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\$35 Million

In new funding from Rotary
for polio eradication



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Rotary [has released \\$35 million in new grants](#) to support the global effort to

eradicate polio. The funds will build on last year's historic achievement of stopping transmission of the wild poliovirus in Nigeria and all of Africa. Just two countries reported wild polio cases in 2015, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary's funds will go toward efforts to end the disease in those countries and seven others.

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U.S. approves \$228 million for 2016

The United States Congress [approved a total of \\$228 million](#) for the 2016 federal budget to support the global effort to eradicate polio. The funding represents a \$10 million increase over the level of funding approved in fiscal year 2015. Rotary's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States leads our efforts to inform the U.S. government and other funding sources of the urgency and benefits of supporting the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#).



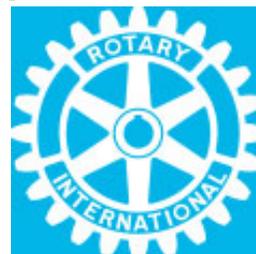
Cote d'Ivoire honors PolioPlus leader

Marie-Irène Richmond-Ahoua, governor of District 9101, has been a tireless force for polio eradication in Côte d'Ivoire and Africa as a whole. A member of the African Regional PolioPlus Committee, she served for several years as chair of the Côte d'Ivoire PolioPlus Committee. Her work has ranged from leading teams of Rotary volunteers in immunization campaigns to advocating with traditional and religious leaders for their support for polio eradication. In January, the government of Côte d'Ivoire presented Richmond-Ahoua with an award for her distinguished efforts in helping the country end polio.



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WHO's new director of polio eradication: the end is in sight

"We have celebrated some very good milestones recently, but now is not the time to give up," says Michel Zaffran, who took over as director of polio eradication for the World Health Organization in February. "The fact that we declared Nigeria no longer endemic, that cases are just restricted to Pakistan and Afghanistan, sends a signal — which of course is a very good signal — of positive results . . . What Rotarians should do is to [continue to advocate that the job is not done yet.](#)"

Activities roundup

District 1550 (Netherlands) raised more than \$50,000 through sales of its "End Polio Now Tulip."

Rotarians in Traverse City, Michigan, USA, netted more than \$4,700 through an indoor ride for polio using stationary bikes at local gyms.

The Rotary clubs of Georgetown-Millsboro, Lewes-Rehoboth Beach, Long Neck Sunrise, Rehoboth Beach Sunrise, and Southern Sussex, Delaware, USA, raised more than \$1,500 at their annual PolioPlus Crab Feast.

Resources & reference

Read an article in Time — [The Tale of the Pakistani Taliban Father Whose Baby Had Polio](#) — that extensively quotes Pakistan PolioPlus Committee chair Aziz Memon and details Rotary's eradication involvement.

Read a story in Headlines & Global News — [Ironman Athlete Minda Dentler's Greatest Challenge -- The Eradication Of Polio](#) — that gives firsthand accounts of her triathlon experience and her work alongside Rotary as an ambassador for polio eradication.

[See recent media coverage](#) of Rotary's work to eradicate polio.

Find out how the [End Polio Now: Make History Today](#) fundraising campaign sponsored by Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation makes contributions work three times as hard.

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Learn about the [polio endgame plan](#).

End Polio Now, published every two months, is a source of news, information, and resources for Rotary members who support the global effort to eradicate polio.

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