

February 2018 Newsletter

to all Rotarians in Rotary District 5040



This is a critical year for the polio eradication programme. Coming off the lowest case count in history in 2017, we begin the new year with the momentum to make polio eradication a reality. In Pakistan and Afghanistan, where a period of typically lower polio transmission is starting, the programme is seizing a prime opportunity for progress by strengthening efforts to reach vulnerable children and track polio in the environment

Country Updates *(as of January 31st, 2018).*

since the January Newsletter

- **Update:** An additional case in Afghanistan has been confirmed in January with onset in December. This brings the 2017 count in Afghanistan to 14 and the global count to 22.
 - **Globally:**
 - Afghanistan:** One new case of polio (WPV1) in has been confirmed during January.
 - Pakistan:** No new cases have been detected since 14-Nov-17.
 - Nigeria:** No new cases have been detected since 20-Aug-16.
- No new cases of vaccine-derived polio have been detected in **Syria** (last case 20-Sep-17) or the **Congo** (24-Nov-17).

Case breakdown by Country *(as of January 31st, 2018).*

Countries	YTD 2018		YTD 2017		Total 2017	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	1	0	0	0	14	0
DR of the Congo	0	0	0	0	0	17
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pakistan	0	0	0	0	8	0
<u>Syrian Arab Republic</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74</u>
TOTAL	1	0	0	0	22	91

News

Pakistan Polio Campaigns will Continue after two female polio workers were shot dead.



On January 18, gunmen shot and killed two female members of a polio vaccination team. [more.](#)

Despite this atrocity, the head Pakistan's Polio Plus Committee, says polio campaigns will continue with increased security. [more.](#)

Afghanistan Increases Efforts to Track Polio



Afghanistan is increasing the drive to track and understand the movement of the polio virus by expanding environmental surveillance to all regions – collecting sewage samples and testing for the poliovirus in the laboratory. [more.](#)

Dare to Dream: How Rotary Became the Heart and Soul of Polio Eradication



Have you ever wondered how Rotary became involved with polio eradication in the first place? This high-quality, full-length documentary film tells the story of how a small group of visionary Rotary leaders dared to set a breathtaking goal of eradicating polio for all of the children of the world. An excerpt is available for download & viewing at a club meeting. [more.](#)

PolioPlus Giving: District 5040 2017-18

To date 36 of our 49 clubs have donated to PolioPlus.

	2017-18 Goal	YTD 2017 July-Jan	YTD 2016 July-Jan
Clubs & Members*	\$100,000	\$76,673	\$62,169
DDF**	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
Special Gift		\$156,250	
TOTAL***	\$120,000	\$242,923	\$82,169

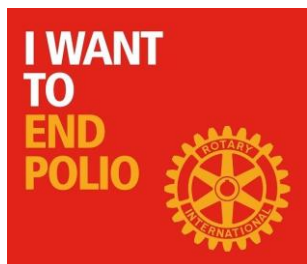
*Strategic Plan Goal

**District Challenge Goal

***as reported on Rotary Club Central

Reference Links

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



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