



# **Communication on Engagement (COE)**

**2015-2016**

Dear Mr. Antonio Guterres,

I am writing you to reiterate our Rotaract Club commitment to the ten principles of the UN Global Compact (UNGC) with respect to Human Rights, Labor standards, the Environment and Anti-corruption.

We hereby communicate the Club engagement to the UN principles, its development goals and aspirations.

As a junior club of Rotary International, our goals & principles align with yours for the sake of service of humanity in all countries.

“The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.”

Therefore, we move from the same platform towards others regardless of the existing differences.

We shall continue to serve our community while being attentive to any joint project that can enhance the life of others through the United Nations and more partners.

We reconfirm our honor to be one of your members and look forward to continued partnership with the UNGC and its local networks.

Yours sincerely,

Rotaract Gezira Sporting Club – District 2451  
President

## **About us:**

Rotaract is a service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30 who are dedicated to community and international service. Its membership totals over 184,000 in more than 8,000 clubs worldwide. Rotaract clubs are self-governing and self-supporting and can be either university- or community-based. Individual Rotary clubs sponsor Rotaract clubs and offer guidance and support, making the Rotaract clubs true “partners in service” and key members of the family of Rotary.

**Our club is called Rotaract Gezira Sporting Club & is composed of 12 persons, we meet in Gezira Sporting Club, Zamalek, Cairo & our Sponsor Club is Rotary Gezira Sporting Club.**

## **Our Rotaract commitment towards the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact**

### **❖ Human Rights**

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights;

Indeed, our activity as Non-Governmental Organization respects the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in all its events and actions.

Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

All Rotary and Rotaract acts are conform to the laws and do not support any form of abuse

### **❖ Labor**

Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

Completely agree with the principle

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

The projects & activities of our club confirm that as we do not participate in any form of compulsory labor

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour;

Completely agreeing to that

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Our organization does not act in discrimination in any form

#### ❖ **Environment**

Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;

Environment preservation is cared for in Rotaract, even one of the area of focus of Rotary is water and sanitation.

Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility;

In fact, we do, our club has made a previous online campaign to promote for car pooling to preserve the environment from pollution.

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

As described in principle 8 comment above, we have started this initiative before

#### ❖ **Anti-Corruption**

Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

Rotaract is a NGO & NPO, so it is based on volunteering, no one works for it for money or for interests therefore, it does not participate in any of the corruption forms above.

## **Our Rotaract club project alignment with the SDGs & the Ten Principles**

Rotaract Gezira Sporting Club (Rac Gezira) has conducted several projects/events during the last two years that side with UN such as:

**Project: Ramadan food bags** / June 2016

**SDG:** Zero Hunger & Human Rights to health

For the month of Ramadan & the long hours of fasting, we thought of fighting poverty and hunger in Upper Egypt (EL Menya villages) by preparing with other clubs Ramadan bags. These bags were composed of Rice, sugar, pasta, black-eye peas, lentil oil, vegetable ghee, tea & tomato sauce jar that can feed a family for 15 days. We bought them then packed them on 2 rounds.

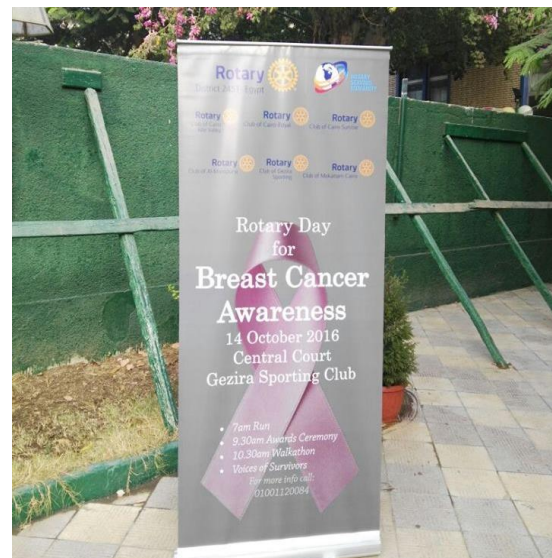
⇒ **Impact:** We prepared and distributed 1500 bags to needy people. If an average family is composed of 4 persons, then we reached 6000 persons. We believe that we fought hunger and enabled the adults to work better on the next day and perform. If you are weak, your work might be affected.

**Event: Rotary Breast Cancer Awareness Day** / October 2016

**SDG:** Good health & well-being & Human Rights to health

The Breast Cancer Awareness Day by Rotary was held at our club Gezira Sporting thanks to 9 sponsor clubs among them Rotary Gezira Sporting (our mother Club). The day included a walk, sessions, sharing experiences of survivors & flyers distribution for awareness. The role of our Rotaractors was the welcome of guests, the distribution of flyers to non-Rotary members & the support to explain and show rotary image. Think Pink!

⇒ **Impact:** We have made awareness for a number of ladies in the club whether members of Rotary or not and distributed the self-test steps flyers for early discovery. Affected women also attended to have more info about the problem and survivors encouraged them too. Free mammography vouchers were also given as prizes in the lottery.



**Project: Orphan Mega Day / April 2016**  
**SDG: Child Human Rights**

Orphans have the right to play and enjoy their childhood as other children. We have organized a fun day with several Rotaract Cubs for 400 child from several orphanage. A day with games thanks to our sponsors, with DJ music, meals and painting in Maadi club – ring road.

⇒ **Impact:** 400 child were happy



**Joint Project: Medical Convoy in Alexandria / December 2015**  
**SDG: Good health & well-being / Human rights**

We took the train and went to Alexandria early December to participate in a Medical Caravan held there, we were able to get volunteer doctors in different fields and also provide free medications that were given to us as donations. It was a joint project held with other 4 clubs.

⇒ **Impact:** The caravan lasted for five hours in which we served more than 80 patients.





**Joint Project: Fellowship with Indian Rotaractors / November 2015**  
**SDG: Peace and Justice, Human Rights**

RAC Gezira Sporting shared some special moments in Cairo with the 5 guests from Rotaract Club India in a tour that included the Egyptian Museum, Cairo Tower, Khan El Khalili, felucca & a stop for Koshary at Abou Tarek. It was so nice to mingle with our fellow Rotaractors having the same Rotaract spirit sharing peace. They continued to Alexandria & Port Said.

⇒ **Impact:** the experience lead to cultural exchange for the guests and our Egyptian youth 15 persons, promoting Egypt tourism among the visitors & their family/friends and a message of peace to all



**Event: Rotary Joint Seminar / November 2015**

**SDG: Peace & justice & Human Rights**

The Rotary District 2451 (clubs of Egypt) and District 2452 (other clubs in the Mediterranean region) held a joint seminar on The Rotary Foundation in November. It was held in Sharm Al-Sheikh & attended by Rotarians from different countries in the two districts. The conference was mainly to share the previous projects and future plans for the two districts and to explore ways to jointly work with each other. Rotaractors were strongly present in the conference mainly as the organizing committee and we had our part in the Peace Walk that was held in one of Sharp's Squares to promote for our country and invite tourists to come over to enjoy its beauty.

⇒ **Impact:** a lot of information exchanged by the 60 attendees through the sessions while spreading a message of peace and understanding plus tourism boosting



**Event: Cloth Bazaar & Medical Convoy/ September 2015**

**SDG: No poverty - Good health & well-being / Human Rights**

In collaboration with 3 clubs in Cairo and one in Alexandria we were able to prepare a very successful project, the cloth bazaar then the medical caravan with the help of very professional and generous volunteer doctors in different fields who devoted their time to serve the community. Worth mentioning that as we were approaching Eid El Adha (Grand Bairam Feast) we have prepared a Cloth Bazaar to celebrate with the people of el Warak – Cairo the joy of Eid. We gathered the unwanted clothes in our wardrobes and got them cleaned up then sold them for 5 to 15 EGP per piece to needy people.



The funds raised from the cloth bazaar were used to buy medicines for the medical caravan later.

⇒ **Impact:** About 70 persons benefited from the caravan and other 50 from the clothes bazaar

**Event:** Session ‘because I am a woman’ against harassment / April 2015

**SDG:** Gender equality/ labor rights

Jointly with another club, we have invited the TV presenter Nahwand to Gezira Sporting Club, she is a lead feminist to talk about work/ life problems that daily face women among them harassment and the role of media to stop this phenomenon.

⇒ **Impact:** Attendees (30) became more aware of the role of media and social media in treating this problem



**Event:** Blanket distribution/ January 2015

**SDG:** No poverty/ human rights

After selling tickets for a cycling tour in Maadi early morning, we fundraised the needed amount for buying blankets for winter for Menia people. It is very cold there so we sent them some covers.

⇒ **Impact:** About 100 people benefited from the blankets in Upper Egypt

**Our Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/RacGeziraSportingClub/>

Thank you