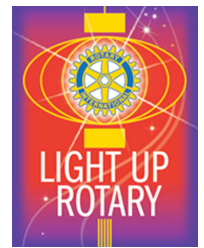


# END POLIO NOW ALMOST THERE!



## POLIO REPORT AUGUST 2014

### NEWS UPDATE

- Rotary has released US\$ 63.6 million to the WHO (World Health Organisation) and UNICEF to support immunisation activities, surveillance and research in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.
- At the 2014 Rotary Convention in Sydney Australia, Prime Minister, Tony Abbott told the conference that Australia would donate US\$100 million to the polio eradication campaign.
- Rotary foundation Trustees hosted a reception at the House of Commons sponsored by Virendra Sharma MP, to celebrate the polio free certification of India and the South East Asia Region. Secretary of State, The Rt Hon. Justine Greening paid tribute to Rotary for all it has done and for the US\$1.2 billion mobilised over the past 25 years for polio eradication.
- Sir Emeka Offor, Nigerian industrialist and philanthropist, has given US\$ 1 million to polio eradication efforts in Nigeria. His contribution to Rotary's campaign now totals more than US\$ 3.1 million. Sir Offor is a member at the Rotary Club of Awka GRA.
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) have produced a short film to sensitize migrant workers to the importance of vaccinating their children against polio. The three-minute film will be shown on Etihad Airways flights from Lahore, Islamabad, Peshawar and Karachi, Pakistan, throughout August. Special public screenings in high-risk neighbourhoods will also be organised

NO CASES WORLDWIDE	@ 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	@ 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2013	Total 2013
Endemic Countries	117	67	160
Non Endemic Countries	18	110	256
<b>TOTAL worldwide</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>416</b>

### PAKISTAN UPDATE

As a result of government military action in North Waziristan, some 900,000 people- more than 70% women and children – have been displaced throughout Pakistan and into Afghanistan. This mass movement provides the first opportunity to immunise a population that has been living under a vaccination ban by local leaders since 2012. As a result, the government and humanitarian partners quickly set up vaccination stations at transit points along the refugees' main routes. A total of 425,780 individuals have been vaccinated at transit vaccination posts in south Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) between 21 May and 16 July (last known figures). In addition over 1.5 million doses were administered to children under five years of age during three rounds of house to house vaccination campaigns among the displaced and host communities.

NO CASES ENDEMIC COUNTRIES	@ 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	@ 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2013	Total 2013	Last reported case
Pakistan	104	22	93	09/07/14
Afghanistan	8	3	14	17/06/14
Nigeria	5	42	53	27/05/14

## WORLD WIDE UPDATES:

- Three new Polio cases were confirmed in the hard to reach pastoral and rural district of Puntland State in Somalia. Although the country is in the midst of a series of vaccination campaigns, the social and political conditions in the area make it particularly challenging to implement and monitor immunisation activities.
- There is concern in Iraq with over 1 million people now internally displaced. Relief agencies are working with the local government to scale up delivery of essential health care. The re-emergence of polio in the country after 14 years of being free of the disease has made polio vaccination a major health priority.
- In addition to the cases previously covered in this report, there are five confirmed case in Equatorial Guinea, one in Ethiopia, three in Cameroon and one in Syria.

## DISTRICT AND CLUB NEWS:

- Thanks goes to all the clubs that supported the fight for Polio Eradication last year. The total for District 1220 was £24,504.44. With the addition of the 2 for 1 match from the gates Foundation this Donation becomes £73,513.32. Please remember that the matching grant continues to be available this year.
- The year has started rather slowly however my thanks go to the five clubs who generously donated £1316.10 in July.
- **DG STEVE HAS ASKED ALL CLUBS TO HOLD ONE EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR POLIO THIS YEAR.**
- **Why not join other Rotarians worldwide in some Fun, Fellowship & Friendship by participation in “World’s Greatest Meal To Help Polio “ during October. A £1.00 contribution at your weekly club evening. Ask friends to join in . If you think this is a good idea, register your meeting on [www.wgmeal.com](http://www.wgmeal.com) . EVERY £1.00 THAT YOU RAISE WILL BECOME £3.00 WITH THE MATCHING GRANT.**

## REMINDERS :

Can your club organise an event for Polio Eradication. Purple crocuses can be bought on line from: Toye and Co ; Tel: +44 (0)24 7684 8890 : [www.thetoyeshop.com](http://www.thetoyeshop.com) or email at [fraternal@toye.com](mailto:fraternal@toye.com)

[WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.](#)

**SEND ME AN EMAIL AND LET ME HAVE DETAILS OF YOUR POLIO MONEY RAISING INITIATIVES SO THAT THEY CAN BE SHARED WITH OTHER CLUBS.**

**MAKE POLIO PART OF YOUR FUND ALLOCATION THIS ROTARY YEAR - CHEQUES MADE OUT TO “RFUK POLIO ERADICATION” **SEND YOUR CHEQUES TO ME: ALBERT RIPAMONTI, 13 WISHINGSTONE WAY, MATLOCK, DE4 5LU. I WILL RECORD AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEM TO YOUR CLUB AND THEN FORWARD TO RIBI.****

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