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Original Post by: [John James Glassford March 2nd @ 11.24 am](#)

I want to get your comments on this idea to raise funds for Ukraine. Rotary, of which I am a member of, has a very good reputation for making sure that whatever funds we raise for any worthwhile project, ends up where it is meant to go.

How about we organise our various organisations, such as places of worship, if you are that way involved, our local Rotary and Lions clubs, our sporting clubs and other clubs we may belong to? The idea is to sell ONE Sunflower seed for \$1. As you are all well aware by now the national flower of Ukraine is the sunflower. We could put the seed into a small packet. First of all, find enough sunflower seeds.

Let me know what you think please? Thanks.

Jessie Harman RID Director

A lovely idea - and I especially like the sentiment of joining together to do it as a united body.

Chris Finkel Forbes RC

G'day again Bwana,

Email from PDG Michael Moore as discussed. Thanks for your email as well. I've just found that there is already a Ukrainian RAWCS Project. It's **Project 83-2014-15 Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Aid**. It was commenced by Guy Glenny from Sydney Cove RC to assist Ukrainians affected by the recent Crimean War in 2014 and is still an ongoing project. Guy's phone number is 0418 695 803.

The aim of the project is "to meet immediate lifesaving needs of the crisis affected civilian population in Ukraine and provide early recovery assistance as soon as feasible to save and preserve lives, ease suffering and promote self-sufficiency". As far as I'm concerned, this project ticks all the boxes.

Since last Thursday, Guy tells me that some \$750k has been donated to the fund out of which \$250k has already been remitted to CARITAS Eastern Europe for immediate distribution in Ukraine.

I'll be recommending a donation into this project's fund at our meeting tonight as well as a donation to Project 47-2021-22 National Flood Appeal.

Chris Finkel
Club President 2021/24
The Rotary Club of Forbes Incorporated

DGE Geraldine Rurenga

Great idea John James Glassford. I'll see who I can rustle up in Wagga.

DGND Rob Uhl

Yes E-Club Brindabella is in and we should see if we can sell at Temora Conference!

PDG Fred Loneragan.

Hi Mate. Great idea, I will support this 100 percent at the meeting and let's see where it goes. Regards Mountain mate

Leslie Weston

Hi John,

Let's take this up and do something . It could make a big difference through Rotary.

Mary Collopy

A beautiful idea! I'll talk about it down here. 'Sunflowers for Ukraine'. 🙏

IPDG Michael Moore AM DG D9705

Dear John Glassford,

Re: Ukraine and the floods in NSW and Queensland.

For those of you who are wondering what is the best action to take for you or your Rotary Club, I thought I would share this wonderful message from Past District Governor John Glassford from Coolamon Club.

I hope this helpful. Michael

Jane Whitten

I am happy to do this in Blayney.

Hank Jay Doll



PDG Anthony Ohlsen

A RAWCS project maybe?

Ang Bee Tin

A beautiful idea! Good job. Bless you. I am too far away in Singapore to buy your sunflower seeds. I'll see what I can do over my end Thank you!



Marco Kappenberger

Thanks immensely John !

So very good to read this!

From still Covid free Samoa we fondly remember you, John, with our dear ROTI friends! Great Rotarian project in order to support Ukraine's war victims! Ukraine is the huge nation ambushed by Russia's Putin whose forces are now destroying it as best they can! It's from Rotary in Ukraine's capital that came to RI our General Secretary John Hewko!

Yours in Rotary service,

Marco

PP, RC of Apia, D9920

Founding member & PP twice, ReC of Latino America, D4195, one of the first dozen Rotary eClubs RI allowed on an experimental basis, until when in RI's 100th birthday celebration in Chicago, eClubs were admitted !

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Harmen Hulsman

What a great idea! Let's promote this and assist those in need. 🙌

PDG Brian Coffey

Great idea JG - I would support and promote in D9670.

Latest News 72 Hours Later.

Well it looks like I have a lot of support for the idea.

I called the local farmer who has 200 acres in flower right now. Doug Bruckner is his name and his farm is between Collingullie and Lockhart. Doug says they will be harvesting in 4-6 weeks' time and we can have as many seeds as we like. He also said that he would auction off one tonne of seeds for the cause.

I will take a drive out there and take some pics.

So now we need to work out the mechanics of this and it should be easy once we get the seeds from Doug. I am thinking of getting some envelopes printed with the sunflower Rotary art work that Debbie from Canada created. Once we have the seeds, send them in bulk to any Rotary club who wants to support the idea.

We could promote the idea at Temora if the DG is happy for us to do that. Something like an expression of interest to go on a mailing list for the seeds. I will do the initial leg work and get it out there.

The funds to go to RAWCS/Caritas appeal for Ukraine.

In the meantime, I will buy some sunflower seeds from Woollies.

I wonder if our printer can do small envelopes?