

What is RAGM?



The Rotarian Action Group for Microcredit (RAGM) is the official microcredit vehicle of Rotarians focusing on alleviating poverty.

RAGM proudly offers, through its approximately 500 members and 1,500 e-mail circulation list, help for successful microcredit projects.

RAGM members are supported in writing articles, stories and vignettes for publication.

RAGM co-hosts microcredit conferences in Toronto, Calgary and Victoria with more conferences being planned.

RAGM trains members to find donations.

RAGM members are early adapters to the suite of financial services being developed for the poor.

RAGM helps source field trips, study and employment opportunities in developing countries.



RAGM Leadership



OUR MISSION:
To broaden and deepen Rotarians' understanding of Microcredit and enable them to participate in effective Microcredit programs

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We Can Help!



*You can turn to
Rotarian Action Group for Microcredit
for your next
microcredit related project*

*The RAGM expertise
is readily available at:
www.ragm.org*



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The Figures

The #1 Millennium Development Goal of cutting in half the estimated 1.1 Billion people living on less than \$1.25 per day is being positively affected by microcredit. In 2009, with five dependents per borrower, there were nearly 1.0 Billion people affected by microcredit. The viability threshold of microcredit has been surpassed, there can be no denying its power in poverty alleviation.



Source: www.UN.org

In 2010, the Microcredit Summit Campaign reported on the growth of microcredit in its Summit Report. It showed the global results of 723 Microcredit Financial Institutions as filed through their Action Plans.

DATA POINT (as of December 31, 2009)

Total number of clients 190,135,080
 Total number of poorest clients 128,220,051
 Of these poorest clients, 81.7 percent are women.
 Source: Microcredit Summit Report 2011

RAGM communicates best practices, educates, coordinates funding and utilizes speaker presentations to inspire engagement.

Microcredit spawns other forms of poverty alleviation providing an avenue to Rotarians' vast array of vocational skills.

How RAGM Can Help



"Our movement is not just about money, it is about unlocking human dreams. We seek to employ financial capital to unleash human potential".

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Muhammad Yunus

RAGM can help by offering the following:

- Information such as grants and funding opportunities.
- Availability of microfinance institutions operating in different regions and countries.
- Assistance in building partnerships with other Rotary clubs to formulate a Rotary Matching Grant project.
- Microcredit conferences, training sessions for Rotary clubs or districts.
- Speakers Bureau for presenters.
- Communication through social media is available for member networking.
- Enhanced website featuring a wide variety of self published articles of interest to RAGM members through blogs to which members can contribute.

Microcredit loans with interest have an amazing 97% repayment rate.

RAGM Membership



RAGM Membership around the globe is growing daily; Some of the reasons Rotarians, their partners, Rotaractors and Interactors join RAGM include the following:

1. Access to RAGM membership data base containing leaders in microcredit finance.
2. Periodic up-dates, through RSS feeds including newsworthy publications, conference announcements, project news, etc.
3. Opportunities to serve in microcredit projects, such as field trips, fundraising, speaking engagements and various forms of education.
4. Association with a Rotarian Action Group, which is a global humanitarian leader.
5. Members know they make a difference through Rotary - An effective poverty fighter.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual US\$25.00 - Lifetime US\$100.00
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