

What is HealthRays® Guatemala?

HealthRays Guatemala is a unique project launched by Rotary District 6440 (near Chicago, Illinois, USA) that aims to bring digital x-ray technology to people in need in Guatemala, one of the poorest countries in Latin America.

The goal of the project is to buy and install 29 digital x-ray units that will improve the health of the poor and underserved in various regions of Guatemala. Estimated total cost of the project is \$2.5 million.

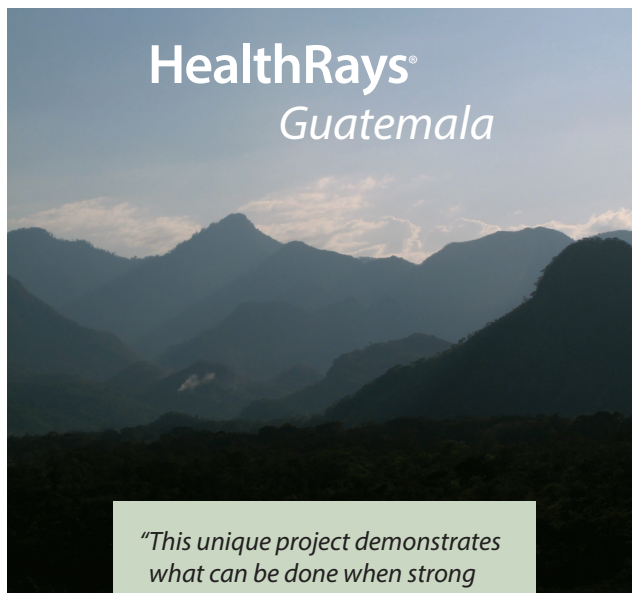
District 6440 has assembled a team of partners to support the project that includes Guatemalan Rotary clubs in Central America Rotary District 4250, Guatemala's Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), which is a part of the World Health Organization (WHO). Also assisting are several other Rotary Districts in the United States and internationally.

This effort represents an exciting new model for Rotary project funding, based on shared contributions and support from public and private sector partners.

Eventually, organizers of the HealthRays project plan to expand this model to other nations around the world.



The HealthRays Guatemala project aims to install 29 digital x-ray units throughout Guatemala, benefiting the poor and underserved. To learn more, visit www.healthrays.info.



"This unique project demonstrates what can be done when strong partnerships are forged between Rotary districts and other government and not-for-profit organizations. We hope Rotarians around the world will join us as we grow the HealthRays concept."

— Pamela Kerr, past governor
Rotary District 6440

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A project to bring
digital x-ray technology
to those in need



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Why is this important?

Health outcomes in Guatemala are among the worst in Central America. In some regions, 50 percent of the population lives in dire poverty.

Poor people in Guatemala are impacted by injuries and illnesses that could be easily addressed with digital x-ray technology.

By improving health, digital x-ray technology also will impact Guatemala's overall productivity and economic stability.

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How does the HealthRays Guatemala project work?

Rotary District 6440, working with its partner organizations, purchases digital x-ray units, which are installed in remote clinics that serve the poor. Digital x-ray images from the clinics are then read by radiology specialists at regional hospitals via the Internet. You can learn more at our website, www.healthrays.info.



What are the potential benefits of the project?

District 6440 estimates that the HealthRays project could eventually impact more than one and a half million people in Guatemala. In addition, it will benefit Guatemala's economy by creating new jobs at the 29 remote clinics. It will improve the long-term health and work productivity of Guatemalans through better access to medical care.

Why is partnership important?

This project has been launched using Rotary International's new funding structure. It is based on a memorandum of understanding between Rotary and major public and private sector organizations in the region, including

the Guatemalan government and leading health care organizations. The contribution of both Rotary and non-Rotary partners is critical to the success of the HealthRays project.

What is the long term goal for HealthRays Guatemala?

District 6440 considers the HealthRays project in Guatemala a model for other similar projects around the world. We believe the unique, formalized partnership between Rotary and leading organizations in Guatemala can be replicated globally to improve lives everywhere.

How can I get involved?

The HealthRays Guatemala project needs more partners at the Rotary club and district level. Your support will help us succeed! Please visit www.healthrays.info to learn how to become involved.

The Global Impact of X-Ray Technology

One of the most basic tools of modern health care is the x-ray, but as many as four billion people around the globe have little or no access to simple x-ray technology. As a result, two thirds of the world's population is vulnerable to diseases, injuries and other maladies that could be addressed by this basic health tool. Life spans and productivity are dramatically improved where x-rays are available.

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