



SERVICE PROJECT SHEET International Aid Trust



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Project Name:

International Aid Trust (Working with People at Home and Abroad)
(Registered Charity 1086597)

Project goal:

To alleviate despair with hope by promoting and encouraging self help, providing humanitarian aid, practical help and advice to needy countries of the world, with medical and other aid to relieve suffering and hardship.

Rotary service type:

Unique selling proposition: We can provide a project to fit any budget, large or small. Our admin. is currently running at less than 5%.

To give people the basics of life by replacing despair with hope of a better future in their own countries and their own culture. Providing work and helping them to regain their dignity.

Description:

Much of our work is the creation and building of children's recuperation centres, family homes and refurbishing hospitals and orphanages using local labour. Also the creation of cottage industries such as bakeries, restaurants, sewing and knitting co-operatives, computer training centres, dentistry's and takeaways.

In 2005, hundreds of jobs have been sustained and many hundreds of tones of aid have been delivered. We have the facilities to send 45 ft trucks and containers of aid to almost anywhere in the world. (During 2005, we averaged over two per week). Advice is freely given regarding transport, insurance, shipping. Etc.



This year alone, 3,600 needy children from the former Soviet Union have received holidays at our centres near the Black Sea in southern Ukraine, Belarus and other clean areas. It costs only £70 for each child, which includes good food, new clothing, medical and dental treatment, trips out to very clean golden beaches and lots of love. Children with severe mental and physical problems in asylums and halfway houses are supplied with medical aid, food, clothing furniture and other help.

The "Christina's House Project" are children's houses that have been purchased to provide a stable family home for children who previously lived on the streets or in institutions. Here they are able to lead a more normal life, taught a vocation and given a sense of belonging in a family atmosphere with love, care and security.

In the UK we operate 25 charity shops and also support single parent families, re-housed youngsters, and night shelters. We work closely with social services and other charities providing clothing, food and furniture free of charge. We also support with new start schemes providing job training for the unemployed and rehabilitation of offenders.

Background:

IAT began in 1991 by taking Christian literature and small amounts of aid; however, the practical needs encountered gave them a vision, a dream to make a difference. Today that dream has become a reality we are making a difference to many thousands, whatever their race, creed,



or politics. It is now our intention to build upon the success of our last fourteen years relief work. We have our own heavy goods vehicles and warehousing capacity to sort and store all manner of aid. Visits to see the operation can be arranged.

Patron: The Baroness Cox of Queensbury

Founder/CEO: Rtn Revd Bernard Cocker

The Board of advisers include: Bishop Peter Serdichenko, Rabbi Stewart Winograd, Professor Peter Fomin, Rotarian Graham Southern, Rev Leonid Biruk, Dr Margaret France.

Requests to clubs for support:

This includes supplies of all types of aid from toothbrushes; food and building supplies, right through to operating theatres and monetary donations, plus practical help in the warehouses. We also need any item's that would assist in creating work in a cottage industry situation.

Benefits to clubs:

Feedback is available and a speaker can visit your club to give an audio/visual presentation. A programme of support can be arranged where a club would be advised of where their funds and goods are being utilised. IAT has a long history of working with Rotary clubs and their founder and director is a member of the Rotary Club of Horwich, District 1280, and also a Paul Harris Fellow. IAT are also working hand in hand with the Rotary Shoe Box Scheme and partner Rotarians in several projects including The Sri Lanka Rotary Village and the Pakistan earthquake.



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Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has adopted this statement of policy for its work with children, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability. The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and persons with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of his or her ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact in their Rotarian duties. Rotarians should refer to the detailed "RIBI Protection Policy" when planning events and activities.