

Special Supplement

World Polio Day 2020

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Rotary Bangladesh National PolioPlus Committee



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বাংলাদেশের রোটারি ক্লাবসমূহ কর্তৃক 'বিশ্ব পোলিও দিবস' উদযাপনের উদ্যোগকে আমি আগত জানাই।

পোলিও শিশুদের জন্য একটি মারাত্মক রোগ। এ রোগে অক্রিয় শিশুরা প্যারালাইসিসের শিকার হয় এবং ক্ষেত্রবিশেষে মৃত্যুও খতিয়ে পাবে।

বাংলাদেশে পরিচালিত নিয়মিত টিকাদান কর্মসূচি সারাবিশ্বে একটি অনুকরণীয় দুর্দান্ত। দেশের প্রায় প্রতিটি মা ও শিশু টিকাদান কর্মসূচির অওকায় অগ্রবর্তী হওয়ার মতকৈ শিশু মৃত্যুর ঊর্ধ্বাধিকারকে কমেছে।

বিশ্ব পোলিও দিবসে আমি একটি পোলিও মুক্ত বিশ্বের প্রত্যাশা করছি।
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মোনা হাক্কো, বাংলাদেশ ডিরেক্টিভি হোক।

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Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends, and Esteemed Guests
On the eve of the World Polio Day, let me tell you about the story of over three decades. The story that Rotarians have been telling everyone that a polio free world is possible.

The Rotary Foundation is how our dreams of a better world come true. Over a century ago, Rotary established an endowment for the purpose of doing good in the world. Over thirty years ago, we spearheaded the movement to end polio, surprising the doubters by doubling our fundraising target, and ever since we've made amazing progress.

For the coming days and months, we need the following steps for the Rotarians in Bangladesh and in elsewhere. These are as follows:

- i) We will engage your club and the community to raise awareness about polio;
- ii) We will start a social media conversation to get everyone connected;
- iii) We'll hold an event like the World Polio Day on 24th October and throughout the year;
- iv) We'll advocate to the GoB to continue supporting our efforts to end polio;
- v) We'll make a contribution and will invest in one of the largest global initiative.

So let's keep our promise.

Message from RI President Holger Knaack



Dear 2020 International Assembly Training Leader Ishtiaque: This year is challenging for us all. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way Rotary and Rotaractors meet, connect, fundraise, and perform acts of service.

In Rotary, we are not afraid of challenges when we meet it in the case against polio. On the eve of the World Polio Day, I hope all the Rotarians in Bangladesh as in elsewhere will continue with their efforts to ensure that we reach our destination of a polio free world.

The world needs Rotary now more than ever and I am relying on you. Together, we will bring hope to the less fortunate. And Rotary opens opportunities for ourselves and the people we serve.

Sincerely,
Holger Knaack
2020-21 Rotary International President

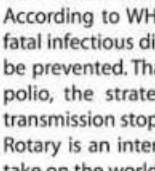


Message from Press Conference Chairman Rtn. M. A. Kashem
Over the last three decades, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative or GPEI - a unique public-private partnership comprised of national governments, Rotary International, WHO, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance - has made incredible progress toward eradication.

In 2020, wild polio continues to circulate in just two countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan, and the World Health Organization's African region has been certified wild polio-free. This achievement comes four years after Nigeria - the last polio-endemic country in Africa - recorded its final detection of the wild poliovirus following decades of effort from Rotary members, GPEI partners, local and national leaders, and health workers throughout the African region.

In the midst of a global pandemic, we recognize that attention to polio eradication may be diverted, but this makes it all the more vital for Rotarians to remain strongly committed to fighting polio and not let our progress be eroded.

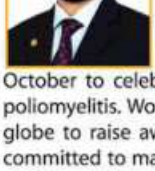
On the eve of the World Polio Day, I congratulate the Chairman and the members of the Rotary Bangladesh National PolioPlus Committee a very successful endeavor.



Message from DG Dr. Belal Uddin Ahmed, RID-3282
World Polio Day is celebrated on 24 October annually to raise awareness about the polio disease and efforts for eradication. Rotary International established the World Polio Day over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis.

Rotary is an international community that brings together leaders who step up to take on the world's toughest challenges, locally and globally. The eradication of polio is one of our longest standing and most significant efforts. Along with our partners, we have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. We have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide and we won't stop until we end the disease for good.

Thanks to the Chairman of the National Polio Committee PDG Ishtiaque Zaman to arrange for the publication of today's special supplement.



Message from DGE Abu Faiz Khan Chowdhury, RID-3282
World Polio Day was established by Rotary International on 24th October to celebrate the birth of Jonas Salk, who developed a vaccine against poliomyelitis. World Polio Day is a time for Rotarians and Rotaractors across the globe to raise awareness about our work to eradicate polio for good.

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সারা বিশ্বে পোলিও নির্মূলে রোটারিয়ানদের স্বীকৃতি অর্জন করেছে। বাংলাদেশ পোলিও নির্মূলে অনেক দেশের চেয়ে এগিয়ে আছে। ২০০৮ সালে বাংলাদেশ পোলিও মুক্ত হয়েছে কিন্তু পার্শ্ববর্তী দেশ যমেন পাকিস্তান ও আফগানিস্তান এখনও পোলিও বাক্য আমাদের শত্রুমুক্ত নয়।

টিকাদান কর্মসূচিতে বাংলাদেশ অনেক অগ্রগতি লাভ করেছে। বাংলাদেশের প্রায় প্রতিটি শিশু টিকাদান কর্মসূচির অওকায় এসেছে, যা ফল শিশু ও মাতৃমৃত্যু হার অনেক কমেছে।

এই মুহুর্তে টিকাদান কর্মসূচি বিশেষ গুরুত্ব বহন করে কারণ বিশ্বব্যাপী কোভিড-১৯ মহামারী আকার ধারণ করেছে যা ফলে বিশ্বব্যাপী বহু প্রাণহানী ঘটিয়েছে। টিকাদান কর্মসূচি অব্যাহত না থাকলে করোনা ভাইরাসের প্রাদুর্ভাব আরও ছড়িয়ে পড়বে। আমি আশা করি, কোভিড-১৯ এর জটিল পরে হলে রোটারি ক্লাবগুলো জার্সিন প্রদানে সম্পৃক্ত হবে।

রোটারি ইন্টারন্যাশনাল কর্তৃক ড. ইশতিয়াক জামান বাংলাদেশের পোলিও টাইফসের কমিটি চেয়ারম্যান নির্বাচিত হওয়ার তীক্ষ্ণ অভিনন্দন জানাচ্ছি। তাঁর খলিত নেতৃত্বে দেশে রোটারি পোলিও আন্দোলন আরও এগিয়ে যাবে- এ আমার প্রত্যাশা।

আমি 'জাতীয় টিকা দিবস-২০২০' এর সার্বিক সাফল্য কামনা করছি।
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Dear PDG Ishtiaque, Rotarians around the world are engaged in varied and effective activities to address poverty, health, education, importantly aimed at promoting sustainable development initiatives at the grassroots level.

On the occasion of World Polio Day, I urge all the Rotarians around the world, including those in Bangladesh, to continue to work hard to present everyone a polio free world.

I wish everyone a great Rotary journey.
Shekhar Mehta
President Rotary International 2021-22

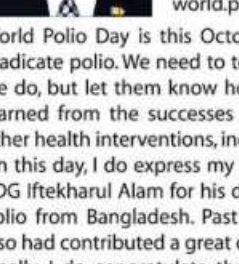


Message from the Past Chairman of TRF
Dear PDG Ishtiaque I am very pleased to send you my greetings for the Rotary year 2020-21 as you take up the responsibility of undertaking a number of Rotary tasks for the year and beyond.

In such a context, I am happy to note that you have been made the Chairman of Bangladesh's National PolioPlus Committee by The Rotary Foundation from July 2020. I wish you well in your duties as the Chairman of National PolioPlus programme in Bangladesh.

You have shown over the years your exemplary leadership in Rotary. I am sure you will do well in your many roles as a Rotary leader from Bangladesh. On the occasion of World Polio Day, I extend my good wishes to all the Rotarians in Bangladesh.

Gary C.K. Huang, Past RI President



Message from DG Md Rubayet Hossain, RID-3281
It is an immense pride and honor for Rotary and Rotarians in Bangladesh to observe "World Polio Day" with great enthusiasm.

World Polio Day is this October 24 and Rotary is once again gearing up to help eradicate polio. We need to tell the world and our local communities not only what we do, but let them know how they can be involved.

Finally, I do congratulate the current chair of National PolioPlus Committee, PDG Ishtiaque A Zaman and his team and hope, they will be able to carry forward all activities related to polio in Bangladesh more efficiently than ever.

Let's continue working for the community and spread around that Rotary Opens Opportunities. I wish every success of the observance of World Polio Day 2020.

Rotary's people of action have used their passion, intelligence and energy to improve lives through service. We wish NO child should have to suffer from a vaccine preventable disease.

A Polio free world is possible, but we can achieve it by taking action together. We remain committed to the END. I wish this program a huge success.

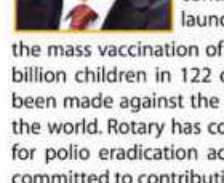


Messege from DGE Barrister Mutasim Billah Faruqui, RID-3281
The polio story is an extraordinary tale of dedication and effort. This is the largest joint endeavor in peacetime, and one of the most successful public health campaigns in history.

In Bangladesh, Rotarians gave millions of volunteer hours in immunizing the children on all NID's. The country received about taka 1250 million in the form of polio vaccines and other logistics support from The Rotary Foundation of RI. Despite being a polio-free country since 2006, the Great News came on 27 March 2014, The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) congratulated Bangladesh along with the 11 countries in the South-East Asia Region of the World Health Organization (WHO) on being certified polio-free, a historic milestone in the worldwide effort to end polio and realize the broad benefits eradication will bring.

Let me remind a call from our PRI John Germ: "As fear of polio wanes, so does awareness of the disease. It's our responsibility to keep that awareness high and keep polio eradication at the top of public and government agendas. We must finish the job and End Polio Now, through Rotary Serving Humanity."

Let's together make a smiling world by opening opportunities with our works and words through Rotary.



Messege from DGN Engr. M. A. Wahab, RID-3281
I am happy to know that Rotary Bangladesh National PolioPlus Committee, led by committee Chairman Ishtiaque Zaman, PhD has taken several initiatives to observe World Polio Day.

World Polio Day is a time for Rotarians all over the world to celebrate what we have accomplished and to raise awareness about our continuing efforts to eradicate polio for good.