



Guide for clubs and districts to choose their local service projects

The purpose of this guideline is to help you determine if a proposed project will contribute to fulfill Zonta's mission and achieve Zonta's vision and is in line with Zonta's goals.

Zonta's mission:

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Zonta's vision:

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

The Objects of Zonta International are:

- (a) To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service & advocacy.
- (b) To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of members.
- (c) To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- (d) To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations, and the world.

Zonta International goals regarding club and district local service are:

- Local projects are in line with our mission and vision
- 100% of all local projects focus on women's issues
- Cooperative projects will be undertaken only with like-minded organizations

Name/title of proposed project:

Brief Description of the project (50 words):

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STEP 1: Please answer YES or NO to the following questions:

Focus on the Objects of Zonta: Does the proposed project intend to	YES	NO
Improve the legal status of women?		
Improve the political status of women?		
Improve the economic status of women?		
Improve the educational status of women?		
Improve the health status of women?		
Improve the professional status of women?		
Work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, & peace through world fellowship?		
Promote justice and universal respect for human rights and freedoms?		
Be united internationally to foster high ethical standards?		
Work to end violence against women ?		

If the answer to **at least one** of the questions above is **YES**, go to **STEP 2**. If the answer to all questions is **NO**, then the project should not be pursued.

STEP 2: Please answer YES or NO to the following questions:

Focus on our mission and goals.	YES	NO
Does the proposed project focus on women's and girls' issues?		
Does the proposed project include service and advocacy?		
Is the project to be undertaken with like-minded organizations?		

If the answer to the **first question** is **YES**, the project is in line with Zonta's mission and goals. **Go to STEP 3**. If the answer to questions 2 and 3 is also YES, the project is in line with Zonta's goals. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

If the answer to the first question is NO, then the project should not be pursued.

STEP 3: CONGRATULATIONS! You are ready to go with the project.

Prepare a detailed plan with activities and who does what when and a budget if not yet prepared. It would be worth also to decide how the success of the project will be evaluated once finished. For assistance, please contact ZI Service Committee Chairman Alison Martin at alisonmartin00@gmail.com.