

June 2017 Newsletter

to all Rotarians in Rotary District 5040



Global Health Leaders commit US\$ 1.2 billion to Polio Eradication

On 12 June, global health leaders gathered at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta to announce US\$1.2 billion in new funding for polio eradication towards the billion funding gap. The Canadian Government pledged US\$70 million. The Melinda Gates Foundation led the way with another \$450 million including \$300 million match (2:1) the \$150 million that Rotary (districts, clubs and members) will contribute the next three years. [MORE](#).

Summary Update as of June 28, 2017

- One new case of polio (WPV1) has been confirmed in Afghanistan bringing the total to four.
- No new cases in Pakistan. The 2017 count remains at two.
- Unfortunately 22 cases of cVDPV (vaccine-derived polio) in Syria and 4 in Congo have been found. These are cases caused by the weakened virus used in the oral vaccine, **These are not Wild Polio cases**. While rare they can occur under certain conditions particularly if vaccination protocols have not been kept up. For more information on cVDPV and the response click [HERE](#).

Case breakdown by Country

Countries	YTD 2017		YTD 2016		Total 2016	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	4	0	6	0	13	0
DR of the Congo	0	4	0	0	0	0
Lao PDR	0	0	0	3	0	3
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	4	1
Pakistan	2	0	12	0	20	1
Syrian Arab Republic	0	22	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	26	18	3	37	5

PolioPlus Donations

If you or your club have polio donations for this 2016-17 Rotary year, they need to be made by Friday June 30th. This can be done on-line [HERE](#).

One of the goals of the District 5040 Strategic Plan is for every club to have made a donation to PolioPlus. So far 46 of our 48 clubs have met this goal. Check with your club President or Foundation Chair to see where your club stands.

Reference Links

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



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