

# The MBB-Rotary International (MBB-RI) Working Group

is a vehicle for advancing the common goals held by both MBB and Rotary International. Together, we are:

- ▶ Building a working partnership between the two organizations at all levels—from the local clubs and projects to the global leadership; and
- ▶ Promoting common work in projects, advocacy initiatives, and international meetings of both organizations.

## MBBI now offers Volunteer Peace Synergist opportunities!

The position is related to MBBI’s collaboration with Rotary as many in the MBBI community are also Rotarians or Peace Fellows. MBBI Projects are being supported by Rotary global grants in new and exciting partnerships. The two organizations share similar goals and approaches to peace.

**To find out more:** Please contact us via email at: [info@mediatorsbeyondborders.org](mailto:info@mediatorsbeyondborders.org)

## The MBB/RI Working Group has many activities planned in the coming year:

Join us in this rewarding effort! Please contact Akinola Olawore, MBB/RI Working Group Chair, at [olawore@mediatorsbeyondborders.org](mailto:olawore@mediatorsbeyondborders.org)

Recent MBBI Congresses have been partnered with Rotary Districts 2241 and 2440. Global grants have been developed in cooperation with districts 3410, 4281, 5160, 5280, 9110, 9212 among others, and over 20 Rotary Clubs.



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People building peace.

## Mediators Beyond Borders International

Builds local skills for peace and promotes mediation worldwide. The engine of this 501(c)(3) corporation is its 200+ volunteers in North and South America, Europe, Asia, the Pacific and Africa. By local invitation, multidisciplinary teams jointly design and implement projects with local partners to increase local abilities to heal from severe conflict; reconcile communities; and prevent, manage and transform conflict sustainably into the future.

## Rotary International

Brings together leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations, who step forward to take on some of the toughest challenges around the world: promoting peace; fighting disease; providing clean water; saving mothers and children; supporting education; and growing local economies.

As global citizens, Rotarians work toward building a more peaceful world.

## In the Fields of Peace

### Expanding Peacebuilding Capacity

MBBI and RI are building common work in real world peacebuilding. Examples of collaboration between MBBI & Rotary Clubs, Districts and the Rotary Action Group for Peace:

- ▶ Districts have sponsored MBBI Congresses and MBBI has promoted and participated in Rotary Peace Conferences.
- ▶ Together, the two have conducted highly successful Vocational Training Teams to carry out International Training Institutes for women in peacebuilding.
- ▶ Launched Global Grants to support joint projects.
- ▶ Signed Memorandums of Understanding to support mutual projects.
- ▶ Opened opportunities for RI Peace Fellows to connect MBBI projects with Rotary Clubs.
- ▶ Dared to imagine creative and innovative



MBBI International Training Institute (ITI) 2016 Jakarta - Women Peacebuilders

### Creating Dialogue

A platform for peace is built upon meaningful dialogue. By listening to the actual needs of all parties involved, with threads of empathy woven throughout the discussion, communities with the help of trained facilitators can realize a path toward peace.

### Addressing Critical Needs

60 million people worldwide have been displaced by armed conflict, persecution, and inter-community conflict. Half of the world's refugees are children who are swept along in the tide of international disputes. MBBI and Rotary both work to develop programs to reduce conflict by building capacity for communities to reconnect.



Rotary Peace Fellow, Louisa Dow, listening to the needs of displaced residents

### Offering Hope

Both, MBBI and Rotary recognize the interconnection between conflict resolution and humanitarian efforts to address the pressing needs of communities around the world. Tangible improvements can be made, but without peace, such things as new water wells, schools, and hospitals can become a casualty of war. Without community engagement, humanitarian efforts may not be sustainable.