

## Report of the visit to the Rotary village of Jo Goth near Karachi on 23.10.2022

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### 1. The Setting: Trip to Pakistan Oct. 21 – Nov. 5, 2022

At its 2021 Annual Meeting, the Inter Country Committee (ICC) Germany – Pakistan had decided to hold the 2022 Annual Meeting in Pakistan as a hybrid meeting. For this meeting, three members of the German section of the ICC traveled to Pakistan: Klaus Klennert, Folker Flasse and Edgar von Cramm. The 2022 annual meeting then took place on Oct. 22, 2022 in Karachi. It is worth noting that the 2023-24 RI President-elect, Gordon McNally, and his wife also attended.



ICC annual meeting in Karachi (the other participants were connected via Zoom).

Another goal of the trip was to visit projects that had been co-financed by Rotary Germany, represented by the ICC. The main project at the moment is the village of Jo Goth.

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## 1. Visit of the village Jo Goth



Die Reisegruppe

On 23 October, the above group (and other Rotarians from Karachi) set out with 2 jeeps and a police escort to the Rotary village of Jo Goth, which is about 2 hours north of Karachi located.

During the trip, we visited the Rotary distribution center for food bags.





In the village of Jo Goth, we were welcomed by a large crowd of villagers, mainly women and children. (The men were working.) The village is built on a natural elevation, so it was not affected by the great flood in August 2022.



More than 150 of these houses, each for two families, have been financed by Rotary Pakistan and Rotary Germany. 55 of these simple houses, which in rural Pakistan already belong to the middle class, were paid for by German donations via RDG at the suggestion of the ICC. On the right you can see in the background the outdoor kitchen and toilet, which belong to each semi-detached house - the cost per house was 1,200 euros.

## 2. The School Buildings



This picture shows the previous primary school, which consists of 2 rooms of about 20 square meters each. After the completion of the new primary school, this "old" school building will be used as a kindergarten.



The first buildings of the new primary school. The roof is still missing.



Left: the front is finished. Right: the bricks are ready for this classroom



The multi-purpose hall is to be built on the light sandy area behind the photographer.



The school development committee

The photos above show the construction status of the new Primary School as of Oct. 23, 2022, pre-financed by RC Makli from the city of Thatta as its share of the construction costs. Since the announced funds from Rotary Germany had not yet arrived due to the administrative hurdles of the Pakistani state side, construction could not continue in Nov. / Dec. 2022. It was not until January 2023 that it continued to a limited extent. New photos are announced. But the 16,570 euros are now urgently needed to complete the school.