



**POLIO IS ONLY A PLANE TRIP AWAY**

**END POLIO NOW**  
IS A COMMITMENT NOT A DREAM

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# 5 REASONS WHY WE MUST ERADICATE POLIO

- 1 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE LIVES.**  
Today, 20 million people who would otherwise be paralyzed by polio are walking, and 1.5 million people who would otherwise have died are alive.
- 2 YOUR GIFT WILL INVEST IN THE FUTURE.**  
If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. A polio-free world will be a healthier world for children everywhere.
- 3 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH.**  
Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems, like vitamin deficiency and measles, so we can address them sooner.
- 4 YOUR GIFT WILL LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS.**  
The global effort to eradicate polio has already saved more than \$27 billion in health care costs since 1988, and expects to save \$14 billion more by 2050.
- 5 YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE HISTORY.**  
Polio eradication will be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eradicated from the world.

## The Global Eradication of Polio is Rotary's Promise to the Children of the World!



### WHAT IS POLIO?

Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a paralyzing and potentially deadly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. The virus spreads from person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can then attack the nervous system.

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Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, **we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.**

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 Billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan, but it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free.



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