


**Subject:** Transforming Women's Lives in Pokhara, Nepal –Share our Vision\*\*

**Fellow Rotarians,**

**Empowering women in developing countries is one of the most powerful ways to change the world.**

The Peterborough Rotary club has adopted an inspiring initiative: using a Rotary Global Grant to train 130 women from slum settlements in **Pokhara, Nepal** with practical vocational skills to build better futures for themselves and their families.

Under the **Community and Economic Development Area of Focus**, these disadvantaged women will be trained in occupations that are in high local demand: hospitality, or weaving and handicrafts.

 **We've created a short video to portray the impact of this life-changing project.** Learn about the need for the project. See how these Nepalese women will learn the skills necessary to obtain employment, thereby obtaining the opportunity they need to gain confidence, break the cycle of poverty, and become self-sufficient.

#### **Why This Matters:**

✓ **Education & Training:** Equipping women with skills that lead to sustainable local employment.

✓ **Economic Independence:** Giving women the tools and ability to support their families.

✓ **Community Upliftment:** Strengthening entire communities through women's empowerment.

#### **Our Rotary Partnership**

Both **Peterborough** and our partner **Pokhara Fishtail** Rotary Clubs have extensive **Global Grant experience**. This is Peterborough's **third** global grant since 2019, while Pokhara has completed **six** global grants, and dozens of large internationally-funded projects, across multiple areas of focus.

The **female club members in Pokhara** will oversee this grant project, ensuring that it truly reflects its **female-focused mission**.

**Peterborough Rotarians have visited** the Pokhara Club, and the training facilities. In 2024, the two clubs successfully **completed a District Grant project** at a local school, building a **girls' toilet structure** to promote hygiene, and strengthen female education opportunities. In

2025, we will use a **District Grant** to set up a **rural school computer lab**, reinforcing the two clubs' shared commitment to education and empowerment.

✦ **How You Can Help:**

We invite you and your club to join us in achieving this initiative to train 130 young women. By **partnering with us** to supplement our club's USD 28,000 commitment to this project, your support can **make a lasting difference**. If you're inspired to collaborate, let's connect! We'd love to present our video to your committee or club. **Please reply to this email to set up a time to Zoom and meet.**

Thank you for your dedication to service and desire to learn about a movement that will **change lives, one woman at a time.**

**The presentation can also be facilitated in French by one of our committee members.**

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