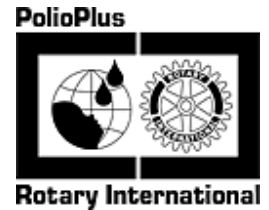


## “END POLIO NOW”



### “The Rotary \$200 million Challenge”

Rotary International has agreed to match \$200,000,000 of the Gates Foundation award to Rotary International of \$355,000,000 by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2012.



The **Eradication of Polio** remains Rotary International’s number one priority.

**Donations:** So far **£136,032.19** has been received. My thanks go to the 54 clubs who have contributed £109,329.74 so far. The rest has come from District 1220 DDF, through donations, sale of badges etc and totals £26,702.45. In dollar terms we have raised around US\$205,000 and our target by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 is US\$320,000.

**Congratulations:** So far just over \$134 million has been raised worldwide by Rotary towards Rotary International’s \$200 million Challenge. **Rotary at work and at its best!** This District is in the top five of contributing Districts in RIBI.

**Please keep up the hard work and we will achieve the challenge by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2012**

### THE STATE OF PLAY re POLIO CASES

1. By **29<sup>th</sup> June 2010** there had been **64 cases** in the four endemic countries. Pakistan 27 cases, India 22 cases, Afghanistan 12 cases and Nigeria 3 cases. This compares to Pakistan 20 cases, India 89 cases, Afghanistan 10 cases and Nigeria 321 cases by June 29<sup>th</sup> 2009.
2. In non endemic countries there have been **392 cases** by 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 compared to 160 cases in 2009. 334 of these cases are due to an epidemic in Tajikistan which was due to polio virus coming from northern India.
3. Four intensive rounds of immunisation have taken place in Tajikistan and surrounding countries.
4. The size of the outbreak means that Tajikistan accounts for more than 70% of all polio cases in the world this year. The Tajikistan experience reaffirms the imperative of completing polio eradication: until polio is eradicated, any country is at risk of an importation, and high population immunity is the only protection against a large outbreak.

### THE DISTRICT CHALLENGE:

#### The Exchange Rate!

This is variable at the moment and it is hard to know where it will settle. The committee believes that from the start of the campaign in 2008 we need the equivalent of **£100 per Rotarian by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012**. **This will then achieve the District’s contribution towards the \$200 million Challenge Appeal.**

### Further information:

Information can be found on several web sites:

RI: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) several areas to look at under Rotary Foundation

WHO [www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org) an excellent site for up to date figures

RIBI [www.ribi.org](http://www.ribi.org) look under Rotary Foundation

“Thanks for Life” [www.ribi.org/thanks-for-life](http://www.ribi.org/thanks-for-life)

**Dr. William Foege**, of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation said recently:

**“The future will not look back and thank us for starting the polio eradication program. It will thank us for ending it.”**

With your help Rotary will keep its promise of a polio free world and **Make Dreams Real** for the children of the world. **Thank you again for your efforts and support.**

Keith Hammond, 06. 07.2010