

**END POLIO NOW**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**



**Q. What is the approximate dollar amount spent on the global polio eradication effort each year?**

**A.** In 2008 and 2009, about US\$700 million per year is needed in donor contributions to fund the final eradication phase. This level of expense is expected to decrease as wild polio virus transmission is interrupted in the four remaining polio endemic countries and outbreaks in previously polio free countries are reduced in number. By the time that transmission is interrupted in all countries, Rotary will have contributed over US\$1 billion to a program which is expected to total approximately US\$10 billion in donor funds.

**Q. How is the budget for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative prepared?**

**A.** The budget for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is prepared by the WHO and UNICEF in consultation with their country offices and ministries of health. It is reviewed and revised semi-annually to reflect changing epidemiology as well as new contributions and financial commitments made by donors to the program, including donor countries. As one of the spearheading partners for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary is advised about the process but does not play an active role in developing the budget. Information about the global polio eradication budget is available to the public on the website [www.polioeradication.org/fundingbackground.asp#FRR](http://www.polioeradication.org/fundingbackground.asp#FRR) .

**Q. What part does Rotary pay for and how?**

**A.** Rotary International's contribution to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988 accounts for nearly 12% of all contributions to the Global budget and represents approximately 66% of private sector contributions to the Initiative. In addition, Rotary plays a leading role in soliciting financial support from donor nation governments, an effort which since 1988 has achieved more than US\$6 billion in contributions.

**Q. What do these funds pay for?**

**A.** In the initial stages of PolioPlus, Rotary paid for oral polio vaccine and supported start-up costs for Rotarians' social mobilization efforts in endemic countries. Since the mid 1990s Rotary has conferred continuously with its spearheading partners (WHO, UNICEF, and CDC) to determine how to deploy PolioPlus funds to achieve the greatest impact on global program needs. Currently, Rotary is funding needs in the following areas: salaries for technical advisers, surveillance, social mobilization, and stipends for the millions of volunteers who conduct NIDs and perform house-to-house follow up visits.

**Q. Is this the last time we are going to ask Rotarians for money?**

**A.** Hopefully, yes; however, global polio eradication is our organization's #1 priority. Rotary has given its word to achieve the goal of polio eradication and that goal has not yet been achieved.