



End Polio Now July 2016 Newsletter



Highlights

- New Cases of polio paralysis have occurred in Afghanistan (6 ytd *cf* 6 in 2015), and Pakistan (13 ytd *cf* 28 in 2015).
- July 24th marked two years with no cases of wild polio virus in Nigeria - a milestone for the polio eradication programme and an important step toward a polio-free world. Yet there is much still to be done. Nigeria and the Africa region need to protect the gains made and tackle continuing challenges to eliminate the risk of polio. Read the full story at polioeradication.org.
- Read how the Right Vaccines and the Right People are protecting the vulnerable in Pakistan. [MORE](#).

Stories

- A World without Polio: we've come so far - but we've still got work to do. Read why Canadian MP Bob Nault thinks we can end polio for good (from iPolitics): [MORE](#).
- Check out this great photo essay in National Geographic on how we're using technology to reach Pakistan's children with the polio vaccine. [MORE](#).
- When was the last time there was polio in Europe? Unless you guessed last summer, you were wrong. What you may not know about the campaign to **END POLIO NOW**. Read the full article [HERE](#).
- Women: the Heroes of the Polio Programme.

Women are the face of the polio eradication programme in local communities around the globe. Their relentless efforts are critical to build trust in the polio programme, as women are often able to more easily engage mothers, build confidence, and explain the importance of polio vaccination. Read their story from the [Los Angeles Times](#).



World Polio Day - October 24th 2016

Are you planning A World Polio Day Event in October?

World Polio Day on Monday, October 24 is an ideal time for your club to increase awareness and support for Rotary's polio eradication efforts. Get the message to local media by using Rotary's sample news releases and resources at endpolio.org/take-action. These can be customized to reflect your club's involvement in PolioPlus.

See the attached document for some ideas for a Polio event and/or fundraising.
Please email me to let me know if you are planning a Polio event. blfin@shaw.ca.

PolioPlus Giving District 5040 2015-16 (Interim Results)

- Total donations from Clubs: \$501,420
- District DDF donation: \$ 5,000
- Total District Giving: **\$506,420**
- 25 of 48 Clubs exceeded their PolioPlus Goals.

Country Updates as of July 27, 2016

Total Cases	YTD 2016		YTD 2015		Total 2015	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	19	3	34	11	74	32
Endemic Countries	19	0	34	3	74	3
Non-Endemic Countries	0	3	0	0	0	29

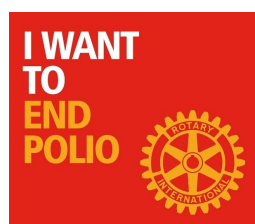
Total Cases	YTD 2016		YTD 2015		Total 2015	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	6	0	6	0	20	0
Pakistan	13	0	28	3	54	3
Lao PDR	0	3	0	0	0	8

WPV: Wild PolioVirus

cVDPV: Circulating Vaccine Derived PolioVirus

Reference Links

- [End Polio Now](#)
- [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#)
- [The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#)



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