

May 2018 Newsletter

to all Rotarians in Rotary District 5040

“Consider the Rotary clubs’ decision to get involved and lead on polio. In the face of challenges nobody could have predicted, Rotary clubs across the Commonwealth have raised money, lobbied governments to make sure polio gets the attention it deserves, and most importantly, volunteered to go all over the world to deliver vaccine.”
- Bill Gates on stage at the recent Commonwealth Summit in London on 17 April.

Country Updates (as of May 1st, 2018).

- **Afghanistan:** One new case has been confirmed. The total cases in 2018 is now seven.
- **Pakistan:** No new cases. The total cases in 2018 remains one. Five new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) positive environmental samples have been reported, demonstrating that the wild polio virus is still circulating in the country.
- **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 May 1st, 2018).

Countries	YTD 2018		YTD 2017		Total 2017	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	7	0	3	0	14	0
DR of the Congo	0	4	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>
TOTAL	8	4	5	0	22	96

Stories



Pakistan Launches Countrywide Polio Eradication Drive

During April, Pakistan launched a nationwide polio vaccination drive to reach 38.7 million children and eradicate the paralyzing and potentially deadly virus in one of the last countries where it is endemic. Read [MORE](#).



Health Workers Get Creative To Vaccinate Hard-To-Reach Kids

Ahmed Ahmed Abudllah and his three colleagues recruit a hardy donkey to help them get vaccines from the big refrigerated warehouse in Yemen’s capital of Sana’a to the remote mountain village of Al’anaf. The ongoing civil war means he must choose his route carefully. All across Yemen, 40,000 vaccinators are spreading out to immunize 5 million children against polio. They climb mountains, cross roadless valleys and skirt hostile frontlines. “We need to vaccinate our children because they are a part of part of us,” says Ahmed. “We will not leave out even a single child.”

Upcoming Events:



May 27th - Rotary Walk to END POLIO

The Rotary, Rotaract, & Interact clubs of New Westminster, Burnaby & East Vancouver are holding a Polio Walk on May 27th at the New Westminster Quayside. Registration is at 9:00am with the walk starting at 10:00am. Even if you are not joining the walk you can donate to one of the participants or teams.

For more information, registration, or to make a donation click [HERE](#).



The **District Governor Team** has formed a fundraising page to support the END POLIO Walk and the PolioPlus fund of the Rotary Foundation. Donations are being accepted by the District Governor and the Governor team participating. You can donate by clicking [HERE](#).



PolioPlus Giving: District 5040 2017-18

To date 38 of our 49 clubs have donated to PolioPlus.

	2017-18 Goal	YTD 2017-18 July-April	YTD 2016-17 July-April
Clubs & Members*	\$100,000	\$89,956	\$79,024
DDF**	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
Special Gift		\$156,250	
TOTAL***	\$120,000	\$256,206	\$99,024

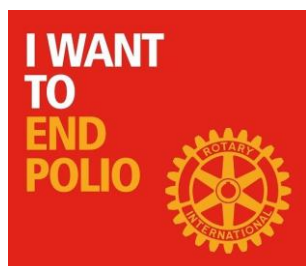
*Strategic Plan Goal

**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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