



## WEEK 39 FOUNDATION MINUTE – MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

During April, Rotarians focus on improving Maternal and Child Health around the world. This emphasis on the needs of mothers and children is one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus. The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to improve the health of mothers and their children by:

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

Some of the initiatives supported by OUR Rotary Foundation include providing expectant mothers prenatal, delivery and post-delivery care; immunizations for women, adolescent girls, and children under the age of five; interventions to combat pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, measles and other major causes of disease in women and children under five; projects that promote breastfeeding and other actions that prevent, reduce and treat the effects of malnutrition; and other interventions to address congenital problems and to prevent mother to child HIV transmissions, and more.

Your donations to OUR Rotary Foundation can help bring hope and new life to families around the world.