

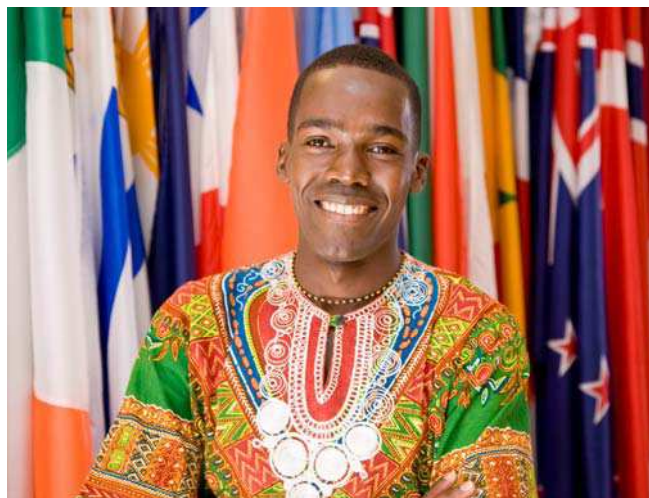


# Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus reflect the service interests and activities of Rotary clubs worldwide. See how your club or district can get involved.

## The challenge

- Since World War II, the number of conflicts between nations has decreased, yet the world has seen more than 50 major armed conflicts since the end of the Cold War. Most of these have been internal clashes over religion, national or ethnic identity, or access to natural resources. (*Carter Center*)
- Of the 20 most destitute countries in the world, 16 have recently suffered civil wars. (*Search for Common Ground*)
- From 1990 to 2004, 3.6 million people — 90% of them civilians — were killed in conflict. About half of the civilian casualties were children. (*UNDP Human Development Report 2003*)
- Between 75% and 80% of the world's 27 million refugees are women and children. (*UNHCR 2006*)
- Education and literacy rates are lowest in conflict zones, but global military spending is 170 times greater than spending on basic education. (*Search for Common Ground*)



## What you can do

- Support a peer mediation and conflict resolution curriculum at the elementary school level, along with activities that reinforce peace supporting skills
- Provide training for local community leaders in mediation and alternative dispute resolution
- Provide job training to youth affected by conflict
- Sponsor a scholar studying international peace and conflict resolution who wants to work in a community affected by conflict

## Learn more

Conflict Resolution Research Resource Institute  
[www.cri.cc](http://www.cri.cc)

Institute of World Affairs  
[www.iwa.org](http://www.iwa.org)

UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery  
[www.undp.org/cpr](http://www.undp.org/cpr)

UN Peacebuilding Commission  
[www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding](http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding)

## Goals for Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

- Strengthening local peace efforts
- Training local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict
- Supporting long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict
- Assisting vulnerable populations affected by conflict, particularly children and youth
- Supporting studies related to peace and conflict resolution

