

WEEK 23 FOUNDATION MINUTE – VACCINES AND MORE

Good health care is everyone's right. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care.

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. Rotary leads efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care. When we vaccinate against polio, we also administer vaccines against Measles, and other diseases threatening the children of the local community.

Rotarians distribute bed nets, educate about hygiene and providing clean water. We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases. Rotary members have hundreds of health projects underway around the world at any given time - \$65 million in global grants have been funded to support these efforts in the past year.