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DRR OFFICIAL VISIT TO KENYA FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2024/2025 FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN 15th OCTOBER ~ 18TH NOVEMBER 2024

This is a report covering the official DRR visits to Kenya in the 6 regions

- ~ Attendance from the different cluster visits
- ~ Summary report
- ~ List of club names abbreviations

ATTENDANCE

No.	Region	Date	Clubs Represented	Presidents Present	Attendance
1.	Western Region – Kisumu Cluster	20/10/2024	1. MMUST - 18 2. Kisumu Winam - 11 3. Rarieda - 8 4. Uzima University 5. Maseno Uni 6. GLUK 7. Bungoma 8. Bungoma Magharibi 9. Kisumu 10. Menengai 11. Kabarak Uni Abugida, Syokimau, Athiriver, Malindi, Hurlingham, Eldoret	MMUST Kisumu Winam Rarieda Uzima University Maseno Uni GLUK Kisumu	61 Rotaractors; (6 Exco & Country Reps from other regions)
2.	Western Region – Kitale Cluster	21/10/2024	1. Kitale – 9 2. Eldoret - 5 3. Bungoma Main – 4 4. Moi Uni 5. CUEA Gaba	Kitale Eldoret Bungoma Main Moi Uni	32 Rotaractors (5 Exco & Country Reps from other regions)

			6. Menengai 7. Eldoret Abugida, Syokimau, Athiriver, Malindi, Hurlingham,	CUEA Gaba Eldoret	
3.	Nakuru Region	22/10/2024	1. Naivasha - 14 2. Menengai - 7 3. WITI IF – 6 4. Bahati 5. Mt. Kenya Meru Abugida, Syokimau, Athiriver, Youthzone, Hurlingham, Eldoret	Naivasha Menengai WITI IF Bahati	45 Rotaractors (6 Exco & Country Reps from other regions)
4.	Mt. Kenya Region – Nyeri Cluster	23/10/2024	1. Nyeri - 25 2. KMTC Nyeri - 16 3. DeKUT – 14 4. Karatina Uni 5. Nanyuki Abugida, Athiriver, Youthzone, Hurlingham, Eldoret, Nairobi East	Nyeri KMTC Nyeri DeKUT Karatina Uni Nanyuki	71 Rotaractors (6 Exco & Country Reps from other regions)
5.	Mt. Kenya Region – Embu Cluster	25/10/2024	1. Embu Uni – 11 2. Embu College – 11 3. Embu CB – 8 4. KMTC IF 5. Karatina 6. Kirinyaga CB 7. Chuka Uni 8. Uzima Uni 9. Kirinyaga Uni Abugida, Athiriver, Youthzone, Hurlingham, Eldoret, Lang'ata	Embu Uni Embu College Embu CB KMTC IF Karatina Kirinyaga CB Chuka Uni Uzima Uni Kirinyaga Uni	58 Rotaractors (6 Exco & Country Reps from other regions)

6.	Thika Region	28/10/2024	1. Kenyatta University – 19 2. Thika – 12 3. JKUAT – 9 4. KCA Uni 5. Sololo 6. Youth connect 7. Nairobi Muthaiga North 8. USIU 9. JKUAT 10. JFC Munene 11. Nairobi Thika Road 12. Nairobi Parklands Abugida, Athiriver, Youthzone, Hurlingham, Eldoret, Lang'ata, Nairobi Central	Kenyatta University Thika JKUAT KCA Uni Sololo Youth connect Nairobi Muthaiga North USIU JKUAT JFC Munene Nairobi Thika Road	80 Rotaractors
7.	Nairobi Region	29/10/2024	UoN Main – 28 TUK – 13 UoN Afya – 9 Kikuyu Lang'ata Hurlingham UoN Westlands Magharibi Ongata Rongai Parklands ANU (Not complete)		142 Rotaractors
8.	Nairobi Region – Eastern Clubs	30/10/2024	Kitengela Ongata Rongai	Kitengela Ongata Rongai	

			Syokimau Daystar African Nazarene University	Syokimau Daystar	
9.	Coast Region - Malindi	07/11/2024	Malindi Watamu Abugida, Youthzone, Bahari, Nyali, RC Malindi	Malindi Watamu	40 Rotaractors (3 Exco & Country Reps from other regions)
10.	Coast Region – Kilifi clubs	08/11/2024	Kilifi Pwani Uni Malindi Abugida, Youthzone, Bahari, Nyali,	Kilifi Pwani Uni	32 Rotaractors (3 Exco & Country Reps from other regions)
11.	Coast Region – Mombasa Clubs	09/11/2024	Youthzone Mombasa Nyali Bahari – Mombasa MTC Northcoast Diani TUM TUM IF Malindi Voi, Abugida	Youthzone Mombasa Nyali Bahari – Mombasa MTC Northcoast	70 Rotaractors (4 Exco & Country Reps from other regions)
12.	Coast Region – Taita Taveta Clubs	10/11/2024	Voi Mwatate TTU E-Club of Taita Taveta Abugida, Youthzone, Nyali	Voi Mwatate TTU E-Club of Taita Taveta	39 Rotaractors (4 Exco & Country Reps from other regions)

SUMMARY

No.	Item	Findings	DRR & District Recommendations	Clubs affected
1.	Club Administration			
	Financial status and Signatories	☐ Majority of the clubs have functioning bank accounts; but a few clubs reported to have challenges in opening bank accounts because of the introductory letter from the district required by banks. ☐ Most community based clubs are doing okay financially and have strategies to raise funds for club projects. ☐ Most clubs are currently in the process of changing signatories. ☐ Request for the bank opening criteria to be shared, a few clubs have had a challenge with this	The issue on the introductory letter will be sorted out as soon as possible by the district Finance Chair. The District treasurer to work on a small write up for the bank opening criteria, this to be made available to all clubs. Clubs asked to borrow ideas from each other on easier ways to raise funds for the club.	KMTC Nyeri Karatina Uni Nanyuki Karatina Some Embu clubs Daystar
	Reporting	☐ Performance on monthly reporting is positive. However some clubs are still not reporting and request training on reporting and compliance.	Any clubs requiring support on reporting to reach out to the Country and/district secretaries whenever.	KeMU

		☐ 2 clubs requested training support on the reporting template		
	Payment of Club dues (Challenges in any)	☐ Most community based clubs have cleared their dues, some in full and some partly. ☐ Clubs that reported to be struggling with paying dues are mostly institution based and new clubs with unstable membership ☐ A few presidents reported that their clubs had accumulated dues from previous years and were requesting to be given waivers on those are they were becoming heavy on the club	Clubs struggling with dues payment advised to split the dues in smaller bits so that it may be easier for Rotaractors to clear. Clubs that received waivers on district and country dues to take note of RI dues, Clubs that require this waiver need to write to RI. Country treasurer to compile the list of clubs and a finance meeting to be held in this regard.	Most of the institution based clubs and a few new clubs
	Board members and frequency of board meetings	☐ Majority of clubs have between 10~12 boards members; ☐ Frequency of board meetings is quarterly for most clubs	DRR recommended clubs to have monthly board meetings instead of quarterly. This is because when clubs have issues that need to be handled, 3 months may be a long time to wait for this. And club boards are very essential is steering the club in the right direction.	General

	Club Fellowships and frequency	☐ Weekly and Bi-weekly; Institution clubs have made use of online meetings when school sessions are on holiday	Clubs advised to put more focus on PLD and service projects delivery during fellowships and not so much on “swalloship” as a lot of people join Rotaract for wrong reasons	General
	Presidents meetings	☐ Country team is yet to organise a presidents meeting ☐ There was no presidents / president elects training this year	RAC KE through the Deputy Country Chair to look in that	General
2.	Membership			
	Comparison btn July and October	☐ Majority of clubs have not inducted new members since the beginning of the Rotary year so most of the club numbers remain the same; ☐ However, during the visit, DRR Hiwot inducted a total of 37 members ▪ RAC DeKUT – 7 members ▪ RAC – 7 members ▪ RAC Embu CB – 1 member ▪ RAC Chuka University – 21 members ▪ RAC Malindi – 1 member	PR directors to make use of social media pages to do proper story telling in order to attract more volunteers.	General

	Membership Growth strategy	☐ Most institution based clubs have unstable membership as members graduate and leave the institutions, and it may not be easy to get a lot of first years on board on the get go	One club; RAC Chuka University that inducted 21 members in the visit shared their strategy; Frequently posting on WhatsApp Clubs to share strategies on how to increase membership, some clubs are doing well in that sector	General
	Membership data on RI for RI dues that are almost being sent)	☐ Most of the clubs are yet to update their membership on My Rotary	Clubs were updated on the timelines, by November 25th, club presidents should be through with updating membership on My Rotary. This is because, as of December, RI will start working on invoices to be sent to clubs and failure to completing payment will lead to a club bean termed inactive.	Most of the clubs
3.	Service projects & Partnerships	☐ A good number of clubs have signature projects; and are collaborating with corporates within their regions or other Rotaract clubs ☐ A good number of clubs are/have/undertaken sustainable projects that have created positive impact in our communities	Clubs advised to explore partnerships and collaborations even within clubs for more sustainable and impactful projects. DRR additionally advised clubs to have an identity project; e.g RAC Abugida, aside from other projects that they do, they are mostly known for their blood	General

		☐ Some regions have regional projects – all clubs participate	donation project that they conduct on a monthly basis.	
	Grant Qualification	☐ Most of the clubs are not yet qualified . ☐ Why are Rotaract clubs not allowed to apply for grants to apply for grants on their own even after having been elevated. ☐ Malindi – what is allowed to Rotaractors for District Grants.	Clubs encouraged to reach out to the Grants chair for trainings on grant qualification Clubs already qualified: RAC Nyeri, Nairobi Central, Naivasha, Malindi Those with revisions waiting to be qualified after submitting requests: RAC Menengai & RAC Rarieda So in total: 4 already qualified, 2 almost qualified Then there are five more that are in the preliminary stages of qualification: RAC Thika, YouthZone, Bungoma, Athi River & Kitengela Hoping to have 11 clubs in total qualified by end of Q2	General
4.	PR & story-telling: (How do club tell their stories and on which platforms)	☐ The most common platforms that clubs use for PR and storytelling are WhatsApp and Instagram, a few clubs have X and facebook accounts	Clubs were advised to utilise their social media pages to the full, in order to increase visibility; telling stories on what projects we do will definitely	General

			attract other volunteers and even partners or sponsors. PR directors to not focus on birthday posts mostly or post pictures blankly as is for some clubs	
5.	Professional development sessions: How often are they conducted and are there needs assessment conducted first	☐ This is fair across all regions ☐ One club – has not had a PLD session	Clubs advised to have PLD sessions that meet the needs of their club members; PLD directors should be able to conduct needs assessment for sessions.	General
6.	Governance and Ethics & Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	☐ About 50% of clubs have this docket in their boards; which handle issues in the clubs ☐ A few clubs do not understand the roles under the docket hence do not have it ☐ Some clubs with struggling membership numbers do not have this docket, a few of those have club matters being handled by the executive committee.	It is important for clubs to know that we have a docket in the district that handles issues to do with Governance and Ethics & Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Clubs requiring training on the dockets can reach out to the District Training and Facilitation chair through their ADRRs or directly. Additionally for diversity and equity; ADRRs and presidents to share the needs assessment form by the district on	General

			Diversity and Equity with their members.	
7.	District support How many members follow district social media handles	A majority of members and clubs in all the regions follow district social media pages	For trainings, presidents requested to share information on trainings and help in mobilising attendance which has been very low for district trainings The district additionally shares this information of the official pages so members requested to follow these pages in order to be up to date with information.	General
	What support are clubs expecting from the district to create more impact in our societies	Trainings etc	Request for trainings for individual dockets. ADRRs and presidents to reach out to the district Training and Facilitation chair	
8.	Participation in regional, country and district activities	This is fair across all regions – clubs request that district and country activities be distributed across the year so as to not have too many activities happening within the same period, especially for the expansive regions.	Consideration for larger regions with clubs that are far apart – it is expensive to travel to attend all country and district activities.	Mt. Kenya
9.	DRR Nominee	Not so many clubs participated in the DRRN elections last Rotary year	Last year only 23 clubs sent in a delegate, this year we expect all	General

			presidents to treat the item with the utmost importance	
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Some concerns that came forward from regions

1. One club; RAC Kericho wishes to be put under Nakuru Region as they are closer to Nakuru th Kitale, currently the club is in western region.
2. District and Country calendars – Need for spacing out activities e.g for Embu we had the DRR visit on 25th, TRF Tournament on 26th and the now postponed Country dinner on 2nd November – considering that these are clubs that are far from each other and members would have to incur so much financially in order to attend.
3. Frequency of activities that need clubs to assemble in one location; especially for regions where clubs are far apart – this needs to be reviewed.
4. Costs for Country and District activities; especially for regions with a lot of institution based clubs; TRF tournament, Country dinners etc
5. Proper engagement with clubs; for any regional planning – presidents have requested to be consulted or engaged
6. Clubs are requesting for clear metrics for awards during DCA, some clubs also requested for an extension of the instalment payment duration.
7. Country and District activities – Hosting regions request to be given subsidized rates; RYLA, DCA etc
8. PLD – (One club has not had a PLD session)
9. Presidents group – a lot of texts get posted there hence people miss important information.
10. There was no training for presidents/ president elects this year, as well as the Presidents meetings/ forums

Other activities covered during the visit

No.	Date	Region	Club	Activity
1.	16/10/2024	Western Region - Siaya	Rotary and Rotaract	Fellowship & Project Visits with DG
2.	17/10/2024 ~ 19/10/2024	Western Region - Kisumu	All Clubs	R.Y.L.A Kenya

3.	21/10/2024	Western Region - Kitale	Kitale	Visit to their interact club
4.	24/10/2024	Mt. Kenya Region	Rotaract Club of Nyeri	Hike to Zaina falls to mark World Polio Day
5.	26/10/2024	Mt. Kenya Region	Embu Clubs	TRF Tournament
6.	26/10/2024	Mt. Kenya Region	Rotaract Club of Chuka	Rac Chuka President installation
7.	27/10/2024	Nairobi & Thika	All Clubs	Hangout with the DRR
8	02/11/2024	Nairobi	Rotaract Club of Lang'ata	Rotajams
9	02/11/2024	Nairobi	Rotaract Club of Westlands	Anniversary
10	02/11/2024	Nairobi	Rotaract Club of Parklands	Karaoke night
11	13/11/2023 ~ 17/11/2024	Uganda - Kampala	50 participants from D9212	RAS Uganda 2024

List of Club names Abbreviations

MMUST – Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology
 WRTI - Worldlife Research and Training Institute
 KMTC – Kenya Medical Training College
 DeKUT – Dedan Kimathi University of Technology
 KU – Kenyatta University
 JKUAT – Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology
 UoN – University of Nairobi



TUK –	Technical University of Kenya
MKU –	Mount Kenya University
KeMU –	Kenya Methodist University
USIU –	United States International University
CUEA –	Catholic University of East Africa
GLUK -	Great Lakes University
ANU -	African Nazarene University
TTU –	Taita Taveta University
MTC -	Medical Training Institute
TUM -	Technical University of Mombasa