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To: District Governor Saâdia Aglif

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Dear Governor Aglif,

As I said to you just a few days ago in Lusaka, the Rotary world is heartbroken by the devastation caused by the recent earthquake in Morocco. Please know that Heather and I are thinking of you and everyone affected.

Many people have been calling Rotary International, expressing their care and asking how they or their clubs can help. I know that your district is undertaking numerous local relief efforts. If you would like us to promote any of these, please let us know by writing to relief@rotary.org so that RI can share information throughout our Rotary network.

I know that your District has already applied for a Disaster Response Fund grant, but I also want to share with you some additional tools that Rotary has created to assist you during this critical time of relief and recovery.

FUNDING AND AID: As you know, Rotary members are able to contribute to The Rotary Foundation's [Disaster Response Fund](#), a general fund which supports club and district relief activities. These contributions fund Rotary Disaster Response Grants to support a district's immediate disaster relief efforts. Qualified districts in affected areas may apply for a grant of US \$25,000, pending availability of funds. Districts may apply for subsequent grants after successfully reporting on any prior grants. [Visit My Rotary](#) for more information about the Grant. Longer term recovery efforts may be eligible for support from The Rotary Foundation through a [district or global grant](#).

GUIDANCE: The Disaster Network of Assistance – Rotary Action Group provides advice and support for all aspects of disasters ranging from preparedness through long term recovery and can be contacted for assistance at phil.lustig3@gmail.com.

PARTNERING FOR RESPONSE AND RECOVERY: As always, when organizing a club or district response to a disaster, we encourage you to work with reputable first responder organizations who may be able to meet the immediate needs of those affected.

I know you are already in contact with ShelterBox, a Rotary International project partner, that provides emergency shelter, essential items and technical assistance after disasters. As you jointly assess community needs, ShelterBox welcomes contact from Rotarians and Rotaractors, who often inform ShelterBox's assessment of our capacity to respond, and how best to meet community needs.

Please know that you have the support of Rotary members around the world as you cope with this tragedy.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Gordon R. McNally".

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