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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

NEXT MEETING: Wed, November 2nd, 2011

Back by popular demand

John Carey

The story continues....

Duties:	2 nd November	9 th November
Host & Grace	John Gillingham	James Hayward
Properties	Bruce Lynch	Eli
Properties	Mree	Murray Harris
Reception	Dean Freeman	Murray Connop
Reception	Kevin Coote	Zaki Dorkham
Introduction	John Gray	Ben Andrew
Thanks	Stephen Hinton	Boyd Brown
Ticket Sales	Competition	Kevin Eagles
Fines	Brian Casteau	Len Anel
Raffle Spinner	Murray Connop	Murray Connop

LIFE'S LITTLE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS	WEDDDING ANNIVERSARIES	INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES
Sandra Main 3 rd	Rob & Wylie Geldert 8 th	

My apologies for the lateness and brevity of the newsletter.

The AGM was conducted in world record time but coincidentally with world record accuracy...courtesy of John Gillingham.

Polio update follows after the single photographic record of the meeting.

Please also see the attachment courtesy of Don Spriggins.



The guest speaker and his wife
He is the Chairman of the Men's Shed organisation



Fellow Rotarians,

World Polio Day was just on 24th October and also this is an opportune time as CHOGM is around us with the Queen's visit..... some may recall her first visit in 1954 being nearly postponed due to risk of a polio outbreak – yes, in Perth! Inside events were cancelled to reduce the risks of contact with the virus.

This week a young ex-resident of Bunbury is visiting CHOGM to promote awareness and the eradication by vaccination of polio worldwide.

So Australia is now free of polio and to allow it to remain so we need to eradicate it from other countries whom we may come into contact with through travel etc for obvious humanitarian reasons.

Please find below updated information as to the status of polio eradication levels as of this last week. As you will see there is an ongoing intensive programme of awareness and reactivity to any new cases of polio as well as vigilance in general immunisation events. The enormity of the task is seen where 33million children are immunised in 2-3 days. There is a cost to providing this level of care.

This is the reason for more funding as we approach the deadline to world polio eradication in 2012.

Please duplicate your efforts of last year(plus some!!) or create a pledge this year to support Rotary's – yes Rotary – programme. Aim for \$2,000.00 per club as a minimum. Look to special events to raise this or include it as a beneficiary to an existing event or function. The children of the world look forward to your contribution. Please provide generously.

Yours

IAN ROBERTSON

District 9465 Chair End Polio Now

Polio this week - As of Wednesday 19 October 2011

- Critical polio management and strategy meetings are taking place at the World Health Organization's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland this week, which will include in depth discussions on the IMB report and changes required to ensure that the goal of interrupting global poliovirus transmission by end of 2012 can be achieved. On Wednesday, 19 October, executive management of the programme - including senior representatives from WHO, UNICEF, CDC, Rotary, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as well as leadership at regional and country levels - is meeting in Geneva to identify priority actions, to adapt best practices (as in India) to other areas, to create an enabling environment for innovation and to establish accountability mechanisms. On Thursday 20 October, a donor consultation meeting is looking at establishing ways of optimizing donor engagement and discussing the outcomes of changes to expect as a result of the Polio Partners management meeting.
- It is World Polio Day on 24 October. Rotary International is asking all those who support global polio eradication to visit www.thisclose.net to join the likes of Bishop Desmond Tutu, Queen Noor of Jordan, Bollywood legend Amitabh Bachchan and action star Jackie Chan to create their own personal 'This Close' poster. Supporters are encouraged to use this poster as their Facebook profile picture for World Polio Day. See how volunteers around the world are using World Polio Day to shine a spotlight on the disease's eradication.

Wild poliovirus (WPV) cases

Total cases	Year-to-date 2011	Year-to-date 2010
Globally	467	732
• in endemic countries:	196	153
• in non-endemic countries:	271	579

Countries	Year-to-date 2011			Year-to-date 2010			T
	WPV1	WPV3	Total	WPV1	WPV3	Total	
Pakistan	116	2	118	67	21	88	
Afghanistan	40		40	10	8	18	
Nigeria	28	9	37	4	4	8	
India	1		1	16	23	39	
DR Congo	84		84	28		28	
Chad	111	3	114		14	14	
Angola	4		4	25		25	
CAR	1		1				
China	17		17				
Mali		9	9	3		3	
Kenya	1		1				
Guinea		2	2				
Côte d'Ivoire		35	35				
Niger	1	1	2		2	2	
Congo*	1		1				
Gabon	1		1				
Uganda							
Russian Federation				14		14	
Liberia				1		1	
Nepal				6		6	
Kazakhstan				1		1	

Data in WHO as of 19 Oct 2010 for 2010 data and 18 Oct 2011 for 2011 data.

*The 2010 total for Congo includes cases with inadequate specimens that have been exceptionally classified as confirmed polio based on their association with the WPV1 outbreak.

Afghanistan

- Three new cases were reported in the past week (all wild poliovirus type 1 - WPV1), bringing the total number of cases for 2011 to 40. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 28 September in the Lal Pur district of Nangarhar province. Both this case, and one in Qalat district, Zabul province, are in districts which had not previously seen any polio cases this year, and both are near to the country's border with Pakistan.
- National Immunization Days (NIDs), synchronised with Pakistan and coinciding with World Polio Day, will take place from 24-26 October. Bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV) will be administered to more than 7 million children across the country. NIDs using bOPV also took place on 17-19 September.
- In Afghanistan, the Ministry of Public Health has proposed an innovative response to the issue of inaccessibility - it is currently conceptualizing 'routine polio eradication teams'. The teams would go door-to-door without waiting for a campaign schedule - in effect, delivering OPV routinely. If the concept proves successful, it could ultimately be used to deliver other health interventions.

India

- India has not reported a case since 13 January - more than nine months ago. This case, reported in West Bengal, is the only case reported by the country this year.
- The country remains determined to extend this period without poliovirus and hopefully put a stop to transmission for good. An intense schedule of supplementary immunization activities (SIAs) has been proposed for the coming months through to the middle of next year. The next SIAs will be SNIDs planned to begin on 13 November, targeting more than 35 million children with bOPV.
- The most recent SIAs were Sub-national Immunization Days (SNIDs) held from 25 September which vaccinated more than 75 million children with bOPV. The SNIDs covered all of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, along with other high risk areas including parts of West Bengal.
- Discussions in Geneva this week will look at how the lessons learned in India's successful polio eradication programme can be applied elsewhere. Meanwhile, technical expertise from the Indian programme is already being deployed to the Horn of Africa.

Nigeria

- Three new cases were reported in the past week - two WPV1s and one WPV3 - bringing the total number of cases for 2011 to 37. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 17 September in the Kukawa district of Borno state. A case reported this week in Illela district, Sokoto state, (in the country's north-west) is that district's first case for the year.
- The [Expert Review Committee for Polio Eradication and Routine Immunization \(ERC\)](#) met last week in Abuja to discuss the country's recent increase in cases and ways to bring the polio eradication programme back on track. The group of experts stressed that the situation could be reversed with an urgent programme of work to identify, characterize and target chronically missed children; sustain an intensive OPV campaign schedule through 2012; establish a federal-level accountability framework for LGA Chairman and Ward Heads in very high priority areas; and focus geographically on the 3 key transmission zones (Kano/Jigawa, Kebbi/Sokoto/Zamfara and Borno).
- Sub-national Immunization Plus Days (IPDs) were held in 14 high-risk states plus the Federal Capital Territory in late September and early October. Children in designated

high-risk LGAs in Jigawa and Kano will receive an additional dose of polio vaccine again later in October. In November, children across the country will be offered additional life saving antigens along with OPV as part of the Maternal and Newborn Child Health Week (MNCHW). During this MNCHW, ten northern high-risk states will hold IPDs, with vaccination teams visiting every house to ensure no child is missed.

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Pakistan

- Eight cases were reported in the past week - seven WPV1s and one WPV3. The total number of cases for 2011 is now 118, making Pakistan the country with the most polio cases in 2011. The most recent case was reported with onset of paralysis on 3 October in Pishin district, Balochistan province. The WPV3 was reported with onset of paralysis on 27 September in the Khyber district of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas.
- Pakistan is holding a synchronised round of NIDs with Afghanistan from 24-26 October. This round, which coincides with World Polio Day, aims to vaccinate more than 33 million Pakistani children using tOPV.
- Following the IMB's recommendations, the focus is now on translating head-of-state commitment in Pakistan into improvements at the operational, sub-union council level. Four-hundred new staff are being deployed to provide support to this critical level. A direct vaccinator payment mechanism to ensure vaccinators are paid, modelled on a similar mechanism put in place in Nigeria, will be operational by December.
- The current outbreak in Balochistan province is by far the largest seen in that province since surveillance was established in 1997. Technical support to the province is being increased and it is crucial that these new placements can be integrated into a well-coordinated and cooperative team. New vigour will be focused on social mobilization at the grassroots level to help boost the community's commitment to polio eradication.

Angola

- Angola has not reported a case since 27 March - more than six months ago. The total number of cases for 2011 remains four. The most recent case was reported in Kuando Kubango, in the country's south-east.
- In its latest report, the IMB warns that the progress in Angola must be confirmed as 'real'. Surveillance quality will be carefully scrutinized, especially in Luanda.
- The next SIAs will be SNIDs using a combination of bOPV and tOPV planned to take place in six provinces from 28-30 October - Cabinda, Lunda Norte, Lunda Sud, Malange, Uige and Zaire. The most recent SIAs were NIDs using tOPV held at the beginning of September.

Chad and CAR

- Neither Chad nor the Central African Republic reported cases this week. Chad has reported 114 cases this year (111 WPV1s and three WPV3s) and the Central African Republic has reported just the one case (WPV1). Chad's most recent case (WPV1) had onset of paralysis on 10 August in the Ouaddai region. The Central African Republic's case had onset of paralysis on 19 September in RS3 province, close to the border with Chad.
- The case reported in the Central African Republic is its first case since 2009. The country has conducted two NIDs so far this year (in April and June) and has now planned a series of vaccination rounds to respond to the new outbreak. NIDs using bOPV will be conducted from 21-23 October, followed by a Short Interval Additional Dose (SIAD) round in the area surrounding the case in early November. Further NIDs are being planned for November and December.

- In Chad, where 88 new staff and consultants have been recently deployed, an intense training schedule - on activities ranging from micro-planning to communications indicator use - is going on right now to orient the new human resources. The effectiveness of this surge will be determined by the quality of the SIAs in November.
- Chad's next SIAs will be NIDs to be held from 28-30 October, followed by a second round of NIDs on 25-27 November. Lot Quality Assurance Sampling (LQAS) will be conducted following the October round to determine the quality of the campaign.

China

- Seven cases were reported this week, raising the country's total case count to 17 - all WPV1. All 17 cases have been reported in Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region in the country's north-west, however four of the cases reported this week are from Kashgar district - a district which had not previously reported any polio cases. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 18 September in Kashgar.
- Last week, SNIDs were conducted in Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region. In districts immediately surrounding the cases, children up to the age of 15 received polio vaccine; all other districts targeted children under five. WHO staff on the ground continue to report that China's Ministry of Health is taking this outbreak very seriously and doing all it can to halt transmission as quickly as possible.