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[Corporate partnership provides clean water to prevent disease](#)

Safe drinking water is desperately needed in parts of Pakistan, especially where the risk of polio outbreaks remains high. Improper sanitation and lack of potable water can lead to these outbreaks. Through a partnership with the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee, Coca-Cola Beverages provided funding for a reverse-osmosis [water filtration plant](#) in Malir Town in Karachi, Sindh, which has reduced the incidence of waterborne diseases in the past year by more than 75 percent.

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Sailing around the world to raise support

Seung Jin Kim set out from Korea in mid-October on a 25,600-mile ocean journey around the world. A veteran sailor and Rotary member, Kim is fulfilling a lifelong dream and using the [trip](#) to raise awareness and funds -- his goal is at least \$200,000 -- to help end polio.



Sustaining a polio-free India, targeting other diseases

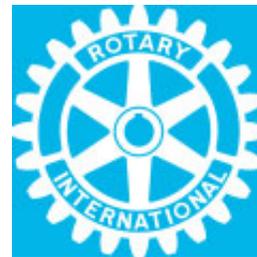
Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have committed to strengthening routine immunization levels in India to ensure that children are protected against polio and other life-threatening, vaccine-preventable diseases such as diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, tuberculosis, measles, and hepatitis B. The Indian government is aiming to achieve [full immunization](#) by 2020.



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Pakistan Railway creates first permanent immunization site

The Rotary Club of Karachi Garden, Sindh, Pakistan, joined with the local government to establish the first permanent polio immunization site along the Pakistan Railway. Located at the Karachi Cantonment Station, the site is used to vaccinate children who would otherwise be missed during National and Subnational Immunization Days.

Activities roundup

The [Rotary Club of Independence](#), Missouri, USA, raised \$80,000 from its Carnival-themed event.

Rotary clubs in Bristol, England, collected about \$25,000 in coins donated by the public. Rotary members also laid packaged strips of the coins end to end at a shopping mall, covering more than a mile of floor, to help raise awareness of polio.

The Rotary Club of Hörby, Sweden, sponsored a concert that netted nearly \$12,000.

Find more at endpolio.org

[Advocate for a polio-free world](#)

Learn about the [polio endgame plan](#)

Resources & reference

Find out how the [End Polio Now -- Make History Today](#) fundraising campaign sponsored by Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation makes contributions work three times as hard.

Read [A Rotarian's Guide to the Race to End Polio](#).

Read a [Time.com op-ed](#) by polio survivor and Ironman competitor Minda Dentler that urges parents to immunize their children and cites Rotary's role in eradicating polio.

[Share your story](#) for an opportunity to be featured on the End Polio Now website.

End Polio Now is a bimonthly source of news, information, and resources for Rotary members who support the global effort to eradicate polio.

Send questions and story ideas to PolioPlus@rotary.org.



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