

PROJECT NAME:

MIRACLE OF KNOWLEDGE 2003-2026



Detailed Description:

The project's goal is to enable children with significant visual impairments to receive inclusive education by equipping each subject classroom in the school with stationary video magnifiers with strong image magnification capabilities (from Reinecker Vision), as well as full color palette change options. This will allow these children to absorb educational material in a standard way without needing Braille. The project will be implemented at Special School No. 188 in Minsk for visually impaired children. The remaining six subject classrooms need to be equipped. Currently (since 2018), with the

participation of the Republic of Belarus, six classrooms have already been equipped, and two were equipped by the state.

Expected outcomes include ensuring inclusive education in all 22 specialized classrooms of Special School No. 188, creating the possibility for children with severe visual impairments to study all subjects in a standard mode (without the need for Braille).

Actions include selecting and purchasing video magnifiers, delivering them, and distributing them in the classrooms.

Project Category: Supporting Education (including prevention and treatment of children's diseases)

Project Location: Special School No. 188, Republic of Belarus, Minsk, Bohdanowicz St. 35

Expected Start: September 2024

Expected Duration: September 2024 - May 2027

Partners:

- Rotary Club Wroclaw Novum, Poland District 2231
- Rotary Club San Ramon Valley, USA District 5160
- Other Rotary Clubs - partners

Project Contacts:

- From Rotary Club Minsk - Past President Aliaksandr Anishchanka
- From Special School No. 188 - Kakhanovich Liybov

PROJECT FINANCING

Total estimated budget (Amount still needed): 22,000 USD (2,200 USD * 10 units - preliminary)

Details for the transfer of charitable contributions to the Project:

Recipient: Stowarzyszenie Novum

IBAN: Euro - PL52 1090 2398 0000 0001 5200 9868,
USD - PL74 1090 2398 0000 0001 6012 1000
SWIFT WBKPPLPP

Bank: Santander Bank Polska S.A., al.Jana Pawla II 17, 00-854 Warszawa, Polska

Payment: Charitable donation to Rotary Club Minsk, Project: Miracle of Knowledge

COMMUNITY NEEDS, PROJECT IMPACT, AND SUSTAINABILITY

Community Needs Assessment:

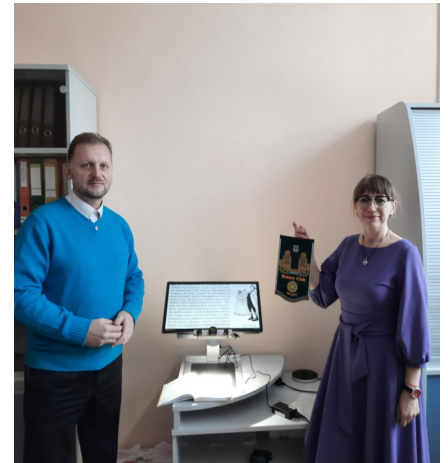
RC Minsk has been working on this project in collaboration with Special School No. 188 in Minsk for visually impaired children since 2003.

1. Participation in MG23044 with RK Athlone, Ireland. Delivery in 2004 of 3 video magnifiers (with CRT) to the Special School No.188 (still in use).



2. In 2022 the program of cooperation between the state educational institution "Special School No. 188 of Minsk" and the Rotary Club "Minsk" was signed. RC Minsk presented of 3 video magnifiers MezzoFocus 20 (from the official distributor in Belarus, the project amount is 6,820 Euros), sources of financing:

- USD 400.00 – own funds of the RC of Minsk,
- USD 7,540.00 - from partner clubs from the USA.



3. In 2022, the Ministry of Education (Minsk City District Department) also delivered two video magnifiers with similar functionality to Special School No. 188.

4. 01 September 2025 RC Minsk presented of 4 video magnifiers additionally (ZooMax – 2 and Topaz – 2) in cooperation with partners: RC Minsk (3,500 USD), RC San Ramon Valley, D5160, USA (2,000 USD), RC Chisinau Cosmopolitan, Moldova (500 USD), RC Vroclav-Novum (2000 USD).

Additionally, RC Minsk organize 2 time every year joint field events with another school in Zuprany called “Zuprany Picnic,” where competitions and educational activities are held for children from both schools. The project was launched in 2021, and eight such events have already taken place. From 2023, the all events took on an ecological theme (into EndPlasticSoup – Rotarian program, because RC Minsk is Club-ambassador of this Program in Belarus).

Project Impact:

The project supports the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals 4 (4.5) and 10 (10.2), as it helps address the problem of social integration for children with severe visual impairments and enables the application of inclusive education principles.

Sustainability:

- **Relevance:** The project addresses the actual needs of visually impaired children in Minsk.
- **Effectiveness:** The project improves accessibility to education for visually impaired children, enabling them to learn in a standard mode.
- **Efficiency:** Resources are allocated effectively, ensuring minimal waste and maximizing benefits for the students.
- **Impact:** It promotes the idea of inclusive education, which may influence other communities and educational institutions.
- **Viability:** Regular events and local partnerships ensure the project's continuation and long-term impact.
- **Coherence:** The project is well-structured with clear goals and action plans.
- **Accountability:** The project is managed by RC Minsk and local authorities, ensuring proper oversight and execution.