

POLIO NEWS



Dear polio eradication supporter,

At this year's World Health Assembly, global health leaders reiterated their commitment to eradication. Polio will again be the focus of international attention at the Rotary Convention on 12 June, where countries and partners will meet for a major pledging event and recommit to achieving a polio-free world.

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Polio in Numbers



Data as of 24 May 2017, compared to the same point in 2016.



World Health Assembly Highlights Polio Eradication Efforts

At the end of May, representatives from 194 countries gathered in Geneva, Switzerland, for the annual World Health Assembly. This year, countries elected a new [Director-General](#) of the World Health Organization, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus from Ethiopia. At the session on polio eradication, discussions focused on halting transmission in endemic countries and transitioning polio resources to address other health challenges. [\[Read more\]](#)



Global Polio Event to be Held at Rotary Convention

On 12 June, global leaders will join more than 20 000 Rotarians in Atlanta, USA, to pledge additional resources and reaffirm their commitment to securing a polio-free world. At a celebratory plenary session following this event, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will deliver a keynote presentation to recognize all those who have helped bring the world to the brink of eradication. [\[Read more\]](#)



Nigeria's Polio Infrastructure is Helping Address Other Health Challenges

"Are you watching me?" On benches outside a healthcare centre in Kaduna, northern Nigeria, new mothers have their eyes on Lidia, a polio social mobiliser who is there to show them how to correctly breastfeed. Registering births, getting children their routine vaccines and building trust, women like Lidia are providing health benefits far beyond polio, making a real difference to their communities. [[Read more](#)]

G20 Health Ministers Back Polio Eradication

Global leaders issued a [declaration](#) on global health that included support for polio eradication during the first ever [G20 Health Ministers](#) meeting in Berlin.

Strengthening Surveillance around the World

From [Pakistan](#) to [Somalia](#), thousands of locals are playing key roles in disease surveillance for polio. To understand the essential role of surveillance, watch [this video](#).

The Essentials of Polio Outbreak Response

Have you ever wondered how the GPEI responds to polio outbreaks around the world? [Learn more](#)

POLIO IN THE NEWS

[Humanosphere](#): Getting to zero: Rotary's stubborn campaign to rid the world of polio

[Le Monde](#): India's last round against polio

[The Guardian](#) (UK): Nigeria battles to beat polio and Boko Haram

Picture of the Month



Hard working vaccinators win the hearts of their communities delivering polio vaccines in Karachi, Pakistan. @ WHO/A. Biernat

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