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Positive Steps in our battle to Eradicate Polio

Polio is more geographically focused than ever before, and political commitment in the polio-endemic countries is stronger than ever, yet some challenges remain.

We must keep our promise to eradicate polio.

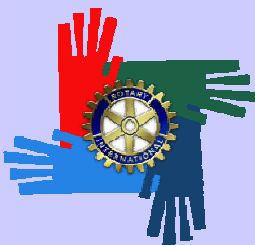
Rotary is not alone in its effort to eradicate polio. We are one of four spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative which also includes the World Health organization, UNICEF and the Centers for Disease Control in support of the Governments of the world, both in the polio affected and donor countries.

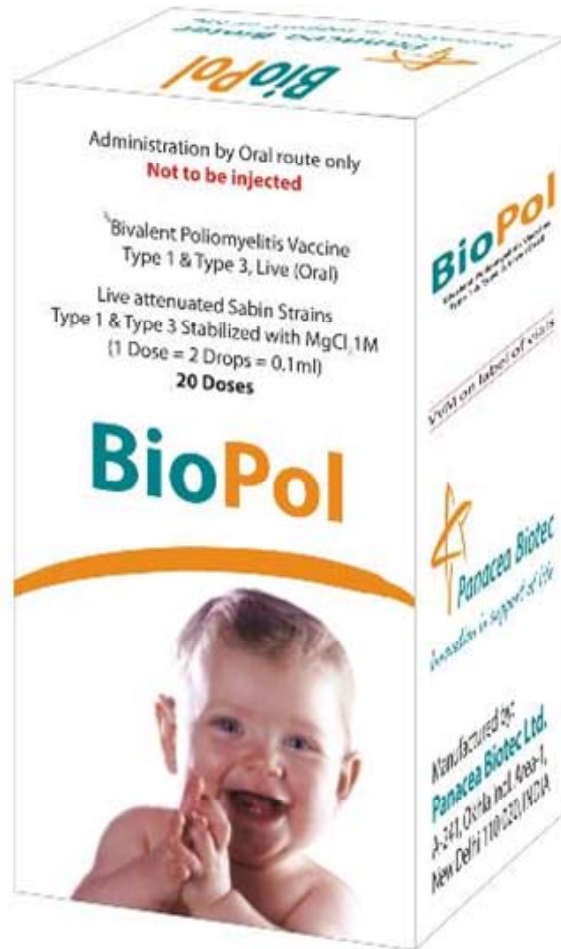
In this issue, we publicize the latest developments and the positive advances in the war to eliminate polio.

With the recent tremendous support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation we can and will

END POLIO NOW

The Our Foundation newsletter is one of the monthly features of the Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF).





An exciting new development of a new bivalent OPV (types 1 & 3) for use in 2009 will revolutionize our ability to speedily and efficiently vaccinate the children of the world

CONTROL OF DIARRHEA

Let us control diarrhea and use Zinc tablet for 14 days along with ORS solution

Children aged 2 months up to 6 months should be given $\frac{1}{2}$ tablet of Zinc (10 mg) daily for a period of 14 days in addition to ORS solution as soon as diarrhea strikes.

To all children 6 months and older, suffering from diarrhea, 1 tablet (20mg) of Zinc, for a period of 14 days along with ORS solution should be given .

Incidence of diarrhea will reduce if:

- Wash your child's hands & surroundings regularly.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water.
- Use the toilet.

Improved hygiene practices will also help in preventing and controlling diseases like - polio, influenza, dysentery, intestinal worms etc.

For further information contact your nearest health centre.
(Some patients of diarrhea will require specific therapy)

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Recent advances in the treatment of diarrhea means there is less necessity for children to receive multiple polio vaccinations due to their inability to retain their body fluid.

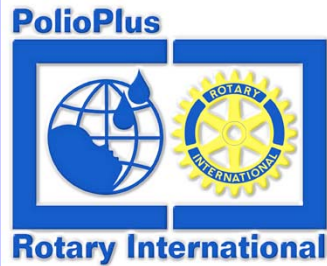
POLIO-FREE PAKISTAN

Mother's Vision – Daughter's Mission

Rs.5



ASEEFA BHUTTO ZARDARI, THE FIRST PAKISTANI CHILD TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST POLIO IS NOW OUT TO DEFEAT THE SCOURGE



In September 1979 around 5-6 million children were vaccinated by Rotary against the Polio virus. This was one of the first 3H Grants and part funded by Rotarians from Italy.

This first step proved successful as Rotarians proved they could successfully carry out large projects.

In our early fundraising campaigns Rotarians easily surpassed their targets and established credibility with the World Health Organisation as Rotary moved from a mission of supplying vaccine to eradication Polio.

The real PLUS in Polioplus is the amazing progress we have made in a quarter of a century. In 1985, 800,000 died from contracting Polio and over 8 million kids suffered some form of paralysis . In 2008 there were about 1,800 cases worldwide

By the end of the Gates Challenge in June 2012 Rotarians will have donated over 1.2 billion dollars to Polio eradication.

Rotary Peace Center Alumni - Post-Fellowship Employment

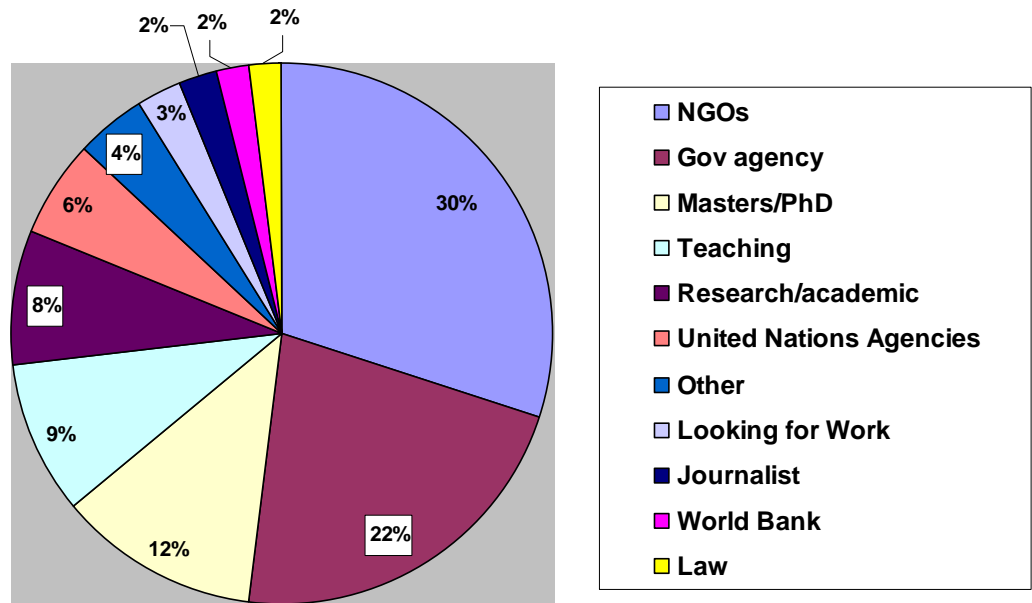
Statistics are for all alumni through the 2007-09 class. For the first time, the statistics include the entire 2007-09 class. However, no one from the recently completed class at Universidad del Salvador has communicated that they have found a position. These statistics are accurate as of 2 November 2009.

There are 419 peace fellows that have reported their current position to The Rotary Foundation (out of 454 total alumni) or 92.3%.

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Rotary Peace Fellow Alumni Employment

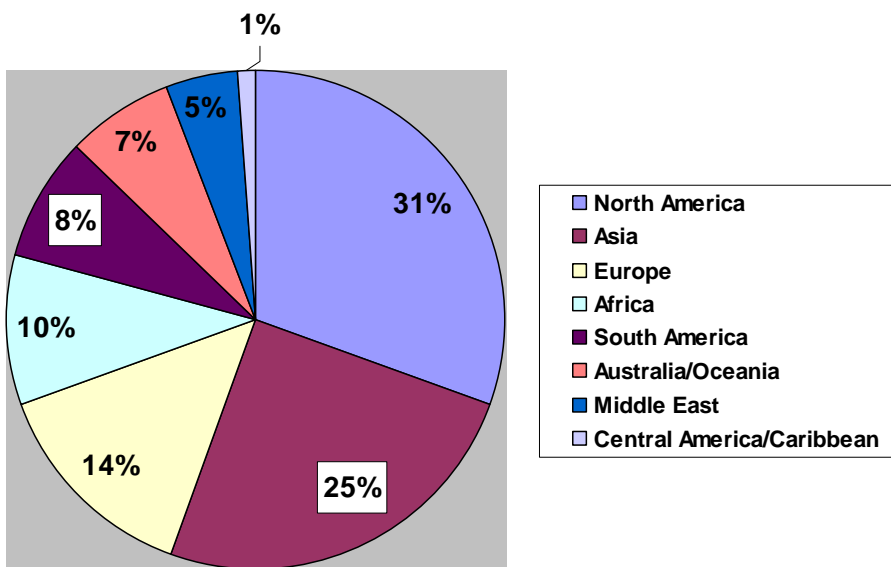


- 124 work for NGOs or perform other peace-related work (30%)
- 91 work for a government agency (22%)
- 52 are pursuing additional advanced degrees in peace-related fields (12%)
- 38 are teachers/professors (9%)
- 33 work in research or academic support positions (8%)
- 27 work for United Nations agencies (6%)
- 9 are journalists (2%)
- 9 work for the World Bank (2%)
- 7 are lawyers or work in a law-related field (2%)
- 16 defy easy categorization; these include: bankers, human resource professionals, and business owners (4%)
- 13 reported they are actively looking for work in the field (3%)

Alumni find work around the world:

- 128 reside in North America (31%)
- 103 reside in Asia (25%)
- 57 reside in Europe (14%)
- 41 reside in Africa (10%)
- 34 reside in South America (8%)
- 31 reside in Australia and Oceania (7%)
- 20 reside in the Middle East (5%)
- 5 reside Central America and the Caribbean (1%)

Rotary Peace Fellow Alumni Employment Location





Planning for club- and district-developed global grants

Districts should use this current planning year to prepare for their global grant activity during 2010-11. Districts are encouraged to work with their clubs to determine which activities are of interest, as well as DDF allotment. As plans are formalized, it is recommended that all grant activities and DDF allocations are tracked and documented.

In April, the global grant proposal and application will be available online. The proposal will outline the overall grant activity, development, and budget. Once it has been accepted, access to a more detailed application will be provided. Submitting the proposal before the application should help facilitate the completion of the online application. Separate documentation for non-Rotarian scholars and vocational training participants, as well as an itinerary for vocational training teams, can be downloaded from the RI Web site for upload to the application.

As clubs and districts develop their grants, they should determine how the proposed activity furthers the goals of the selected area of focus. Districts should also consider the sustainability of the activity, as well as the community impact and Rotarian participation. Guidelines for developing eligible projects and activities are available online. In preparation for the project networking session at the Future Vision Pilot Training in January, district governors-elect and district Rotary Foundation chairs are encouraged to talk with Rotarians in their district to determine their strengths and project interests within the areas of focus.

GETS -Governors-elect training seminars continue through December. This is a great opportunity for district governors-elect to become acquainted with their pilot-related responsibilities, learn about the new grant-making models, and review the district qualification process. Before GETS, attendees should review the starter guide, district memorandum of understanding, and grant terms and conditions. For more information, contact your Regional Rotary Foundation coordinator.

FUTURE VISION -YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q: Our district would like to sponsor a vocational training team with a global grant, but we are not sure how to begin developing this activity. Can you provide us with some suggestions?

A: Rotary Foundation Global Grants for vocational training can be developed with other pilot districts and will receive a minimum US\$15,000 World Fund match from the Foundation. Teams must either receive or provide training that furthers the goals of one of the six areas of focus.

As you consider potential training activities, look at the vocational needs or strengths within your district and refer to the online global grants information for eligibility considerations. Keep in mind that global grants allow clubs and districts to take a holistic approach to addressing needs. For example, a single global grant might fund a training team of obstetrical doctors and nurses to travel to a community in need of improved maternal and child health, where the team can train local birth attendants, provide them with safe birthing kits, and offer physical improvements to the local birthing center. Additional funds could then be used to send a community member to a nearby university to study midwifery.

Pilot districts are encouraged to take advantage of the Future Vision Pilot LinkedIn group to seek out potential partners in other pilot districts. Districts also should plan to bring potential training ideas to the Future Vision Pilot Training in San Diego, in order to establish partnerships at the project networking session.

Q: Can nonpilot districts contribute DDF or cash to global grant projects?

A: No. Nonpilot districts will not have the option of contributing DDF to a global grant, nor will nonpilot districts be able to contribute cash to a global grant project by sending funds through the Foundation for Paul Harris Fellow recognition. This decision was taken after review of budget implications, technology restrictions, and the need for a comparative evaluation of pilot grant successes and challenges compared to the current grant-making process.

However, pilot and nonpilot clubs and districts may still work together on activities in other ways. Nonpilot districts may donate DDF or cash directly to a pilot district for use as the pilot district chooses. While the nonpilot district will not receive Paul Harris Fellow credit for this donation, they will still be able to continue participating in projects that are important to them. For more information on how nonpilot districts can work with pilot districts, [click here](#).

Our Challenge— by Trustee Ron Burton



Trustee Ron Burton recently reported to the RI Zone 17 and 18a Institute that so far in 2009/10, contributions to the Annual Programs fund (APF) was down 18% worldwide though there were fluctuations throughout the world. In the USA , for example, contributions are up by 2.5%. In the UK contributions are down by 7%.

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) -sadly worldwide, only 26% of Rotarians contribute to their Foundation. This must be one of our greatest challenges—to encourage each and every Rotarian to contribute to The Foundation.

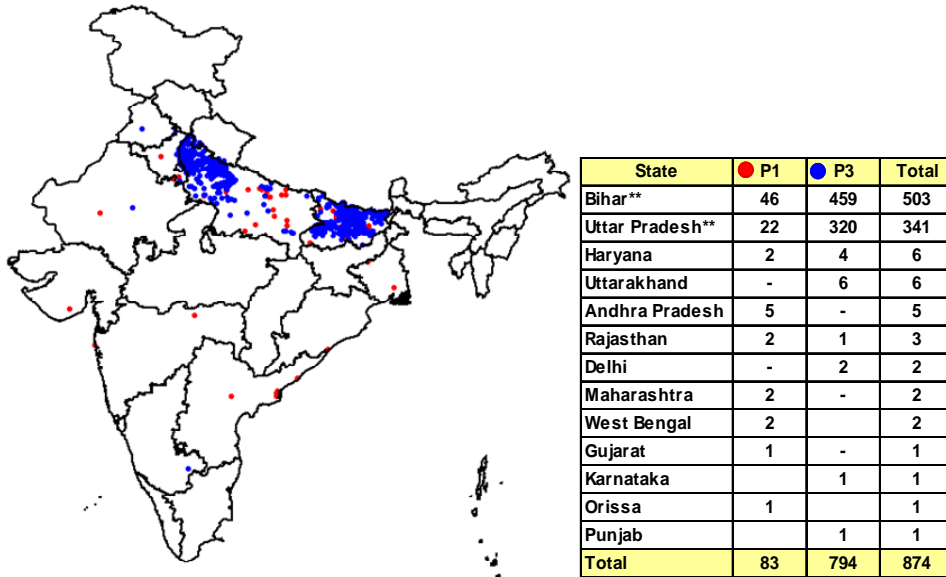
The Foundation's founder Arch Klumph writing in *The Rotarian* magazine over 80 years ago stated—'let every Rotarian contribute to the Rotary Foundation not because they have to but because they want to'.



Arch Klumph

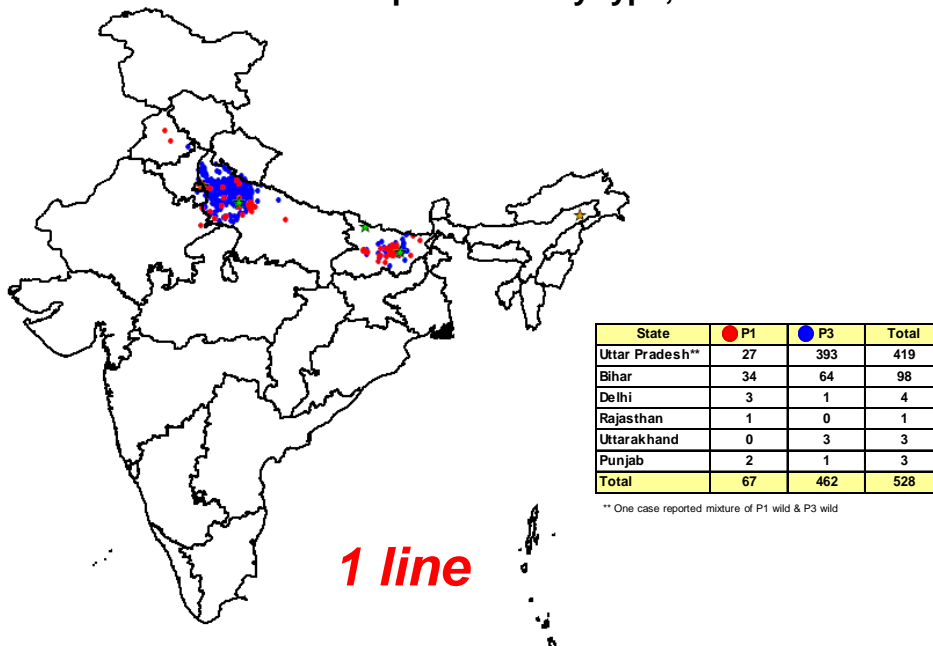
Reasons to be Cheerful— Progress in India

Location of poliovirus by type, 2007



** three cases (one in UP, two in Bihar) reported mixture of P1 wild and P3 wild

Location of poliovirus by type, 2009*



** One case reported mixture of P1 wild & P3 wild

* data as on 30th October 2009



Wasrag too has been working in the background - and making true progress. Thanks to the quiet and persistent efforts of Wasrag Vice Chair Bob Wubbena, Technical Committee Chair Jim Goodrich and their teams, Wasrag now has a strategic plan and a business.

On this firm foundation we are moving forward to address the concept on which Wasrag is based: true sustainability of water and sanitation projects.

One of our first priorities was to outline the Wasrag strategy in an easy-to-read, concise document. Something that you can pass on to your fellow Rotarians when they ask about Wasrag. In this 2-page flyer: "Interested in a water project? Here's how we can help" we summarize how clubs can find a project that matches their resources and interests.

Three options are available.

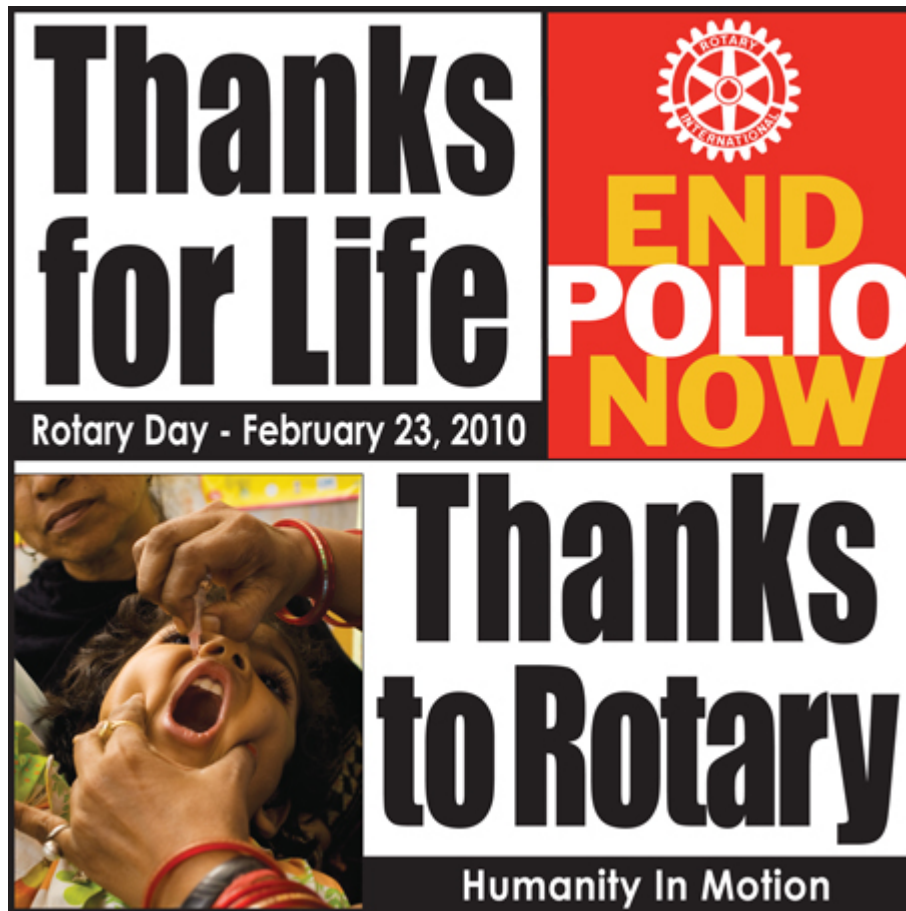
Option 1: Clubs can provide funds for any existing Rotary WASH project, selected from the Wasrag projects listings on the website or Rotary's Project-LINK.

If however clubs want to have a more in-depth involvement, they may consider:

Option 2: Select a project from a list on the Wasrag website which is included in a completed Needs Assessment, and thus part of a larger plan for a region in a focus country; or

Option 3: Choose a major, multi-year commitment to undertake the management of a regional program, based on a completed needs assessment for that area.

Obviously the two latter options require access to completed Needs Assessments and the corresponding Wasrag-endorsed project listings. This data will start to come on-stream in April 2010, with the program phasing in more assessments as they become available.



After securing the biggest ever PR Grant from Rotary International, the 29 District Governors from RIBI recently managed to secure the help of the UK's largest supermarket retailer—TESCO.

On Saturday, February 27th 377 Tesco stores will allow Rotarians to collect donations from TESCO customers. This opportunity will also raise the awareness of both Rotary and Rotary's End Polio Now campaign with the British public and perhaps lead to membership recruitment opportunities.

Thanks for Life aims to raise in excess of £1 million GBP or \$1.67 million US for the END POLIO NOW campaign.

The Plus in PolioPlus

Here is a list of some of the 'Pluses' from Rotary's PolioPlus program

- Certified laboratories we have helped fund which help fight against other diseases such as SARS, Avian flu and H1N1
- Support surveillance
- Trialling new vaccines
- Other research
- Our network of Rotarians working with our partners can vaccinate great numbers through NIDs. 175 million children in India were vaccinated in just one week
- Our network of Rotarians have also helped establish and sustain inter-country synchronization in certain areas of the world where countries often don't speak to each other thus helping to promote PEACE
- Our public/private partnerships
- Our advocacy initiative which has extracted over 1.8 billion from Governments of the world
- The legacy
- The children, always the children

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

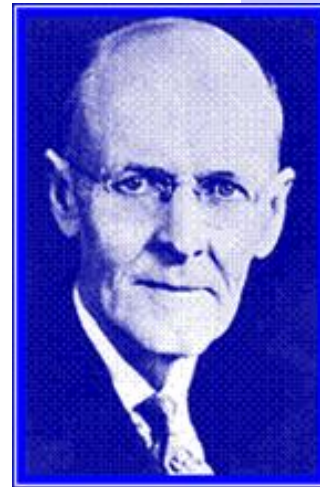
IT BEGAN as a path over hills and through dales, but the cool mists of morning were in the air, and the rising sun gave promise of a fair day. The path soon widened into a road, the road into a turnpike, and the turnpike into a super-highway.

A Road I have Traveled by Paul P Harris

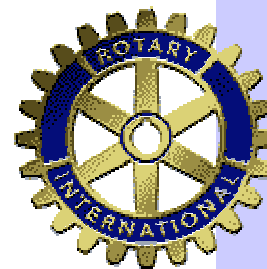
Can we see some parallel in Paul Harris' description of his own journey through life with Rotary's PolioPlus program?

What started as a single project in the Philippines over 30 years ago has ballooned into Rotary's only corporate program and our number one priority.

We are now on the super-highway to Ending Polio—thanks to Rotarians from every part of the world.



Paul P. Harris



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