

April 2017 Newsletter
to all Rotarians in Rotary District 5040



Summary Country Status

There has been 1 new case detected since the last newsletter - in Afghanistan.

Total Cases	YTD 2017		YTD 2016		Total 2016	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	3	0	3	0	13	0
Pakistan	2	0	8	0	20	1
Other	0	0	0	3	4	4

116 Million Children Vaccinated Across Africa

One of the largest synchronised vaccination campaigns in Africa took place on 25-28 March, reaching 116 million children with polio vaccines. Close to 200,000 health workers worked tirelessly over the four days to vaccinate children in 13 countries across Central and West Africa. The campaign is part of an urgent effort to stop polio on the continent following the outbreak in Nigeria in 2016. [READ MORE](#)

167 Million Children Vaccinated in India

During the week of April 3rd, 167 million children were being immunized against polio in India during National Immunization Days. There has not been a case of polio in India since 2011, but as long as the disease exists, the risk of future outbreaks remains.

Immunization Campaigns in NW Pakistan

A three-day anti-polio campaign began in five selected districts of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa in NW Pakistan on April 3rd to vaccinate around half a million children. A three day anti-polio campaign also started in seven high-risk districts of Gilgit-Baltistan in Northern Pakistan where as many as 193,000 children will be vaccinated. The campaign was kicked off amid tight security arrangements.

Environmental Surveillance Plays an Increasingly Important Role

To end polio, we must know where the virus is. Disease surveillance for poliovirus is a unique and highly efficient system. As we get closer to eradication, we continue to improve the sensitivity of this already fine-tuned global system: only by finding every virus can we protect every child.

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Why Rotary is Investing in Zero Cases and Beyond

When was polio last in Europe? If you guessed 2002, the year the region was certified polio-free, you're wrong. The last time polio affected a child in Europe was 2015. Outbreaks like the one that occurred in Ukraine that year are why, although we are so close to eradicating polio, we still need \$1.5 billion more to finish the job. [READ MORE](#)

Polio Petition to the Government of Canada

For the benefit of Canadian Clubs and Canadian Rotarians the Advocacy Group in Canada is lobbying hard for a new commitment from the Canadian Government to polio. The ask is for \$150 million and we are told that an answer would not be forthcoming until after federal budget - which was last month. The Canadian Government has previously contributed \$580 Million to the campaign. There are two things you can do to help.

1. There is a Petition on the Government of Canada website (supported by Canadian leadership) to allow the Rotarians/public to show support for the request. You have a previous email on this but just in case here is the link.
<https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-798>
2. If you know an elected Member of Parliament please speak with him/her supporting the request and (if necessary) sharing the story.

Polio Giving and the Presidential Citation

One of the qualifiers for John Germ's Presidential Citation is for a club (including members) to give at least US\$2,650 to polio - which of course will be matched by the Gates Foundation. As we are in Q4 of the Rotary Year why not review your goals and look at this important aspect of the Citation? A survey on Rotary Club Central today indicates only 11 clubs of the 48 (less than 25%) in District 5040 have achieved the goal.

POLIO Status as of April 19th, 2017

Total Cases	YTD 2017		YTD 2016		Total 2016	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	5	0	11	3	37	5
Endemic Countries	5	0	11	0	37	2
Non-Endemic Countries	0	0	0	3	0	3

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Nigeria	4	0	0	1	4	1

WPV: Wild PolioVirus

cVDPV: Circulating Vaccine Derived PolioVirus

PolioPlus Giving: District 5040 2016-17 (US\$)
July-April 2017

D5040 Clubs Goal*	\$127,200
D5040 DDF Goal**	\$26,651
TOTAL D5040 Goal	<u>\$153,851</u>
YTD Club Donations	\$77,956
YTD DDF Donations	\$10,000
YTD D5040 Donations***	<u>\$87,956</u>

* Presidential Citation Goals

** District Designated Funds Challenge Goal

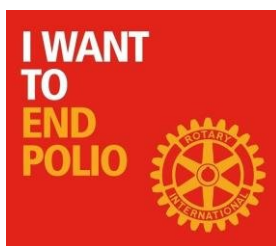
*** as reported on Rotary Club Central

Giving by District at April 18th, 2017
Pat Killoran, End Polio Now Coordinator, Zone 24W

District	Direct Giving	DDF*	Per Capita
5360	\$182,447		\$94.09
5370	\$160,935	\$35,000	\$88.90
5060	\$109,099	\$119,045	\$83.63
5010	\$52,761	\$71,042	\$69.13
5040	\$77,956	\$10,000	\$59.63
5550	\$34,727	\$20,000	\$37.48
5050	\$86,921		\$33.82

Reference Links

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



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