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Subject: Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group

Dear District Governor Elect,

You may not be fully aware of Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group and our work in providing solutions to malnutrition and food security to those most in need in the developing world. We take this opportunity to explain how you can provide major support to our work with very little effort.

Food Plant Solutions (formerly operating as the Learn*Grow project) is simply about solutions based on the diversity of the world's food plants that offer a sustainable, self-reliant approach to malnutrition. These can deliver the benefits of healthy diets, resilient food systems, lower food prices and greater availability of food, particularly to those most in need.

Food Plant Solutions is based on arguably the greatest resource on the world's food plants, created and developed by Tasmanian agricultural scientist, Bruce French. Containing comprehensive information on over 26,000 edible plants for all countries of the world, this resource can be used to identify many neglected and underutilized plants that can support sustainable food production systems in the developing world. Food plants that are well adapted and thrive in a particular region or country and contain the highest levels of key nutrients can be readily identified from the database.

Food Plant Solutions is ready and able to support any aid provider in any country to incorporate this solution into existing or new aid programs. It cannot be acted upon unless Rotarians are aware of its potential. If you could help us achieve our aim of having one member of Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group in every Rotary club in your district, you would help us become a very meaningful network within Rotary! Becoming a member does not impose an onerous obligation; it simply means becoming an ambassador for the project. The attached Call to Action and Membership Form provides further information and details of potential actions members can undertake.

We would appreciate your response on this and also whether you would support us by forwarding this cover letter along with the attached Call to Action / Membership Form and our latest newsletter to each of the clubs in your district with your recommendation of support.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Rotary Service, Buz Green

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