Project: *Addressing the 260 Million …**one at a time*

Rotary of Great Britain and Ireland – E-Club of innovation Project Brief

Problem Statement:
The Challenge

- There are 264 million young people without access to school, with few signs of progress. Around the world, almost one in 10 children does not even have access to primary level education.
- The latest Unesco figures shows the position up to 2015, reveal "virtually no progress" in recent years.
- The drive for access to school has been vital for improving the health, economy and stability of some of the world's poorest countries.
- But the annual figures show millions of families still without access to even the most basic education.

The Opportunity

Building on the vast experience and positive outcomes from the Rotary International team that worked on the ENDPOLIONOW project, which happily is close to achieving its ambitious objectives, we in the Rotary Clubs in the UK and driven by District 1080 E-club of Innovation look to use the vast experience gained and contacts for this project together with combining with the UK's leadership skills in Teacher Education.

- ❖ The worst out-of-school rates are in sub-Saharan Africa, where 21% of primary-age children and 36% of young teenagers are missing out on school.
- ❖ The UN figures show about 61 million children are missing primary education.
- ❖ Wider access to education would radically reduce poverty and improve security.

Our Strategy

The objective is to build on the tremendous work that Cambridge RC, RIBI/RI clubs and the Rotary Clubs of Gambia have done for education upliftment in Gambia by creating a platform to deliver 'Teach the teacher' education utilising the skills of UK teachers in training, Open University and local College trainee teachers and OU Alumni (to possibly become Rotary e-club of innovation members) and give on a voluntary basis their time to **deliver online 'Teach the Teacher'** training, from a **Video Teacher Training Centre** in the **Downham Market ESTEAM (STEM) Centre**, Norfolk UK, to existing teachers and students (initially in Gambia) that have achieved a level of literacy and aspire to teach educationally deprived children in their countries.

The Global Giving fund application will aim to raise an initial £20K to install a fully equipped Teleconferencing and Teaching Suite with access to a high bandwidth (2TB) telecommunications backbone network in Downham Market and the installation of an equivalent system in Gambia. Further funding rounds would enable the purchase of remote

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screen/Kio laptop computers from Brck in Kenya (www.brck.com)
https://www.brck.com/education/# to be made available on a permanent or regular visit basis.

It is also envisaged that the Rotary Video Teaching Suite and 'Network', once funded can also be used for various training and education programmes in added value Skills and Health programmes with schools, entrepreneurs and hospitals in Gambia and other countries.

Areas of Focus

Our initial priority is The Gambia, but long-term objective will be to replicate in regions with the lowest numbers of young people in school and to measure progress.

Surveillance and Monitoring

UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring organisation will track the numbers of young people in school and measures progress in international promises to ensure access to education.

Advocacy and Communications
Potential Stakeholders, Volunteers, Equipment and Service 'givers' & funders for a sustainable programme:
Apart from the selected Countries Governments Education departments involvement there will be:
Rotary Clubs of Gambia
Rotary International and Rotary Regional Officers and Rotarians
British Government Department for International Development
British Government Department for Education
The British Council
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary International
United Nations – UNESCO
European Commission
The Open University
The Singularity University
World Health Organisation
CISCO
Microsoft
Google
Lend with Care – Rotary UK Micro Financing
KIVA – Micro Financing
Open University – UK
University of East Anglia
Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge
Standard Bank
Canon Inc
Samsung
Apple
British Futurists
British Telecom

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Kaimai Ltd (UK) The Gambia Government, Ministry of Education registered NGO

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Mina Patel (Video Teaching Centre, Wanstead) see her You Tube TED Talk on https://youtu.be/L-xy0dKp0C0 (she is 6.06 mins in if you want to skip to her)

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