



September 2016 Newsletter

to all Rotarians in Rotary District 5040



Members of a polio vaccination team transport vaccines in Afghanistan's Kunar Province

Latest Updates

Nigeria

- Three cases of polio paralysis have been detected in Nigeria after two years of being polio-free.
- 88 million children are targeted to be vaccinated with oral polio vaccines in the Northern zones of the country by November of this year.

Afghanistan

- 9 cases of polio paralysis have occurred ytd in Afghanistan (cf 9 ytd in 2015)..
- A massive vaccination campaign is underway all over Afghanistan. Over 9.5 million children will receive the polio vaccine and also vitamin A to boost their immune system.

Pakistan

- 14 cases of polio have been reported ytd (cf 32 ytd 2015).
- Efforts continue to further strengthen immunization and surveillance activities in all provinces of the country.

Funding the Fight

- The Polio Eradication budget has increased to US\$ 7.0 billion (from US\$5.5 billion) with global certification pushed to 2019.
- As of April 2016, there is a funding gap of \$1.165 billion for 2016-19. *source: [GPEI FFR Report](#).*

Stories

- Check out this great photo series explaining why environmental surveillance is a key part of polio eradication efforts: <http://endpol.io/2dawiol>.
- Chris Offer (Ladner) had the opportunity to be in Nigeria as part of a Polio External Review team. Read his story [HERE](#).

World Polio Day - October 24th 2016

RI President John Germ has challenged Clubs to donate US\$2,650 per club to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation. (it is a Presidential Citation Goal).

Are you planning A World Polio Day Event in October?

Here are a couple of ideas:

1. Organise a meal for club members, guests, and the community. You could have a simple menu (pasta, salad, BYOB), but charge a higher price (\$50?) with the proceeds going to PolioPlus. see [The World's Greatest Meal](#).
2. Use a Club meeting for Polio. Show the video "A History of Polio" from the Seoul Convention. Download the video [HERE](#).and collect donations!
3. 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.
4. See the attachment for further ideas.

Please email me if you are planning a Polio event. blfin@shaw.ca.

PolioPlus Giving District 5040 2016-17 (US\$)

The Rotary Foundation's goal for 2016-17 donations to the PolioPlus fund is \$45 million.

D5040 Clubs Goal	\$127,200
D5040 DDF Goal	\$26,651
TOTAL D5040 Goal	<u>\$153,851</u>
YTD Club Donations	\$6,001
YTD DDF Donations	\$0
YTD D5040 Donations	<u>\$6,001</u>

Country Updates as of September 21, 2016

Total Cases	YTD 2016		YTD 2015		Total 2015	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	26	3	41	12	74	32
Endemic Countries	23	0	41	3	74	3
Non-Endemic Countries	3	3	0	9	0	29

Total Cases	YTD 2016		YTD 2015		Total 2015	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	9	0	9	0	20	0
Pakistan	14	0	32	2	54	2
Nigeria	3	0	0	1	0	1
Lao PDR	0	3	0	0	0	8

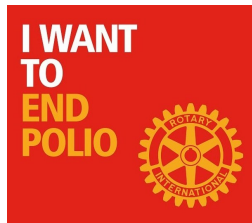
WPV: Wild PolioVirus

cVDPV: Circulating Vaccine Derived PolioVirus

Reference Links

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

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