



Rotary Club of Booragoon Inc

PROJECT REPORT

Global Polio Eradication Program

Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five years of age.

The PolioPlus campaign was created by Rotary International with the aim of immunising all the world's children against polio. In 1988, when the Global Polio Eradication Initiative began, the disease was endemic in more than 125 countries and more than 350,000 children were paralysed each year.

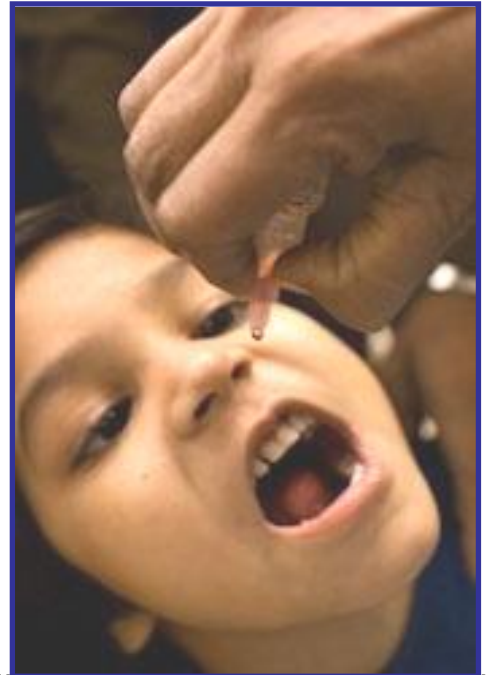
The program has reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99%. Endemic wild poliovirus has been eliminated from all but four countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyse children.

After 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners – including the World Health Organisation and many national governments –are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease. But a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has now given \$US355 million, to be matched by a further \$200 million from Rotary, to directly support immunisation campaigns in developing countries.

As long as polio threatens one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.

A local child receives the polio vaccine during a National Immunisation Day at Moradabad in northern India.



HOW TO SUPPORT POLIPLUS –

- Make a donation \$_____
- Inquire about volunteering for an international immunisation program
- Get more information

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