



## District 5730 Polio Update February 2018

### Did You Know?

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt was born on 30 January 1882
- Each polio vaccine costs only 50¢, <math>< \frac{1}{2}</math> cup of coffee
- 2.2 million polio vaccines are given to 430 million children each year
- 17,400 children were saved from polio paralysis or death since 1988
- Polio eradication efforts saved >\$27 billion in health costs since 1988

“If enough people in a community are immunized against polio, virus will be deprived of hosts and die out. High vaccination coverage must be maintained to stop transmission and prevent outbreaks.” - Global Polio Eradication Initiative

**Circulating Vaccine-Derived (non-wild) Poliovirus Type 2** cases totaled 78 in Syria (2017) with 18 in Democratic Republic of Congo including 4 new cases confirmed in 2018.



### Wild Polio Type I Cases:

**Afghanistan had 3 new cases with paralysis 1-6 January**

Paralysis cases*	Year-to-date, 2018	2017 year-to-date	Total 2017	Total 2016	Total 2015	Total 2014
endemic countries	3	1	22	37	74	340

\* 3 Afghanistan (14 in 2017), 0 Pakistan (8 in 2017), 0 Nigeria

**Polio in Environmental Samples:** 12 Afghanistan, 10 Pakistan

**Vaccination Campaigns** on 12 February aimed to immunize 37 million children in 24 provinces of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Nigeria vaccinated 26 million in January, with more immunizations in February.

Women like Zainab in Afghanistan are ensuring every child is immunized against polio (**photo**)

See [Afghanistan female vaccinators](http://www.polioeradication.org) at work at [www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org)



### **In the News:**

Two gunmen on a motorcycle killed Sakina Bibi and daughter Rizwama (16 years old) giving polio vaccines to children on 18 January. The women were one of 110,000 vaccination teams working in Pakistan.

WHO meetings at Geneva determined: Country programs need to continue surveillance for polio and vaccinating all children. Cross-border coordination between Pakistan and Afghanistan helps stop transmission.

On 25 January, Rotary approved \$53.5 million for polio eradication in Afghanistan (\$12 million) and Pakistan (\$19.3), 10 countries to remain polio-free, and \$731,338 for research by the World Health Organization.

“In the 113 years since that first meeting, Rotary has become far larger and more diverse than those founding members could have conceived. We have become an organization whose purpose is “Service Above Self.” We have become not only an organization capable of changing the world, but one that has already done so, through work to eradicate polio.” - Ian Riseley, RI President

Each Rotarian is asked to donate \$30 to be matched \$2 to 1 by Gates

It's easy to donate to Polio Plus at <https://www.endpolio.org>

