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Project Proposal Form

<p>Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator's Thematic Area</p>	<p>Gender Equality as a Force for Peace</p>
<p>Rotary Focus Area</p>	<p>Promoting Peace - Maternal and child health</p>
<p>Contact: Contact person within your group (Name and email)</p>	<p>Kathleen A. Doherty crkd1@hotmail.com Maiyanmedicalcentre@gmail.com</p>
<p>Project Title: Provide a full title (and acronym if any)</p>	<p>Gender Violence: Hospital-based Prevention, Treatment and Safety Interventions in Kenya</p>
<p>Project Partners and Participating Organisations: List all your project partner organisations, including participating Rotary clubs and districts if any</p>	<p>LeMaiyan Hospital, Kitengela Town, Kajiado County, Kenya Rotary Club of Kitengela, Kenya, District 9212 HIAS-Kenya, International Nongovernmental Organization providing humanitarian aid and assistance to refugees.</p>
<p>Geographical Scope</p>	<p>LeMaiyan Hospital is located in Kitengela, Kenya (Kajiado County) 19 miles south of Nairobi and is part of the Nairobi Metro Area. It is one of the fastest growing urban areas of Kenya tripling in population since 2009. The local people are predominantly of the Maasai tribe. It is also home to over 4,000 refugees from conflict and post conflict regions - the Congo, South Sudan, Rwanda, & Somalia. The hospital serves Kajiado, Machakos, and parts of Nairobi County. Find Google coordinates HERE</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>World Health Organization estimates that 1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced physical and/or sexual violence, Kenya Demographic & Health Survey, 2014, indicate that 47% of Kenyan women ages 15-49 experience physical/sexual violence with girls below 11 yrs., accounting for 24% of all survivors of sexual & gender-based violence (SGBV). Kenya has one of the highest child marriage rates in the world, estimated at 25 to 30%, and Female Genital Cutting at 21%.</p> <p>Since the COVID 19 pandemic started in March 2020, the Kenyan Ministry of Public Service and Gender Affairs reported a 42% increase in SGBV cases in March alone, and a sudden surge in teen pregnancies has been recorded with 4,000 reported in Machakos County which is served by the hospital.</p> <p>In June, Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta ordered an investigation into the rising violence against women and girls -</p>

this includes rape, domestic violence, female genital cutting, early teenage pregnancies, and child marriages.

Project Goal: To improve the safety and well-being of survivors of SGBV living in Kitengela, Machakos and Nairobi, through hospital-based prevention, treatment and safety interventions

Project Outcomes:

1. Access to medical, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) of survivors of and women and girls vulnerable to SGBV is increased
2. The safety of survivors of and women and girls vulnerable to SGBV is improved through provision of hospital-based safe housing
3. Risk reduction of SGBV cases is enhanced through education and capacity building of community members, healthcare service providers, law enforcement officers, on the dynamics of SGBV, available services, and prevention practices.

Project Activities:

- Identify survivors of SGBV through a patient assessment and screening (LeMaiyan Hospital is the only hospital in Kenya screening every patient, ages 13 years and older, at every visit for evidence of SGBV trauma) and provide medical treatment
- Provide vulnerability assessment, counselling and safety planning, referral services
- Create critical resources including confidential and secure spaces for shelter for survivors and their children for up to 14 days within a secure ward of the hospital where they access counselling, food, hygiene supplies, and medications, to further avoid abuse and plan next steps
- Provide prevention, education, and community outreach to reduce the prevalence of SGBV, highlight available services, and assist other healthcare providers in replicating this model
- Partner with other (I)NGO's, hospitals, and governmental agencies to facilitate referrals for housing, education, training, employment, legal and access to justice services.

The Hospital has a fundraising strategy which includes cultivating and soliciting institutional and individual donors, private foundations, and governments. The Hospital builds its revenue streams from insurance and cash payments. The Hospital has been approved for the Kenyan National Health Insurance (NHIF), and when the contract goes into effect later this year that will increase its ability to generate more funds. Involvement of community members in prevention and response will promote accountability and reduction of SGBV cases. Involvement of Government of Kenya is in line with National Action Plan (NAP) for women/ girls, 2016, entitled "Kuhusisha Wanawake ni Kudumisha Amani," which means **"to involve women is to sustain**

	<p>peace". The NAP covers all pillars of UNSCR 1325: Participation and Promotion; Prevention; Protection; and offers a clear point of entry to getting governmental support and buy in for primary prevention to end violence against women and girls.</p>
<p>Beneficiaries: Who are the beneficiares? Please include the estimated number of direct beneficiaries</p>	<p>LeMaiyan means "the blessed one" in Swahili as the hospital was founded to serve marginalized women and children. This is the case with many of the Maasai families as well as the 4,000 refugees who live in this area. The Hospital will provide shelter to 1,400 survivors in 2 years, 7,200 direct outpatient services, 3,500 referral to other facilities, 1,200 for basic surgical procedures, and 14,200 indirect beneficiaries through community outreach and prevention services that will target churches, schools, women's/men's groups, community opinion leaders, law enforcement officers and staff from other Hospitals. In a sum, 9,800 direct beneficiaries and 14,200 indirect beneficiaries will be served by this project.</p>