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Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator’s Thematic Area	Providing Clean Water, Sanitation & Hygiene- Promote Peace
Rotary Focus Area	Peace in close connection with clean water, sanitation and hygiene
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Project Title: Provide a full title (and acronym if any)	“Empowering girls as a way to build a more peaceful, sustainable and equitable world”.
Project Partners and Participating Organisations: List all your project partner organisations, including participating Rotary clubs and districts if any	RAGAS (Rotary Action Group Against Slavery) International Women’s Peace Group (To confirm)
Geographical Scope	Lima – Perú
Summary: Please provide a concise summary with a maximum of 500 words outlining the project and explaining the community needs your project will address and how these needs were identified. Ensure that you include what your project aims to achieve (objective) and how (method/procedure). What will be the main outcomes? Explain in a few sentences how you will incorporate the objective of sustainability into your project.	Problem description Peru is a Latin American country. As the OAS has mentioned, Latin America is the most unequal region in the world, characterized by groups that have always been vulnerable, but with the Covid 19 pandemic, their vulnerability increased. Among these groups are girls. Girls from populations facing poverty are exposed to multiple risks and situations that make it impossible to speak of a peaceful, sustainable and equitable world. When girls are going through their menstrual period and do not have sanitary napkins, they are prevented from going to school and must stay at home, which violates a fundamental right such as education. Lack of knowledge brings with it other risks: they cannot access information on how to avoid becoming victims of crimes of sexual violence (e.g. human trafficking. The main victims of these networks are girls, adolescents and women). Human trafficking is considered the new slavery of the 21st century. In close connection with the above, Peru lacks a comprehensive sex education law, which, if the issue is not addressed at home, leads to many girls facing unwanted pregnancies or contracting infectious and contagious diseases. All of the above allows us to affirm that a peaceful, just and equitable world cannot be achieved if girls, who constitute the future generations, are not empowered. In addition to being able to fulfill their basic human rights, if they are empowered they can become important agents of peace.

Project objectives and goal

The main goal is to achieve the comprehensive empowerment of girls through actions that will enable them to achieve the long-awaited gender equality and that they do not find themselves in unequal conditions with their male peers. One of the presuppositions of peace is equality.

Objectives:

To ensure that girls' right to education is not suspended because they cannot attend school (in this case because they do not have devices during their menstrual period).

To train girls in the main principles of comprehensive sexual education, in order to avoid unwanted pregnancies or contracting infectious or contagious diseases. Train and raise awareness among girls about human trafficking, a crime that deprives them of their fundamental human rights and has an impact on society as a whole.

Project description

This project is composed of:

- Access to menstrual cups.
- Training girls in the main tenets of comprehensive sexuality education.
- Training girls in the prevention of human trafficking.

Access to the menstrual cup, which is more hygienic than other menstrual devices and lasts for 10 years, will allow girls not to interrupt their school cycle. Access to clean water is important as menstrual cups need to be sanitized for proper use. For this reason, instructions will be provided by professionals specialized in the subject.

Once it has been ensured that the right to education is not interrupted for the reasons given, empowerment must continue with respect to ensuring that girls have appropriate knowledge to avoid teenage pregnancy and the spread of infectious diseases. Here, the presence of an interdisciplinary team is necessary to provide comprehensive education and to break down certain taboos surrounding this issue.

Finally, and in order to prevent them from becoming victims of one of the most extreme forms of violence, such as human trafficking, it is important to train girls in this area in order to prevent future tragedies. RAGAS, a Rotary group that fights against slavery, is a great trainer in this area.

Sustainability

Since Rotarians and Peace Fellows will be involved in the project, a committee will be formed to monitor and evaluate each phase of the project.

In order to achieve true sustainability, the committee will also be made up of professionals with expertise in the topics addressed by the project.

This commission will also accompany the girls in each issue to be addressed.

If the expected results are achieved, we hope to be able to replicate it in other areas of Peru that face similar problems.

In this way, we will be fulfilling important SDGs: gender equality; good health and well being; reduced inequalities, peace, justice and strong institutions, among others.

Beneficiaries:

Direct beneficiaries: girls of Lima (It is included in Excel form)
Indirect beneficiaries: the society as a whole.

