

# ROTARY FOUNDATION

## GLOBAL GRANT PROPOSAL



Proposal - Project Title : Napkin Vending Machine & Incinerator

### Section A - Host and International Sponsor Information

Host Sponsor : Karur Angels	International Sponsor : 5340
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### Section B - Community Needs

(1) Describe the benefiting community including its location using any relevant geographic and demographic information. If the activity is a scholarship, enter "N/A"

Benefiting community will be school and college children in Karur District, Tamil Nadu State. Karur District has more than 45 government higher secondary schools where more than 12000 girls up to 17 years of age are studying & 3 government arts colleges where more than 2500 girls up to 24 years are studying. Apart from these institutions many more private institutions are there. Girls from poor families and from rural areas study in government institutions. This project will be executed in the government schools and colleges where the girl children are studying. The school names will be described once we finalize the number of units.

(2) What community needs have been identified? If the activity is a scholarship, enter "N/A"

Awareness of menstrual hygiene was very low among women in the State. There was an immediate need to sensitize them to the importance of safe disposal of sanitary napkins. Women are more prone to reproductive track diseases and nearly 50 per cent women in the country suffer from such diseases. Infections spread fast when there is lack of menstrual hygiene. Schools in rural areas, girls stick to unhygienic old traditional method due to lack of awareness of sanitary napkin cause serious health problems. Improper disposal of napkins is a major environmental issue. Clogging of drains has led to fast spread of diseases. Providing Sanitary napkin vending machine & incinerator in the schools & colleges, the awareness on menstrual hygiene can be created & the present conditions can be improved.

(3) How are these needs currently being addressed with local resources and/or government agencies, NGOs, etc? Summarize the proposed activity(ies). If the activity is a scholarship, enter "N/A"

The Health Department has been taking measures to implement a rigorous menstrual hygiene awareness campaigns in the State. However the awareness campaigns not reached in depth. The girls are in a situation to follow unhygienic old traditional method due to lack of awareness of sanitary napkins or due to the cost factors of napkin available in the market. Buying of sanitary napkins in the shops sometimes creates embarrassing situation to these girls. And most of the girls who use sanitary napkins dispose the used napkins in the lavatories. Disposal of Sanitary Napkins in restrooms leads to blockage of toilets and involves huge cost in regular maintenance. In Schools /Colleges /Large institutions disposal of sanitary napkins cause untidy and unhygienic environment in the premises. Conventional way of disposing napkins is no longer acceptable as it will create environment pollution and it leads in spreading disease.

## Section C - Activity Description

(1) Summarize the proposed activity(ies)

Proposal is to install Sanitary napkin vending machines with certain quantity of napkins & incinerator in Girl's toilets of schools and colleges. Awareness on menstrual hygiene & orientation to use these machines will be given to girls. The sanitary napkin will be sold to girl through vending machine; the revenue will be used to refill the napkins. The incinerator will be used to dispose the used napkins.

Benefits

- Immediate access to napkins anytime of the day to meet the menstrual emergencies.
- Convenient to buy the product independently.
- Self-dispensing of the napkin at the drop of coin.
- Saves the embarrassment of seeking napkins in the peer group or from authorities.
- Helps to stay close to people and still have your own little secret.
- Incinerator is the ultimate solution to destroy the sanitary napkins in hygiene way.
- Incinerator is Wall Mountable and can be fixed inside the toilet and burns the used sanitary Napkins very quickly and completely in one switch mode.

(2) List any Cooperating Organization(s) or University(ies) involved in the proposed activity(ies).

nil

(3) Describe how the benefiting community(ies) will be involved in the activity(ies). If the activity is a scholarship, enter "N/A"

Parents Teachers Association along with the managements staffs like Principal, will involve in the execution to give awareness, choose best location to install the units, to orient the children to use the units properly, to refill the napkins & to maintain the units as described by the supplier of the machine.

(4) Has the benefiting community(ies) confirmed that they would like this activity(ies) to take place?

Yes

(5) Proposed Start Date : 15 Aug 2011

(6) Proposed Completion Date : 30 Dec 2011

## **Section D - Area of Focus**

(1) With which area(s) of focus is the proposed activity aligned?

Peace and Conflict prevention/resolution - No

Disease Prevention and Treatment - Yes

Water and Sanitation - Yes

Maternal and child health - No

Basic education and literacy - No

Economic and community development - No

(2) Describe how the activity(ies) will address the goal(s) of the Area of Focus

Disease Prevention and Treatment : . Women are more prone to reproductive track diseases and nearly 50 per cent women in the country suffer from such diseases. Infections spread fast when there is lack of menstrual hygiene. Schools in rural areas, girls stick to unhygienic old traditional method due to lack of awareness of sanitary napkin cause serious health problems. This project will prevent the reproductive track diseases and infections.

Water & Sanitation : In Schools /Colleges /Large institutions disposal of sanitary napkins cause untidy and unhygienic environment in the premises. Conventional way of disposing napkins is no longer acceptable as it will create environment pollution and it leads in spreading disease. This project will totally stop disposing the napkins in hidden areas or toilets or dust bins; by which the sanitation will be improved in and around the institutions.

## **Section E - Project Outcomes**

(1) What are the immediate and long term outcomes of the activity?

Immediate : Avoid discomfort & embracement of girls children, prevent them from diseases and infections, make them aware of menstrual hygiene.

Long Term : Prevent the community from the reproductive track diseases. Save environment from the hazardous used napkins & improve the sanitation.

Girls are shy to ask for napkin at shops(here the consumers need to ask the sales person for their requirement and the consumers cant choose their requirements) and creates embarrassments. The girls will be very happy if they can buy the napkins in the school campus that too independently without disclosing to anyone and whenever they need. Disposing the napkins at lavatories creates blocks & if the management comes to know any girl disposed the napkin in lavatory; there will be punishment & embarrassment to the girl. Disposing the napkins in other area or dust bins also sometimes creates embarrassment particularly in co-education institutions. Hence, the girls will be very happy and thankful if they incinerator; the easy way of disposal without any embarrassment.

(2) Explain how all involved parties will act to ensure the sustainability of the activities and/or outcomes.

Under the head of the institution, a committee of Parents and Teachers will be formed to monitor the functioning of units, to protect, to create awareness, to give training & to maintain. Since proposal is to install the units with certain number of napkins, the napkins will be replaced against the vending machines sales. The maintenance cost of the units are very less & the head management will allocate the funds from their regular maintenance & cleaning reserves from government.

## Section F - Budget

(1) Currency / Exchange Rate

Name of Local Currency : INR

Current Exchange Rate : 44.0000

Date Exchange Rate Entered : 17 May 2011

(2) Budget Details

Budget Item	Supplier/Vendor	Amount in Local Currency	Amount in USD
30 Numbers of Incinerators	Visaga Techno System	1260000.0000	28636.0000
30 Numbers of Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine	Visaga Techno System	900000.0000	20455.0000
Sanitary Napkins		17988.0000	409.0000

Budgeted Total in Local Currency : 2177988.0000

Budgeted Total in USD : 49500.0000

## Section G - Financing

- (1) DDF Amount in USD : 16500.0000
- (2) Rotarian Cash Amount in USD : 11000.0000
- (3) Additional outside funding in USD : 0.0000  
Maximum Rotary Foundation : 22000.0000
- (4) Requested Rotary Foundation (TRF) Match in USD : 22000.0000  
Computed Total Financing in USD (Cash+DDF+Match) : 49500.0000