

## April 2018 Newsletter

to all Rotarians in Rotary District 5040

There is some disappointing news this month as 4 new cases have been reported - 3 in Afghanistan and 1 in Pakistan bringing the total in 2018 to 7.

### Country Updates *(as of April 3rd, 2018).*

- **Afghanistan:** The total cases confirmed in 2018 is now six.
- **Pakistan:** The first case in 2018 was confirmed during March, after no cases since November 2017.
- **Nigeria:** No new cases have been detected since 20-Aug-16.
- **Syria:** No new cases of vaccine-derived polio have been detected since 20-Sep-17.

### Case breakdown by Country *(as of April 3rd, 2018).*

Countries	YTD 2018		YTD 2017		Total 2017	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	6	0	3	0	14	0
DR of the Congo	0	3	0	0	0	22
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pakistan	1	0	2	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>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>96</b>

### Stories



#### The Journey of a Stool Sample: Understanding Polio Surveillance.

Surveillance is one of the main pillars of the polio eradication initiative. By testing stool samples collected from children suffering acute flaccid paralysis – the clearest symptom of the virus – as well as samples taken from sewage water, we are able to find the poliovirus wherever it is hiding. Read [MORE](#).



#### National Immunization Day in India.

On March 11&12, I had the opportunity to participate in the National Immunization Day campaign in a village south of Delhi. Although India was declared polio-free on 2014, the country, to ensure it remains so, continues to hold two nation-wide immunization campaigns per year. During the campaign, 2.5million health workers & volunteers vaccinated 170million children under 5 years old.

This effort, as in all other at-risk countries, will continue until the whole world is declared polio-free.

## Upcoming Events:



### April 29th -Steveston Polio Run/Walk

On Sunday, April 29th, the Interact Club at McMath Secondary in Steveston is holding a 5K run/walk in support of polio. The event starts at 9:00am at Garry Point Park, Steveston. To learn more, register, or donate, click [HERE](#).



### May 27th - New Westminister Polio Walk

The Rotary, Rotaract, & Interact clubs of New Westminister, Burnaby & East Vancouver are holding a Polio Walk on May 27th at the New Westminister Quayside. Registration is at 9:00am with the walk starting at 10:00am. For more information, registration, or to make a donation click [HERE](#).

## PolioPlus Giving: District 5040 2017-18

To date 37 of our 49 clubs have donated to PolioPlus.

	2017-18 Goal	YTD 2017-18 July-March	YTD 2016-17 July-March
Clubs & Members*	\$100,000	\$86,194	\$75,648
DDF**	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
Special Gift		\$156,250	
<b>TOTAL ***</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$252,444</b>	<b>\$95,648</b>

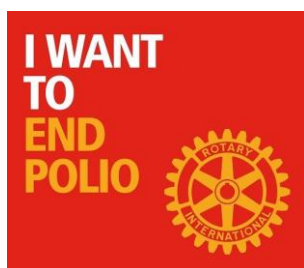
\*Strategic Plan Goal

\*\*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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