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July 2014 | Take action to End Polio Now



[Eighty percent of the world polio free, two of three strains eradicated](#)

If progress is measured in numbers, Rotary has entered rarified air in the fight against polio. Eighty percent of the world is now certified polio free, and only one strain continues to circulate today, according to [Dr. Bruce Aylward](#), who leads the World Health Organization's polio eradication program.

GIVE NOW

Australian prime minister pledges \$100 million

Funding will be spread over five years.

The commitment [boosts support](#) for eradication efforts in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria, where wild poliovirus transmission has never been stopped, and countries in the Horn of Africa and the Middle East that have experienced recent outbreaks.



Sir Emeka Offor announces \$1 million gift

Nigerian business leader and philanthropist [Sir Emeka Offor](#) announced a \$1 million gift to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication efforts at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney. A member of the Rotary Club of Awka G.R.A. and Rotary's PolioPlus ambassador in Nigeria, he has contributed \$2.25 million to PolioPlus.



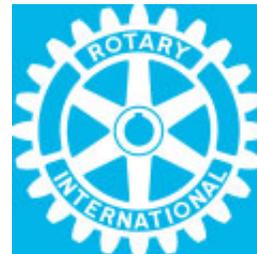
SÃO PAULO CONVENTION DATES CHANGED

The 2015 Rotary Convention will run Saturday, 6 June, through Tuesday, 9 June – starting and ending one day earlier than originally scheduled.

[Learn more about this change](#)

[Check riconvention.org for updates, registration & housing details](#)

[Find information about HOC events](#)



ORGANIZE A ROTARY DAY

Hold a fun, informal event in your community and introduce the public to your club and Rotary. It just might inspire someone to join!

[Learn more about Rotary Days](#)

[See a calendar of Rotary Days events worldwide](#)

[Enter the Rotary Days video contest](#)

Activities Roundup

Rotary issued \$43.6 million [in grants](#) to fight polio in Africa, Asia and Middle East.

A [bicycle rally](#) organized by Rotary members in Germany netted more than \$1 million.

On the eve of the Rotary International Convention, 340 participants from around the world raised \$102,300 through the [Sydney Harbour Bridge climb](#).

Rotary members in Australia raised almost AU\$70,000 through Polio Movie Night, which featured *The Monuments Men*.

Rotary members in [District 5170](#) (California, USA) raised more than \$20,500 through sales of Mother's Day cards with a PoliPlus Theme.

More than 100,000 people from 171 countries joined the [World's Biggest Commercial](#) which recently received Guinness World Records recognition as the largest photo awareness campaign.

Find more at endpolionow.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](#).

Check out [global media coverage](#) of polio eradication, including Rotary's role.

[Share your story](#) for an opportunity to be featured on endpolionow.org.

End Polio Now is a monthly 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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