4 Clubs were part of last year's village demining. I have sent the report to the previous ISC chairs for all these clubs but lost the contact for Ballard and therefore have not as yet shared this information with that club.

I hope you will share the attachments with your International Service Committee and discuss the possibility of adding some of your budget to our demining project. Several clubs have had either myself or Laurel James talk recently about landmines. If you have not been one of those clubs but would like a speaker, either one of us is available.

In January, 2007, I will be leading a group of 15 Rotarians and friends to Vietnam and Cambodia for a humanitarian tour. In addition to visiting humanitarian projects through Vietnam, we will have time for sightseeing and cultural activities. In Cambodia we will drive to the current village we are de-mining to meet with the villagers and give them a plaque from District 5030 Rotarians. HALO Trust will be our guide for this part of the trip, and will also take us to an active minefield where we can observe deminers at work. This part of our trip – the village and the minefield tour -- was the highlight when we went in 2004 and I know it will be again.

Please share the information about the trip with your club members in case any of them would like to come on the trip.

2. Project Details

2.1. Description

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2.2. Project Goals and Timeline

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2.3. Financial Disclosure

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Description	Amount
TOTAL	

2.4. Project Impact

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2.5. Project Result Indicators

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2.6. Project Assessment

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3. BRC project criteria

Description	
Does the project save lives?	Yes. It prevents injuries or death from land mines

Does the project repair lives?	No. It does not provide medical, educational or related services
Does the project improve lives?	Yes. Villages prosper economically from having safe land to use
Does the project have onsite Rotarian involvement?	Unknown
Does the project have Rotary Matching Funds?	RC Match Unknown. Matching grants from US State Department
Does the project support District 5030 programs	Unknown

4. BRC Recommendation

We have contributed to the demining efforts in past years.
I feel that we should make a contribution as we have been a part of this effort in the past.

5. BCR World Service Committee Approval

Name	Sign-off
Rob Rose (WSC Chair)	