



END POLIO NOW ALMOST THERE!

POLIO REPORT NOVEMBER 2014

NEWS UPDATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the run up to World Polio Day. On the 24th October 2014, Rotary International announced that the effort to eradicate polio was to receive an additional US\$44.7m. The funds will support the immunisation programmes, surveillance and research led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative which aims to end the disabling viral disease worldwide by 2018. This follows hot on the heels of the news that Rotarians in Great Britain, Ireland and around the world have raised US\$100m since the start of the year to support polio eradication.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotarians from over 50 countries around the world are taking part in a unique campaign holding meals with a difference to help rid the world of polio. The World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio. So far this year there have been almost 700 events registered in 52 countries, more than 23,400 participants worldwide and a total of US\$1,015,400 raised, including the matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This translates to enough funds to buy more than 1.6 million polio vaccinations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Temporary Regulations to Reduce International Spread of Poliovirus remains in place and affects current exporting countries stated to be Pakistan, Camerouns, Equatorial Guinea and Syria. Similar recommendations apply to Afghanistan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Iraq, Israel and Somalia. (full details of the recommendation can be found on www.polioeradication.org)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wild polio virus (WPV) type 2 has not been detected worldwide since 1999. Wild polio virus (WPV) type 3 was last reported on 10th November 2012 in Yobe, Nigeria. All cases due to the wild polio virus in the last two years have been caused by WPV type 1

All data and information provided by www.polioeradication.org and www.rotarygbi.org

NO CASES WORLDWIDE	@ 11 th November 2014		@ 11 th November 2013	Total 2013	
Endemic Countries	260		119	160	
Non Endemic Countries	19		215	256	
TOTAL worldwide	279		334	416	

PAKISTAN UPDATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of Pakistan is polio-free. The country has never interrupted transmission of wild poliovirus. Transmission is intense in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), and periodically spreads to other parts of the country and internationally. The National Emergency Action Plan for Polio Eradication has been endorsed by the National Task Force for Polio Eradication chaired by the Prime Minister of Pakistan and participating by Chief Ministers, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/FATA, Prime Minister AJK and heads of Partner Agencies in January 2014. The goal of the National Emergency Action Plan for Polio Eradication is to stop wild poliovirus

transmission throughout Pakistan by the end of 2014; focusing on the low transmission season during the first 6 months of the year. Efforts to achieve this goal include continuing immunization activities with focus on known high-risk areas, in particular the newly opened areas of FATA (Federal Administered Tribal Areas). At exit and entry points of areas that are inaccessible during polio campaigns, 163 permanent vaccination points are being used to reach internally displaced families as they move in and out of the inaccessible area. Over 700,000 people have been vaccinated in the past few months at transit points and in host communities, including half a million children.

NO CASES ENDEMIC COUNTRIES	@ 11 th November 2014	@ 11 th November 2013	Total 2013	Last reported case
Pakistan	236	59	93	20/10/14
Afghanistan	18	9	14	04/10/14
Nigeria	6	51	53	24/07/14

WORLD WIDE UPDATES:

- Given the growing outbreak in Pakistan, Afghanistan is taking protective steps to limit any spread of the virus. Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) are scheduled across the south and east of Afghanistan in mid- to late- November.
- In Africa the last case of WPV type 1 was recorded in Somalia on the 11th August 2014. The good news that up to November of this year, only 22 cases have been reported throughout Africa compared with 253 in 2013. Encouraging is that Nigeria has not reported a case of WPV type 1 in the past four months.
- Even as polio programme staff across West Africa support efforts to control the Ebola outbreak affecting the region, efforts are being made in those countries not affected by Ebola to vaccinate children against polio. National Immunization Days (NIDs) are planned in Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Mauritania, Senegal and Togo, started on 31st October. Guinea Bissau started on the 8 November and SNIDs also took place from the 31st October in Niger and Mali.

Information Sources: www.polioeradication.org, www.endpolio.org,

DISTRICT AND CLUB NEWS:

- By October, 10 Clubs have donated a total of £4624. This is a fall from last year where in the same period £7150 was received. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.
- Many thanks to Clubs that organised an event for Polio Day. I am told of coin collections on street corners, race nights and other events.
- DG STEVE HAS ASKED ALL CLUBS TO HOLD ONE EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR POLIO THIS YEAR. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN, FROM THE CONTENT OF THIS LETTER YOU WILL HAVE SEEN OF THE DETERMINATION WORLDWIDE TO END POLIO.

THE GATES OFFER OF \$2 FOR EVERY \$1 THAT WE COLLECT REMAINS IN PLACE.

CHEQUES MADE OUT TO "RFUK POLIO ERADICATION" AND SEND ME AT THE ADDRESS BELOW

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