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But when you are “This Close”, the job gets harder. Funding is drying up, and Polio is out of site to us and most of the world. The problem is that Polio anywhere is a risk to children everywhere.

“Rotarians are able change lives of people around the world that we would normally ever meet.”

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We are at the heart of the GPEI on all scales

International scale:

We are at the heart the
of Global Polio Eradication

Initiative (GPEI), a

partnership of Rotary

International, the World

Health Organization (WHO),
UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and many national governments. Rotary has contributed \$1.3 billion to the GPEI through PolioPlus. And it is committed to adding up to \$105 million per year over the next four years through the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign 2018.



Regional scale:

Meeting of coordination at Beirut with WHO 26-27 September 2014 and the next is scheduled at Beirut on 26-27 January 2015

Ground scale: [e.g. Lebanon]

Meetings at MOPH during September 2014, October 2014 and November 2014. Rotary is featured on bibs and flyers.

Words of Thanks from

Thank you for your comprehensive report on polio plus in Lebanon. I would like to congratulate you and all the Rotarians involved in achieving this tremendous goal. WELL DONE.

Khalil M. K. Alsharif

District 2452 Governor 2014-2015

28 December 2014.

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Thank you for the very comprehensive report and photo collection. Please thank all Rotarians in Lebanon who participated. Their work and dedication is very much appreciated.

Dr. /Mrs. Carol Pandak, RI-PolioPlus Director

31 December 2014.



John GERM elected RIP 2016-2017

John GERM, past International Polio Committee Chairman, is elected RI President for 2016-2017.

John, member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, will be formally elected at the 2015 RI Convention in São Paulo, Brazil and will become president on 1 July 2016 till 30 June 2017



District 2452 Clubs' contributions to PolioPlus Challenge

Congratulations to RC of Beirut - Lebanon RI D.2452

Polio-Lebanon 6-month report July-December 2014 [23 pages] is posted on <http://riescwa.hautetfort.com/archiv/e/2014/12/31/rotary-polio-lebanon-committee-2014-15-report-july-december-5523723.html>
Thank you to the Polio-Lebanon team headed by PP Dr Bader Ghazawi.



Report about the Rotary PolioPlus Lebanon Committee 2014-2015 Support to the Lebanon Polio Immunization Campaign
In partnership with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Ministry of Public Health (Lebanon), UNICEF and WHO
- October & November 2014, Lebanon -



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Change at the top at PolioPlus.

Chairman John Germ's nomination as President Nominee 2016-2017 has made way for a change by Trustee Chair, RIPP John Kenny.

Michael McGovern (photo) becomes **Chairman IPCC** and Mark Maloney as Vice Chair.

District 2452 [9 countries] Polio Committee 2014-15 wishes Mike a warm welcome term as Chair of the **International PolioPlus Committee of Rotary International-IPPC**.

Profile of the new IPCC's Chair Michael K. McGovern:

- Member of Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA
- Michael has been the town manager of Cape Elizabeth since 1985. He currently serves as treasurer of the Museum at Portland Head Light and the Thomas Jordan Trust. He is a past board chair of EcoMaine.
- McGovern has been a Rotarian since 1986 and has served RI as vice president, director, RI Board Executive Committee member, Vice Chair 2014-15 Foundation, Permanent Fund national adviser, RI membership zone coordinator, RI training leader, and district governor. A past Council on Legislation representative, he is also a past chair of Rotarians for Fighting AIDS: A Rotarian Action Group.
- He is a Major Donor and Bequest Society member of The Rotary Foundation and a recipient of its Citation for Meritorious Service.

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<https://www.facebook.com/EnFinirAvecLaPolio/photos/a.137970239717591.1073741826.137928379721777/353513701496576/?type=1&theater>

ROTARY AND POLIO

Polio. Poliomyelitis (polio) is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in parts of the world. The poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five.

Polio Today. Today, there are only three countries that have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Fewer than 250 polio cases were reported worldwide in 2012, which is a 99% reduction since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day. If we don't stay the course, experts say polio could rebound to 10 million cases in the next 40 years.

Challenges. The polio cases represented by the remaining one percent are the most difficult to prevent, due to factors including geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict and cultural barriers. Until polio is eradicated, all countries remain at risk of outbreaks.

Ensuring Success. Additional funding will help to end polio now. Thanks to a new campaign, every dollar donated to Rotary will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These funds help to provide much-needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents. Governments, corporations and private individuals all play a crucial role in funding.

PolioPlus. Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication, in 1985. Since then, Rotary and its partners have helped reduce the number of annual cases from 350,000 to fewer than 250 and remain committed until every child is safe from the disease. Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$9 billion to the effort.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, formed in 1988, is a public-private partnership including Rotary, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and governments of the world. Rotary's focus is advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and awareness-building.

Rotary in Action. More than one million Rotary members have donated their time and personal resources to end polio. Every year, hundreds of Rotary members work side-by-side with health workers to vaccinate children in polio-affected countries. Rotarians work with partners like UNICEF to prepare and distribute mass communication tools to share the message with those isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty. Rotary members also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support.

'This Close' Campaign. Rotary has a growing roster of public figures and celebrities participating in the "This Close" to ending polio" public awareness campaign, including Bill Gates, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Archie Panjabi, Jackie Chan, Jack Nicklaus and Psy. These ambassadors help educate the public about polio through public service announcements, social media and public appearances.

PLAYING A PART IN THE FIGHT

Rotary member Nora Haddad, December 22, 2014

<http://www.endpolio.org/stories/posts/playing-a-part-in-the-fight/>



Rotary member Nora Haddad assists with a National Immunization Day in Lebanon.

Though Syria had been polio-free since 1999, an outbreak was identified in October 2013. It is believed that the virus was imported to Syria from Pakistan as a result of the influx of foreigners from Pakistan and the chaos in Syria due to the ongoing war.

Large immunization efforts were conducted out of fear that the virus would spread to the Middle East. With approximately 1.5 million Syrian and Iraqi refugees, a weak health care system, lack of clean water and proper sewage systems in refugee settlements, Lebanon is most at risk to the threat of polio.

The Polio-Lebanon committee, established in October 2013 and chaired by Dr. Joseph Rachkidi and Dr. Bader Ghazzawi, was involved in National Immunization Days in 2014. As a member of the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan, I was happy to volunteer alongside members from the Rotaract club of Beirut, the Rotaract club of Metn, UNICEF, WHO and MOPH (Ministry of Public Health) in the Beirut campaign.

During the Beirut campaign I took part in a very successful National Polio Immunization Campaign at the Sporting club in Manara on November 17. Over 130 children under the age of five, from three Beirut schools were immunized by health specialists. Nader Houwalla from Rotaract of Beirut, a member of the Polio-Lebanon committee, coordinated the event with Rindala Berro from UNICEF.

We provided coloring books, crayons, and goody bags provided by Rotary Lebanon thanks to a grant from the Polio Plus program partners. The Rotary Clubs of Lebanon provided snacks and refreshments for the children. While children were receiving the vaccinations, the others had their faces painted, watched skits, or played games.

It was rewarding to see that that the children and teachers alike were so happily surprised by all of the gifts and entertainment provided. All I needed was to see the smiles on the children's faces after they received the two drops of the vaccine.

All of the volunteers had a wonderful experience, which was reinforced when we received a very warm note expressing gratitude from the school's principal. I walked away from the experience feeling as though we were like a big family; I am really looking forward to the second round of immunizations in April.

The four key strategies for eradicating poliomyelitis are:

- 1) Routine immunization of infants with OPV in the first year of life;
- 2) Supplementary immunization activities, national immunization days and sub-national immunization days (NIDs and SNIDs), during which all children under five years of age are vaccinated, regardless of whether they have been vaccinated before;
- 3) Mop-up campaigns [door-to-door], to ensure that every child is vaccinated and to break the final chains of transmission; and
- 4) Effective disease surveillance for acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) to find and investigate every newly paralyzed child to determine if poliomyelitis is the cause of the paralysis.

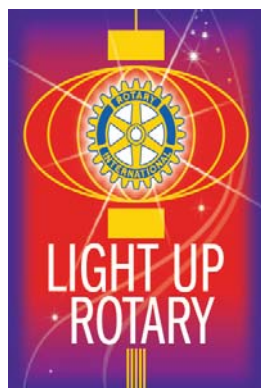
“End Polio Now” in different languages: English, Arabic, French, Urdu and Portuguese.



Happy New Year 2015

PolioPlus resources:

- *End Polio Now Brochure (940-EN): Describes Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio and encourages support*
- *End Polio Now Poster (941-EN): Describes Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio and encourages support*
- *End Polio Now Video and Digital Resources (942-USB): Provides an overview of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio*
- *End Polio Now Pins (988-MUP): Lapel pins with the End Polio Now logo*
- *Middle East Technical Polio Bulletin:*
<http://www.emro.who.int/polio/strategy-surveillance/middleeastpoliotechnicalbulletin.html>



For more information on the PolioPlus Program:

<https://rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/end-polio>
www.endpolio.org or www.endpolionow.org



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