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*"The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds... we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity."
— Arch C. Klumph, December 1928*



A letter from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative Chairs



Dear Polio Eradicator,

The global polio eradication effort is 31 years old.

The world is tantalizingly close to being free of polio. From 350,000 wild poliovirus cases every year in 1988, in 2018 the world reported just 29 cases of this devastating disabling disease because of extraordinary global efforts. Wild poliovirus transmission is endemic in only a handful of districts worldwide. The aim of the 2013-2018 Endgame Plan had been to be finished with this job by end 2018. This is not the case, and the Plan has to now be revised and extended through 2023.

This is an effort that cannot be sustained indefinitely: 31 years is long enough. It is resource intensive. It is intensive on the countries affected. It is intensive on donors. It is intensive on health services. It is intensive on communities. Most of all, it is intensive on those children and their families who bear the burden of this terrible disease, needlessly.

There is no reason why polio should persist anywhere in the world.

To succeed by 2023, all involved in this effort must find ways to excel in their roles. If this happens, success will follow.

This means stepping up the level of performance even further. It means using the proven tools of eradication and

building blocks that have been established in parts of the world that have been free of polio for years. The vaccines, the cold chains, the networks of vaccinators, the surveillance capacity, the governance, policy, financing and oversight structures must be at peak levels of performance. There must be an unrelenting focus to tighten the management of the effort at all levels.

It also means looking for opportunities to innovate, using local knowledge and insights to overcome obstacles that in the past have seemed insurmountable. It means looking at new and different ways to reach children. It means really understanding the views of parents, and communities, who are unwilling to accept the vaccine and finding ways to address their concerns and come together with them. It means more effectively engaging with communities and better serving their needs than we have been doing thus far. Each person must dedicate themselves to one clear objective - to reach that very last child with polio vaccine.

Please commit to finding that very last child first, before the poliovirus does. Give the poliovirus nowhere to hide.

Whatever barrier to reaching that very last child, the programme has the expertise and experience to overcome it. Let everyone perfect what we know works. Let everyone free their mind to come up with new ideas and transformative solutions. We must all treat this as the public health emergency that it is.



As a global community, we have stood before where we stand today, with smallpox. The scourge of smallpox is gone, for which the world is a much better place. Let us make history again. It is time to finish the job of polio eradication now. The philosopher, poet and essayist Ralph



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Waldo Emerson said: “To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition, to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived – this is to have succeeded.”

Eradicate polio, and make the world a better place for future generations.

Thank you.

Professor Alejandro Cravioto, Chair of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE)

Sir Liam Donaldson, Chair of the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative

Professor Helen Rees, Chair of the Emergency Committee of the International Health Regulations (IHR) Regarding the International Spread of Poliovirus

Professor David Salisbury, Chair of the Global Commission for the Certification of the Eradication of Poliomyelitis (GCC)

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End Polio Now: Five ways Rotary is making progress to end polio

Rotary’s top global initiative is polio eradication. While there is still work to be done to finish the job, we can be proud of the incredible progress we’ve made, working with our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. As we begin 2019, here are five ways Rotary is making progress towards achieving the goal.



We’ve come a long way

When Rotary led the formation of the GPEI in 1988, the world saw 350,000 cases of polio in a total of 125 polio-endemic countries. In 2018, there were around 30 cases of wild poliovirus in just two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan – representing a 99.99% reduction in global polio cases.



Nigeria still at zero



While Nigeria officially remains on the polio-endemic list, the nation is approaching the third anniversary of the last reported case of wild poliovirus. Steady scheduling of immunisation days, routine surveillance, and community engagement at all levels and institutions are a few of the reasons for Nigeria’s success to date.

Bold strategies are widening our reach

The GPEI is using new strategies aimed at reaching more children. Some approaches are high-tech, such as employing geographic information system mapping. Others are low-tech yet equally important, such as deploying boats to deliver vaccines on the remote islands of the Lake Chad region.

Finding solutions in Afghanistan

Rotary is doing its part to turn obstacles into opportunities in this war-torn country. Afghani Rotarians are working side-by-side with the government and GPEI partners, often in dangerous places, to meet with local leaders who can secure community acceptance of the vaccine. Rotary-funded permanent transition points also help reach populations on the move between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Complementary services for communities in need

Polio is not a problem in isolation. The same communities where polio thrives are also fraught with other health issues and lack clean water and proper sanitation. To respond to multiple health needs at the same time, Rotary is focusing on projects to complement polio eradication efforts – putting the “Plus” back in PolioPlus. For example, in Pakistan, Rotary clubs have partnered with Coca-Cola and the United Nations Development Program to set up water filtration plants in Karachi’s highest-risk areas.

With everyone’s continued support, we can make progress. You can be part of it by helping through fund raising, advocacy work and raising awareness. We promised the children of the world we would rid the world of polio ... and we will!

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Wild Polio Cases as of 20 February 2019

Country	2018	2019	Last case
Afghanistan	21	2	12 Jan 19
Pakistan	8	4	20 Jan 19
Total	29	6*	

How close will we get to zero this year?

Funding is as important as ever so consider donating to PolioPlus and the Gates Foundation will match your dollar 2:1

The children of the world thank you!

* 1 January – 20 February 2018 = 6



What people have said about polio eradication?

“Wild viruses and wildfires have two things in common. If neglected, they can spread out of control. If handled properly, they can be stamped out for good. Today, the flame of polio is near extinction — but sparks in three countries threaten to ignite a global blaze. Now is the moment to act.”

Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary General of the United Nations

“Imagine a ship, imperilled at sea, with hundreds of children on board. Of course the international community would respond immediately and fully. Yet, each year poverty and polio steal the lives and the childhood of hundreds of thousands of Congolese children. We have the capacity and the moral obligation to save them – but do we have the will?”

Mia Farrow, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, Actress, and polio survivor

“The challenge in India was mind-boggling. It’s hard to imagine how you would design a polio campaign that reached every Indian child... The success of the polio eradication program in India and 90 other countries gives me confidence that we can triumph in these final

challenging countries [Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan] and end polio once and for all.”

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

“We are within grasp of declaring the end of polio worldwide... We need to keep this action going. We know it will yield real results. At the end of the day, it’s a simple action of two drops of vaccine. We can do that in our world and end polio forever.”

Julia Gillard, Former Prime Minister of Australia

“Nearly eradicated is not good enough... When we have the vaccines and tools to save children’s lives, it is not good enough to wait. Because while we wait, children are dying. As long as one child remains at risk, all children remain at risk, and that isn’t a risk we can take... few ideas are more powerful than the eradication of human disease – what is missing is the political will to see it through. Let us eradicate polio once and for all.”

David Cameron, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

“Every child deserves the right to run, to play and to live a healthy life without polio.

I’m proud to be here today to immunize children against polio. It is critical that all Indian children continue to be immunized against polio until this disease has been eradicated all over the world. We all hope that happens soon.”

Fernando Alonso, F1 World Champion

“There is no reason that anybody in this world should have polio... it’s just ridiculous.”

Itzhak Perlman, violinist and polio survivor



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Centurion Program

How can you become a Rotary Foundation Centurion?

All it takes is a commitment to donate \$100 to the Foundation each year. You know, that's less than a cup of coffee a week!

To make it easy to be a Centurion, the District makes available Centurion money collectors at no cost; each collector will hold exactly \$100 in \$2 coins. If you add a coin each week you go to Rotary, you will be a Centurion in 50 weeks. If you add the odd extra coin, the time will be even shorter. Take the completed collector to your Club Treasurer ... it's that simple! Then you can start a new collector.



Centurions for 2018-19 are:

Batlow	8
Berry	19
Bowral-Mittagong	1
Canberra North	1
Canberra Weston Creek	4
E-Club Brindabella	4
Gerringong Sunrise	4
Goulburn Mulwaree	6
Woden Daybreak	1

For more information, see your Club's Foundation Director.

Foundation Seminars – 2020

- 8 February in Canberra commencing at 10.00 am. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Venue to be advised.
- 7 March in Mittagong commencing at 10.00 am. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Venue to be advised.

Club Officer Foundation support

Officer	2017-2018	Aug	Oct	Dec	Feb
President	44%	13%	16%	22%	24%
Secretary	29%	7%	7%	13%	28%
Treasurer	49%	9%	13%	18%	27%
Foundation Director	33%	11%	18%	20%	27%

Some good gains this month. Have your Club officers contributed yet? Ask them!

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