

WEEK 39 FOUNDATION MINUTE – MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

April is designated as Maternal and Child Health Month.

Rotary supports activities and training to improve maternal health and reduce mortality for children under five. Projects will strengthen private and public health care systems through improved access, expansion of services, provision of relevant medical equipment, and training of healthcare personnel.

Rotarians are encouraged to improve the health of mothers and their children by:

1. Reducing the neonatal/newborn mortality rate;
2. Reducing the mortality and morbidity rate for children under five;
3. Reducing the maternal mortality and morbidity rate;
4. Improving access to essential medical services, trained community health workers, and health care providers for mothers and their children;
5. Supporting graduate studies for career-minded professionals related to maternal and child health.

Consider what your club can do in your own community to support the vaccination of all women, children under the age of five, and adolescent girls. Vaccines save lives.