

POLIO NEWS



Dear polio eradication supporter,
 This month, tens of thousands of Rotarians met in Toronto, Canada, for the Rotary International Convention. 99.9% of the way to achieving our goal, achieving polio eradication takes commitment from everyone, from Rotarians to health workers, leaders, and parents. Only by working together to increase and sustain vaccination rates in every population can we defeat the virus. To reach this goal, efforts to stop transmission continue worldwide, from [Afghanistan-Pakistan border crossings](#) to refugee camps in the [Lake Chad basin](#).

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Wild Poliovirus in Numbers

2018	11	8	3	0
	GLOBAL	AFGHANISTAN	PAKISTAN	NIGERIA
2017	6	4	2	0



Data as of 26 June 2018, compared to the same point in 2017.



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Rotary Convention spotlights polio on the world stage

Strong global partnerships are critical to maintaining momentum against the virus on the long road to eradication. This month, Rotary's International Convention brought Rotarians and other critical polio stakeholders together in Toronto, Canada to celebrate unity in the fight against polio. The event drew high-level leaders including World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, both of whom emphasized their personal commitment to a polio-free world. [\[Read more\]](#)



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Vaccinating in the midst of humanitarian disaster

At a refugee camp in the Lake Chad basin, temperatures soar and dust is inescapable. Many never before reached with vaccines, it's critical that the children who grow up here are reached with routine immunization services. Read how vaccinators in some of the world's most under-resourced settings give all children a polio-free future. [\[Read more\]](#)



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Woman on a mission: Meet the doctor working to end polio in Afghanistan

Dr Farzia Sadat was forced out of her medical studies for six years, but that didn't stop her from achieving her dream of becoming a doctor. Now, she mentors women and manages more than a thousand people working to end polio in Afghanistan. [[Read more](#)]

Stopping Polio at the Friendship Gate

Every week, thousands of people travel across the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Here, strategically placed vaccination teams are the first line of defence against the poliovirus, vaccinating children on the move 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

[[Read more](#)]

In Nigeria, mobile health teams deliver lifesaving services alongside polio vaccines

Imagine: your child is sick, but the closest help is miles away. What would you do? Supported by Canada and UNICEF, mobile health teams are delivering vital medicines, vaccines and health education to some of Nigeria's most difficult-to-reach communities. [[Read more](#)]

At Charlevoix, a reaffirmed commitment to polio eradication

The final communique of the 44th G7 Summit highlighted global health as part of the foundation for investing in growth that works for all, noting the importance of achieving polio eradication and managing the transition to a polio-free world. [[Read more](#)]

Circulating vaccine derived poliovirus cases 2018*

- Democratic Republic of the Congo: 7 (4)
- Nigeria: 1 (0)
- [Papua New Guinea](#): 1 (0)
- Somalia: 3 (0)
- Syria: 0 (21)

More information: [Polio this week](#)

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POLIO IN THE NEWS

CNN: [Polio has not returned to Venezuela, WHO says](#)

Forbes: [An Immigrant And An Immigrant's Son Saved Americans From Polio](#)

USA Today: [Dallas Attorney, Polio Survivor Lives in Iron Lung](#)

Picture of the Month



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Donning Rotary 'End Polio Now' hats, and surrounded by bright banners, cross-border health workers vaccinate children and watch out for those travelling across the border with signs of acute flaccid paralysis, an indicator of potential polio infection.

FUNDING UPDATES

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the [Republic of Korea](#) announced an additional US\$ 2 million to fund polio outbreak response and surveillance activities in the Horn of Africa. This commitment makes Korea the first country to support outbreak response efforts in the region, critical to protecting global progress toward ending polio.

Gavi, [The Vaccine Alliance](#), approved core funding for the inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) for 2019 and 2020, to continue work to end polio, and protect every child.

The UAE, through its Pakistan Assistance Program, has provided an additional US\$ 718 000 for campaigns in July. This brings the UAE's support to over US\$ 20.32 million.

The European Commission has disbursed €15 million to polio eradication operations in Afghanistan. This contribution is part of the €55 million pledge announced by European Commissioner for Development Neven Mimica in June 2017. The negotiations on the disbursement of the remaining €25 million will begin shortly. €15 million were already disbursed for polio eradication activities in Nigeria.

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