

## November 2019 Polio Newsletter

to all Rotarians in Rotary District 5040

### World Polio Day was celebrated around the World.



Last month, more than 5,500 Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs celebrated World Polio Day with fundraisers and awareness events across the globe.

This year's global update highlighted the heroes of polio eradication, with stories from endemic and recently impacted areas.

► Did you miss the **World Polio Day Global Update** premiere? Don't worry! You can still watch it on the Endpolio website: [www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day](http://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day) (26 minutes).

### World Polio Day was extra special in Nigeria

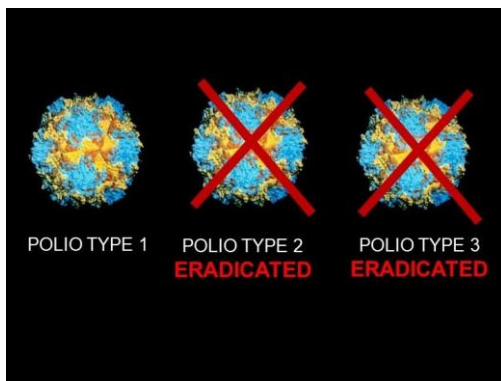


.photo: the Rotary Club of Abuja in Nigeria.

This year, World Polio Day was extra special for Rotary members in Nigeria who are celebrating three years of being polio-free!

Nigeria's success against wild polio will open the door for the entire African region to be certified free of the wild poliovirus. The Africa Regional Certification Commission will finalize its evaluation process of the data to confirm this progress. The entire African region could be certified WPV Polio-free during 2020

## 2 out of 3 Wild Poliovirus Strains Eradicated



In a historic announcement on World Polio Day, an independent commission of experts concluded that wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) has been eradicated worldwide. Following the eradication of smallpox and wild poliovirus type 2, this news represents a historic achievement for humanity.

WPV3 is the second strain of the poliovirus to be wiped out, following the certification of the eradication of WPV2 in 2015.

Read [MORE](#).

## Rotary District 5040 Celebrated World Polio Day



Many Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs in our Rotary District 5040 held events to celebrate World Polio Day.

Proclamations, meetings, information booths, and dinners all helped to increase awareness and raise funds for our continuing campaign to rid the world of polio once and forever.

► **See the attachment** for a summary of some of the events that took place.

*photo: the "pumpkins for polio" sale by the Rotary Club of Ladner.*

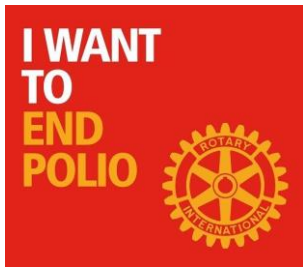
## Case breakdown by Country (as of November 6th, 2019).

Countries	YTD 2019		YTD 2018		Total 2018	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	20	0	21	0	21	0
Nigeria	0	16	0	32	0	34
Pakistan	80	0	8	0	12	0
DR of the Congo	0	37	0	20	0	20
Other non-endemic countries	0	40	0	48	0	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>104</b>

For the latest details regarding case counts and progress visit [www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org).

## Reference Links

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



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