

November 2017 Newsletter
to all Rotarians in Rotary District 5040



Country Updates *(as of November 29, 2017).*
since the October Newsletter

- **Globally:** Two new cases of polio caused by the wild polio virus (WPV1) have been confirmed. This brings the total YTD for 2017 to 15 compared with 34 at the same time in 2016.
- **Afghanistan:** Two new case of polio (WPV1) have been confirmed. The total number for 2017 is now eleven.
- **Pakistan:** No new cases of polio (WPV1) have been detected. The 2017 count remains at four. The last case was August 20, 2017.
- **Nigeria:** No new cases have been detected since August 20, 2016.
- In **Syria** more cases of cVDPV (vaccine-derived polio) have been confirmed. Read the latest polio update from [Syria](#) to see information on cases, surveillance and vaccination campaigns.

Case breakdown by Country *(as of November 29, 2017).*

Countries	YTD 2017		YTD 2016		Total 2016	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	11	0	12	0	13	0
DR of the Congo	0	10	0	0	0	0
Lao PDR	0	0	0	3	0	3
Nigeria	0	0	4	0	4	1
Pakistan	4	0	18	0	20	1
<u>Syrian Arab Republic</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	15	80	34	3	37	5

District News

The PolioPlus fund of the Rotary Foundation has received a generous gift of C\$200,000 from the estate of the late Fred and Bette Cotton. This is the second large donation received from the estate in support of Rotary's polio eradication campaign. Fred Cotton was a long time member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver. This gift will be matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation so over US\$468,000 will go to End Polio Now.



The Powell River Club held a successful Purple4Polio fundraising dinner on November 28 for over 75 Rotarians, guests & friends. Gabor Gasztonyi (in photo) was the guest speaker and recounted his polio missions to Ethiopia highlighted by his wonderful photographs. The two Powell River clubs together have raised over \$4,500 at recent polio events.

Other News



Read how the polio eradication campaign is delivering a bright future – and vaccines – for all children in Nigeria. [MORE](#).



Trains: the new setting for polio eradication in Pakistan. With families on the move posing one of the biggest challenges to eradication in Pakistan, an innovative campaign is vaccinating children. Read [MORE](#).



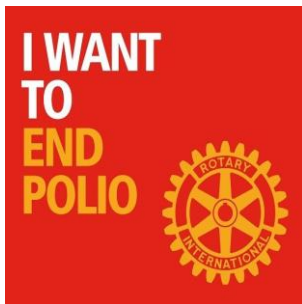
The question is often asked "what is the cost to vaccinate a child?". We often talk about 60 cents per child but that is just the cost of the vaccine. To fully protect a child, which includes all the infrastructure, support services, and multiple vaccinations, the cost is about \$3 US per child.

Please note: Canadian Matching Grant has ended.

The grant from the Government of Canada to match contributions to PolioPlus made through or by Canadian Rotary Clubs ended in February of this year when the cap (C\$12 million) was reached earlier than expected. We were hoping that the Government would renew the match when it announced the further C\$100 million to Polio at the Atlanta Convention, but that didn't happen. The only matching grant is the 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation.

Reference Links

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



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