

March 2019 Polio Newsletter

to all Rotarians in Rotary District 5040

India Memories

At this time last year, I was in India with Howard Tours to participate in a Polio National Immunization campaign. Almost every day, I recall images from that visit and experience. Yes, we also visited many historic sites like the Red Fort and the Taj Mahal; and we were welcomed by Rotarians and saw many of the projects and work that they do.

But the images that most often come to mind are the smiles from the days we spent in a Muslim village south of Delhi where we had the opportunity to vaccinate children with the oral polio vaccine.



I can vividly recall meeting the wonderful women health workers who welcomed us with big smiles, showed us how to give those two drops, and took us around the village to ensure that every child received the polio drops. And forever etched in my mind is the smiling face of the young girl who brought her baby brother to be vaccinated – and knew that he was now safe from the polio virus. Memories that will live with me forever.

Together, we can end polio for good. To help you can donate at www.endpolio.org.

Women are on the Frontline in Stopping Polio.



Women are critical in the fight against polio. From reaching every child with polio vaccines to ensuring their children receive the protection they deserve, women are at the heart of polio eradication efforts. Watch the short video (35secs) vimeo.com/314819076 and read [MORE](#).

Peking-to-Paris rally to End Polio.



BC Rotarians Jim Purcell and Larry Whitehead , and Washington State members Allen Stockbridge and Dr. Lee Harman are participating in the Peking-to-Paris rally to raise funds to end polio. The Peking-to-Paris Motor Challenge will begin June 2, 2019. They will be there with Miss Vicky, the 1931 Ford Victoria, ready to challenge the 10,000 miles across the wilds of China, Mongolia, and Russia to prove to you anything can be accomplished. Their goal is to raise \$1 million for PolioPlus and you can learn and support them [HERE](#).

Rotarians around the World are working to End Polio.



Rotary clubs blanket Brazil with polio and measles vaccinations.

Rotary clubs in Brazil mobilized to help stave off a potential polio outbreak after dangerously low vaccination rates were reported by health officials last year. More than 11 million Brazilian children were inoculated during a massive two-month vaccination campaign, reversing a trend of plummeting immunization coverage. Read [MORE](#).



Egypt launches National Polio Vaccination Campaign

Egypt - 24 February 2019: Health Minister Hala Zayed and Port Said Governor Adel el Ghadban launched the national campaign for polio vaccination. About 90,000 medics will take part in the nationwide campaign which will continue until February 27. The medical teams will visit houses and nurseries in urban and rural areas to ensure all children aged between one day and five years are vaccinated.

Rotary Polio Walk 2019 - mark the date.



The 2019 Polio Walk will take place on May 26th, at the River Market, New Westminster. The route is 2K or 5K on the boardwalk by the Fraser River. Registration is at 9am, walk begins at 10am.

More information [HERE](#).

Country Updates *(as of March 6th, 2019).*

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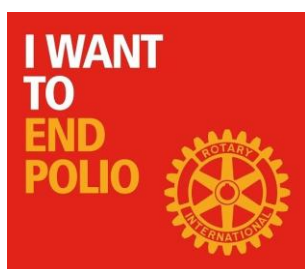
- **Afghanistan:**
 - There are two WPV1 cases reported in 2019 so far.
- **Pakistan:**
 - There are four WPV1 cases reported so far in 2019.
- **Nigeria:**
 - No new cases of the wild polio virus have been detected since 21-Aug-2016.

Case breakdown by Country *(as of March 6th, 2019).*

Countries	YTD 2019		YTD 2018		Total 2018	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	2	0	3	0	21	0
DR of the Congo	0	0	0	0	0	20
Nigeria	0	1	0	0	0	34
Pakistan	4	0	0	0	12	0
Other non-endemic countries	0	0	0	0	0	51
TOTAL	6	1	3	0	33	105

Reference Links

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



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