



## National Immunization Days-NIDs - Lebanon

November 7, 2013.

*Dear President,  
Dear fellow Rotarian,*

Each one of us knows very well that "PolioPlus Rotary program" is our first and proud occupation. We must win; we must finish and find soon the end of polio in the globe.

All steps must go ahead to the last goal just mentioned before. Any late action in this program will cost dearly. Because of the set back in the region and new cases of polio found in Syria, the Ministry of Health in Lebanon has scheduled 2 rounds of immunization. We will participate (as Rotarians) as much as we can at the first round of vaccination (November 8-12) and be ready with a bigger energy at the second round (December 6-10).

We have received from Dr. Carol Pandak, Director of PolioPlus that: " The Rotary Foundation has a mechanism by which it can provide up to US\$500,000 to WHO or UNICEF for an emergency response grant. These grants are made if requested by our partners and must be recommended for approval by the IPPC Chair to the Trustee Chair. We have not yet received a request from WHO and UNICEF for emergency response funds, but if we do, we would also issue a press release at that time."

Also, that "International PolioPlus Committee Chair Bob Scott has agreed that we can provide upon request up to US\$50,000 for support for social mobilization activities [...] to the countries planning a response to the Syria situation." [By this statement we understand that this amount should be divided by many countries].

In order to continue (and succeed) in our project, the Rotary Polio Committee, appointed by DG Jamil Mouawad, decided in its last meeting on October 5 to ask the clubs for an urgent financial help (1000\$) or whatever your club can afford and we appreciate your donation.

We hope for a good coordination between all the Rotarians, the only way to reach our goal. Thank you for your efforts and collaboration.

Rotarian greetings.

*Joseph Rachkidi, MD  
PolioPlus Committee Country Chairman 2013-14*

**NB:** we are looking to vaccinate 750,000 children in all the regions of Lebanon. Please find attached a document mentioning some of the things we need for the participation in the Lebanese national immunization campaign.