



ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA-GLOBAL  
ROTARY ACTION GROUP

## February 2026 Newsletter

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### A Letter from the Chair

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors,

In January, we launched a first-time grant opportunity to build community projects for World Malaria Day (April 25, 2026). In a few weeks, **91 applications poured in from around the globe and 33 have been awarded by the World Malaria Day committee**. Rotary's true strength has never been found in titles or positions, but in people — ordinary individuals choosing, again and again, to say “yes” to making a big impact.

The immense, creative energy in these numerous proposals reflects an interest in malaria eradication that is game-changing. These grant opportunities change lives, but they also change us. Rotary grounds us in service, connects us across cultures, and reminds us that progress happens when people show up with purpose and dedication. Whether your contribution is large or small, visible or behind the scenes, it all matters. **Our collective impact is built one “yes,” one project, and one act of service at a time.**

As Chair, I am deeply grateful for your commitment, your generosity, and your belief in Rotary's ability and RAM-Global's commitment to **“Create Lasting Impact”** (quote: Yinka Babalola, Incoming RI President). I appreciate the hard work of the committee working diligently to evaluate the most impactful proposals, because the world needs what we do best: compassion paired with action.

Thank you for all that you do, and for all that is still to come.

In Rotary Service,

Dan Perlman  
Chair

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By Bryna Perlman

RAM-Global concocted a novel approach for World Malaria Day, April 25, 2026. In late December, we launched a worldwide request through our Ambassadors group and our newsletter for grant proposals (\$2500 or less).

**Incredibly, by our Jan 31 deadline, we had received 91 grant applications, from 14 countries! The countries with the largest number of requests were Nigeria and Uganda. Our committee of 4 RAM Grants members, with representation from Africa and the US developed a streamlined application process to ensure that our efforts to analyze these grant proposals were fair to all concerned.** Many thanks to our World Malaria Day Grants Committee who worked tirelessly for many hours together to review all 91 grants - Hank Campbell, Larry Granat, James Bwire and Bryna Perlman.

### **33 grants have been awarded:**

Uganda	14
Nigeria	12
Ghana	2
Liberia	2
Zambia	2
Indonesia	1

In addition to these above countries, applications were also reviewed from: Kenya, Ethiopia, India, Papua New Guinea, Botswana, Tanzania, DRC, and Sierra Leone.

meaningful grants. We look forward to excellent reporting when the projects finish. The grants demonstrate a huge and positive impact in many endemic communities eager to put forth their efforts to Fight Malaria From All Fronts.

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## Rotary in action: A community-led model for mopping up malaria

Posted on Rotary Service Blog December 11, 2025 [link](#)

By Dan and Bryna Perlman, members of Rotarians Against Malaria – Global Rotary Action Group

What happens when a community takes the lead in protecting its children from malaria? In Uganda, one children’s home has gone from constant illness to a malaria-free haven—thanks to Rotary collaboration, local leadership, and smart prevention. Discover how this powerful, replicable model is transforming lives and how Rotary Action is making it possible..



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Lots of FUN and FELLOWSHIP at the Rotary International Assembly this past January.



### MALARIA MINUTE #18



### Malaria Minute #18

While attending the Rotary International Assembly for incoming District Governors Elect, in Orlando, we had the privilege of interviewing Dr. Gerald Obai. Dr. Obai is a past President of the Rotary Club of Nakasero Central in Uganda. He expressed keen interest and passion about the mobilization of all his Rotary districts and clubs, including Rotaractors to support the malaria efforts of RAM-Global and he stated that the “reach will be wide”. In addition, he expressed deep emotion regarding the devastation from childhood deaths. Dr. Obai is currently the Head of the Physiology Department at the Gulu University in Uganda. **WATCH IT HERE**

## PELS 2026

We can help you with ideas to set up your booth!

information and resources including our NEW updated logo approved by RI Branding



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## RAM-Global Nomination Process



We currently seek RAM-Global members interested in being on the Nomination Committee. The committee will be meeting between March and May to finalize the 2026-27 leadership positions. Nominations will open at the time our next newsletter is published in mid-March. If you are interested please [CLICK HERE](#) so we can get in contact with you.

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## RI CONVENTION 2026

- Our Annual General Meeting will be virtual and in person (date to be confirmed)
- Speakers needed for our Hub - malaria update speeches and slideshows (more information to come). If you'd like to speak or know someone please email us!
- We will need volunteers to help run our booth. If you are interested please fill out this form ([CLICK HERE](#))



Special capes for special malaria leaders! Konrad Meyfarth and Ellen Blasi received their super hero capes in Calgary at the 2925 RI convention. Capes are awarded to individuals who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to fight malaria from all fronts.



**Going to Taipei for the RI Convention?**  
Please volunteer to help run our booth - lots of fun and fellowship!  
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## Upcoming Partner Collaboration Events

- Dan & Bryna Perlman will be attending two important malaria events. In Kampala, Uganda they will be at the AMP/RBM. Then in Nairobi, Kenya they will be at the RBM Vector Control WG. In addition they will be meeting with many Rotary and Rotaract groups in both countries.
- WMD April 25, 2026 meeting in Baltimore at John Hopkins
- Coming up soon we have our South Sudan project which SC Johnson donated to.



- In early February RAM-Global was represented by several members including Gibril Mansaray at the United to Beat Malaria Advocacy Summit in Washington.

## Thoughts From My Heart

Read this heartfelt letter in appreciation of WAKAM (Western Alliance of Kenya against Malaria Global Grant), written by Fundraising Director Bryna Perlman, 16 months after the start of the project to all the Kenyan participants.

## We Are Now Actively Engaged in South Sudan

Our Ambassador from South Sudan, James Akech, recently posted that he is excited about the upcoming approved grant from RAM-Global. His Rotary Club will be working with Malaria Youth Champions in South Sudan in our efforts to Fight Malaria From All Fronts.



The project called “Towards a Malaria-Free South Sudan” joined the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) for a four-day workshop on Malaria Strategy Plan (MSP) 2026–2030 (21 to 24 January 2026).

Participants worked in four thematic teams to:

- Review the MSP process and ensure inclusive participation.
- Disseminate findings from the Malaria Program Review (MPR).
- Discuss national, regional, and global strategies and priorities for malaria control.
- Define the vision, mission, guiding principles, and introduce the Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) framework for malaria programming.

This collaboration highlights South Sudan’s determination to align with global malaria elimination targets while empowering youth leadership in health advocacy. The outcomes of the workshop strengthened national priorities, reinforced accountability, and accelerated progress towards a malaria-free South Sudan.

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