



Brief Summary Update
of 3-H O2-1290 GRANT PROJECT:
“MALARIA CONTROL, SANITATION AND
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING, HONDURAS”
July 2002 – Mid June 2003

1. This 3-H (**Health, Hunger, Humanity**) project is establishing community selected health goals, utilizing elected public health committees in over 140 communities (about 165,000 people) in the lower to middle Rio Aguan Valley area of Honduras; an area ½ way down Honduras on the Caribbean Sea. These health committees are being trained in disease prevention, and obtain equipment, following ten objectives, to:
 - a) provide potable chlorinated drinking water for each community;
 - b) provide sanitary facilities for each community; and
 - c) control, treat, and develop educational programs to fight malaria and dengue.Also Rotary Project GEMINI (Global Emergency Medicine Initiative) is training over 2,000 Honduran people in emergency medical procedures.
2. The Board of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation approved this **\$314,909 3-H project** (3-H #02-1290) in April 2002. It was one of sixteen 3-H projects they approved in 2001-2002, out of over sixty applicants. **Fourteen Rotary Clubs** in five Rotary Districts in the US, Canada, and Honduras contributed **\$26,390** to this project. These club donations were matched with a Rotary District 5110 (southern Oregon-northern California) contribution of **\$17,500** in District Designated Funds and a Rotary Foundation grant of **\$271,019**. This Rotary 3-H project is greatly appreciated and is being of great benefit to thousands of Honduran people. The three year project officially began on July 1, 2002 and will run through June 30, 2005.
3. **Michael Hosie (Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club, in Rotary District 5110)** is the International Coordinator and Hector Armando Chacon (Tocoa, Honduras Rotary Club, in Rotary District 4250) is the Honduran Coordinator for this project.
4. The project is overseen by a seven member Honduran Rotary Management Committee and a twenty member International Rotary Management Committee. A Honduran Director, Sandra Polenco (MD), with a secretary/bookkeeper, and seven field assistants manage the project.
5. Initial equipment for the Honduran project has been or shortly will be obtained. This includes office equipment, chlorine generators, motorcycles, a Toyota Hilux 4 wheel drive truck, etc.
6. Thus far, **July 2002-Mid June 2003, 111 villages** are participating in the **3-H project**. Each community has listed their communities health care needs, established prioritized goals to address these needs and elected a five member Public Health Committee, the members of which are being trained in disease prevention techniques. They are obtaining disease prevention supplies and equipment. Chlorine generators and latrines have been or are being installed, intense malaria and mosquito control is beginning, over 3,000 dogs have been vaccinated against rabies, etc.
7. Also through **mid June 2003, sixteen Rotary Clubs in seven Rotary Districts have contributed \$140,000 in three Rotary Matching Grants** to obtain a Toyota 4 wheel drive Hilux truck, five “Project Living Water” Chlorine potable water systems, two diesel fire trucks and two diesel ambulances to benefit the Honduran 3-H project. Three containers of humanitarian equipment and supplies, valued at about \$750,000, have been donated to the project. In addition eighteen International Rotary volunteers have visited the 3-H project site to assist with EMT/CPR training or disease prevention training.

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