AND FINALLY ......

The Rotary Foundation, Rotarian Action Group on Population Development (RFPD) and Rotarian Doctors Fellowship (IFRD) have contributed to Calmed principles and development.

Calmed Phase 2 will give Rotarians in countries concerned with high maternal and new-born mortality, the opportunities to find a clearer road map and practical guidance for acceleration towards their goal: Universal Health Coverage. (Sustainable Development Goals -SDG 3)

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Phase Two - New Opportunities, New Programmes

Stop mothers dying!

New initiatives in the Calmed programme
Since 2010, 'Calmed' (Collaborative Actions in the Lowering of Maternity Encountered Deaths) has worked with Rotarians in different communities with an evidence-based package of skills training and with a community mobilisation programme. It now provides a road-map towards 'Zero Preventable Deaths'.

Our programme is a template of action particularly suited to use in communities where the health system is under-resourced, and pregnant women and their babies are at high risk. The training and its results have shown validated improvements.

The programme to date: Two Global Grants, 6 VTTs in two different areas; 44 training weeks in total.

Results: 220 skills enhanced doctors and mid-wives; 500 community health workers (ASHAs) upskilled; Estimated that 250 mothers, and up to 1,250 babies have been saved in three years.

In 2018, whilst global Polio eradication remains all Rotarians priority, we wish to initiate - 'CALMED PHASE 2' and send this into action, in three ways:

**What is it?** It is a linked approach by Rotarians, health and medical experts, and care workers, to accelerate progress towards universal health coverage, supporting Sustainable Development Goals (SDG3).

**Who will be in 'the Group'?** An international grouping of Rotarians – medical and midwifery professionals, academics, experts, and NGOs committed to reducing preventable maternal and child deaths.

**What it offers – three practical proposals:**
2. The creation of a data-base of volunteers, especially doctors and nurses, who are willing to give training and mentoring.
3. Linking donor Rotary Clubs and Districts to host clubs and districts, through Global Grants.

**How do you join the Group?** Write to calmedrotary@gmail.com - an invitation will be sent to your group or organisation.

2. The Maternity Emergency Response Network

**The requirement:** A network that is designed to bridge the gap in the care of pregnant women and new-borns with emergencies. It involves a 'Red-flag' alert and rapid response transfer.

**What is it?** The resuscitation and stabilisation of mothers or new-born children, then speedy transfer from their areas to the safety of a hospital by low cost ambulance transfer.

**What can Clubs/Districts do?**
- Assist with the purchase of low-cost motor-cycle ambulances, where required.
- Also providing the supply of consumables and equipment, and training of crews as para-medical support. Partnership with local ambulance services is essential.

3. Country Forum for maternal and child health

It will organise low cost, effective, validated programmes for the reduction of preventable maternal and new-born deaths in countries or areas in need.