

"Rotary" logistical preparations began for vaccination against polio.

Dr Jazzar: 500 thousand dollars for the implementation of the campaigns.

Central news – Beirut – 29 October 2013 - The Rotary International campaign to vaccinate Lebanese and Syrians children, especially refugees against polio is witnessing fast logistic preparations with the approach of the first campaign, which is supposed to begin on November 8, 2013. In this context, the International representative of Rotary in the UN ESCWA Dr. Michel Jazzar said to "central news" that the communication is on high level with officials of the global Campaign for Rotary to eradicate polio. He also said "We received a call from the director of the Committee for vaccination against polio in Rotary International Dr. Carol Pandak confirming the existence of the 50,000 US dollars that will be distributed to the Rotary Clubs in Lebanon during the two campaigns next November and December 2013.

Dr. Jazzar announced that the Chairman of the Committee against polio in the Rotary International Robert Scott agreed on the amount of 500,000 US dollars for the implementation of vaccination campaigns, pointing out that this amount will be paid directly to UNICEF or to the World Health Organization (WHO) based on the request of one of the parties.

He also said "Since the year 1985, Rotary paid an amount of 1 billion and 250 million US dollars to eradicate polio, and we managed to do so by 99 percent, and today we are ready to prevent the spread of this disease, and the elimination rate of 1 percent.

Dr. Jazzar pointed out that communication between Rotary and the National Commission for vaccination against polio with the Ministry of Health, UNICEF and the World Health Organization in Lebanon is done by Past Assistant Governor Dr. Joseph Rachkidi.