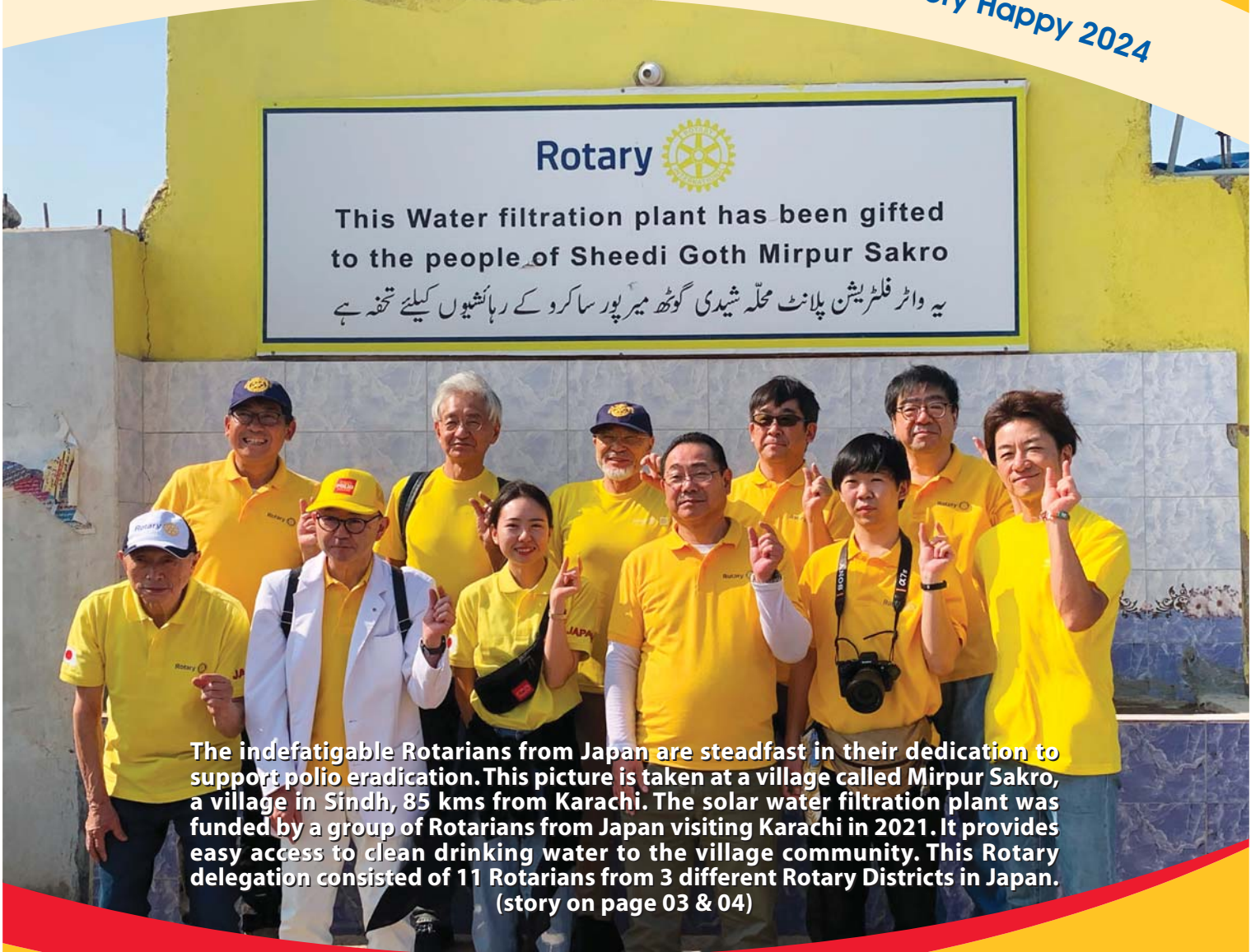


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The indefatigable Rotarians from Japan are steadfast in their dedication to support polio eradication. This picture is taken at a village called Mirpur Sakro, a village in Sindh, 85 kms from Karachi. The solar water filtration plant was funded by a group of Rotarians from Japan visiting Karachi in 2021. It provides easy access to clean drinking water to the village community. This Rotary delegation consisted of 11 Rotarians from 3 different Rotary Districts in Japan. (story on page 03 & 04)





Dear Rotary Leaders,

A time for reflection as we herald the New Year and a time for renewed hope and endeavor by embracing change. New strategies to encounter new challenges, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in collaboration with the provincial and federal government create a teamwork spirit to overcome challenges and create new opportunities that have been inaccessible in the past. The positive Environmental Samples are a cause for concern, knowing that the polio virus transmission has spread across the country; from South KP to Quetta, Lahore and Karachi. The genetic sequencing of all the WPV1 reported in Pakistan stems from Afghanistan's Eastern region Nangahar. The outbreak began in the Nangahar province last year and is difficult to control with poor immunity in older age children.

The GPEI partners have started expanding polio campaigns to reach children under the age of 10, instead of the age of 5 in Afghanistan. The All Age Vaccination (AAV) is implemented at all the cross border transit points. We are hopeful that these strategies can restrict the virus since it is mainly in circulation from one province. The major challenge is in the southern region - where the authorities do not allow polio vaccinators to go house to house with the vaccine to reach all children - that's the gold standard that has worked everywhere else in the world. Instead, children have to be brought to a mosque or some other fixed site. It is estimated that about 300,000 children are missed as a result. Unless we fix this problem, it will be tough to stop polio in Afghanistan. GPEI partners are advocating so strongly with the administration to allow house to house in the southern region.

In the face of these challenges, Pakistan and Afghanistan have enhanced cooperation and synchronized schedules of their immunization campaigns and agreed they would continue sharing information and take steps to effectively tackle poliovirus transmission.

This initiative by GPEI partners and Polio Oversight Board (POB) anticipate restricting the Poliovirus by next year to achieve our goal to eradicate polio.

Rotary's mission to get rid the world of Poliovirus is our key priority. The commitment by every stakeholder must be sustained just as we have worked with the same zest and zeal in the past. Our goal is to stop the circulation of positive Environmental Samples across Pakistan. This effort must be unwavering, steadfast and firm, since it is difficult to reach all children due to a combination of insecurity, fear and intimidation, and boycotts in South KP.

But we are hopeful albeit the challenges that continue to face us from time to time. The effort must not go in vain, as we bring in the New Year. The **"One Team"** approach has enabled us to make significant strides in eradicating the polio virus across the world.

We will eradicate polio and that is Rotary's promise to the children of the world, and the future generation. Wishing you all a Very Happy New Year

Aziz Memon  
Trustee, The Rotary Foundation  
Member, International Polio Plus Committee  
National Chair, Pakistan PolioPlus Committee

# Rotary delegation from Japan visit Karachi from Dec 2-5, 2023

Report by: Alina A. Visram / Asher Ali - PNPPC

The unwavering encouragement from Japanese Rotarians visiting Pakistan was initiated in 2021. Their consistency in coming to Karachi, in medium to large groups from various Rotary Districts in Japan, started with their Team Lead Yuji Nagata of Rotary Club West Jordan RI District 5420 who first arrived in Karachi post Covid-19 days to participate in the NIDs. Their sole purpose is to support polio eradication in Pakistan. The delegation comprising of 11 Rotarians made a trip from December 02-05, 2023. The Team Lead Yuji Nagata had initially visited Karachi in November, to make arrangements for places to visit in Karachi's 7 high risk districts during their arrival.

S.No	Name of Rotarians	Rotary Club	District
1.	Moriuchi Tadayoshi	Rotary Club of Aomori Morning	2830
2.	Dobashi Nobuyuki	Rotary Club of Aomori Morning	2830
3.	Sakai Tetsuhiro	Rotary Club of Amori Morning	2830
4.	Sato Nanako	Rotary Club of Amori Morning	2830
5.	Narita Shuji	Rotary Club of Goshowara-Evening	2830
6.	Kobayashi Mikio	Rotary Club of Hachinohe	2830
7.	Kobayashi Naoki	Rotary Club of Hachinohe	2830
8.	Matsuyama Eiichi	Rotary Club of Aomori Morning	2830
9.	Ito Kosei	Rotary Club of Amori Morning	2830
10.	Nagata Yuji	Rotary Club of West Jordan	5420
11.	Narita Shunsuke	Rotary Club of Herosaki West	5420

In the evening Trustee Aziz Memon hosted a dinner at Sakura (Japanese restaurant). VC Prof Dr. Farhan Essa also attended the dinner, as did Asher Ali and Alina Visram from PNPPC. The Rotarians thanked the Trustee for his support to facilitate their visit to Pakistan.

The purpose of their visit was to:

1. Participate in November/December NIDs 2023
2. Physical verification and function of one solar water filtration plant funded by Rotary Club of Osaka-Japan at Mirpursakro Sindh
3. Visit of polio high risk areas to fund additional filtration plants

## Day 1 - Dec 03 (Sunday)

The delegation visited a solar water filtration plant at Mirpur Sakro, a town located 85 km from Karachi, in Sindh Province.

The plant was installed with the financial assistance of Japanese Rotarians in 2021. They assessed the maintenance of the plant and physically verified the solar system installed on the roof of the building.

They also toured several villages in the neighboring town, to see the water distribution system. The delegation showed interest in working on a "lift water" system from a pond and supply to homes in the small village.

On their return from Mirpur Sakro in the evening, they visited the Cantt Railway Station of Karachi to observe polio vaccination to transit children at the station. The Rotarians also administered polio vaccination inside the trains going up-country.



At dinner hosted by Trustee Aziz Memon

## Day 2 - Dec 04 (Monday)

A visit to the coastal slums of Karachi was planned in District East. A Team Support Center in Landhi was visited, where polio workers were in training. Thereafter, the delegation visited house-to-house campaign in a village called Ibrahim Hyderi. Each Rotarian was accompanied by a polio vaccinator to enable them to administer OPV to children.



At Team support Center Landhi



At Railway station



Rtn Dr. Sakai Tetsuhiro administering OPV to a child in Ibrahim Hyderi



Coats distribution to plio workers at Site Town

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After a quick lunch, the Permanent Transit Post (PTP) at Super Highway was the next stop, where Rotarians had an opportunity to observe vaccination inside buses that are stopped for polio vaccination before entering Karachi city. They were briefed by the PTP supervisor about the vaccination of transit children. He said an average 3000 children get vaccination every day. A few of the Rotarians also climbed inside the buses to administer polio vaccine to the children.

### Day 3 - Dec 05 (Tuesday)

The day began with a visit to Rotary Team Support Center in UC 9, SITE town, where the delegation met with polio workers assembled to go out in the field on a catch-up round.

The Rotarians brought white lab coats from Japan for polio workers. They distributed 50 coats among them and appreciated their role in polio eradication. Rotary Team support Center at Ittehad town was also visited where the Rotarians saw the Polio partners working in collaboration under one roof to provide basic health facilities and vaccination to all children. They also participated in the house to house vaccination in Ittehad Town.

In view of the recent onset of two polio cases from Machar Colony Gadap UC 4, the delegation visited the homes of

polio victims and met with their parents. They also participated in a door2door polio drive in the area.

At the end of the last day, they with reps from WHO, managed to visit a dwelling with nomadic population in Gadap UC 4 area. They went inside their huts and administered polio drops. This was a real eye opener for the Rotarians as they witnessed acute poverty and how the poorest of the poor eke out a living. They were pained with what they saw, and pledged their willingness to do some good for them.



Rtn Nanako Sato giving OPV to a child in Gadap UC4

At the end of the visit, a dinner was hosted by the delegation. All Rotarians gave their feedback and appreciated the role of Rotary in high risk areas of Karachi. Asher Ali accompanied the delegation to the airport to see them off.

## Polio workers appreciation ceremony

Report by: Asher Ali - Project Manager, PNPPC

Rotary Club of Educational Development (RI District 3271) arranged an event to honor the dedication and commitment of polio workers from every district of Karachi on 13th December 2023 at Royal Mehfoze Banquet, FB Area Karachi. The ceremony was to boost polio workers' morale and recognize their key role in polio eradication.

RI Director Faiz Kidwai, Trustee Aziz Memon and District Governor (3271) Hanif Khan were the guests of honor. Some 140 polio supervisors and workers from all seven districts of Karachi participated.

President Saad Bin Aziz welcomed the distinguished guests and Charter President Syed Tariq Shah opened the session lauding the dedication and commitment of polio workers.

DG Hanif Khan spoke on the role of Rotarians and their support during campaigns. He said Rotary will stand steadfast until polio is eradicated from the country.

Trustee Aziz Memon said the PolioPlus program is providing facilitation to polio teams working in the house-to-house campaign and at transit posts where Rotary has established shelters. In addition solar water filtration plants in polio high risk areas are installed to provide more credibility to the polio program. DG Hanif Khan and Trustee distributed awards to the polio supervisors of seven districts of Karachi.

President Saad Bin Aziz thanked RI Director Faiz Kidwai, DG Hanif Khan and Trustee Aziz Memon for their participation and a memento was awarded to Trustee Aziz Memon at the end.



RI Director M. Faiz Kidwai

District Governor Hanif Khan

Rotarians at award to recognize polio workers by RC ED

Audience at the recognition ceremony

# Sindh Provincial Task Force meeting on Polio Eradication in Karachi

Report by: Alina A. Visram / Jazmine Vania - PNPPC

The Provincial Task Force Meeting for Polio Eradication was called at a short notice due to the two recent polio cases from Karachi. The meeting was held on November, 23rd, 2023, at 11 am which was presided by the Sindh Chief Secretary Fakhre Alam. Secretary Health Sindh Iftikhar Shalwani extended the welcome address, followed by a comprehensive update on the current status of the Polio Eradication Initiative (EPI) Sindh by Dr. Irshad Sodhar - EOC Coordinator, Sindh, in the form of a presentation (presentation attached).

Commissioner Karachi was present in person, while the Commissioners from Hyderabad, Larkana, Sukkur, Mirpurkhas, and Shaheed Benzarabad provided valuable remarks during the meeting via video conferencing. The law enforcement representatives, IG/AIG Police, pledged their full support towards our mission, ensuring security in our endeavour to eliminate polio in Pakistan.

Expressing concern over the two recent Karachi cases Dr. Shahzad Baig, NEOC Coordinator, highlighted the urgency of addressing challenges in the polio program. Further insights were shared by Dr. Rana Safdar, Advisor CDC, Dr. Altaf Bosan, National TFP - BMGF, and Dr. Erin Stuckey, Senior Program Officer, BMGF outlining the way forward for the polio program.

TRF Trustee Aziz Memon highlighted the critical importance of addressing emerging environmental samples across the country. He also emphasized that The Rotary Foundation have expressed grave concern as they are donors and have conveyed the need for immediate attention and coordinated efforts. The call to action for all stakeholders involved in the polio eradication initiative is very important.

He continued by saying that 3 consecutive NIDs are planned in the next subsequent months; the first of which will begin on 27th of November 2023. The frontline workers will be fatigued during this exercise but this is critical to our program, as it was felt that three good rounds will ensure no child remains unvaccinated. We are waiting for the final report by NEOC related to the last two cases from Karachi.

A review of the cold chain was also highlighted since both children from Karachi had received multiple doses of OPV during campaign rounds; however, it was seen that the immunity of these children was low.

The closing remarks were given by CS Sindh, he thanked the polio partners for their time and commitment. The meeting was concluded with a pledge to intensify efforts and collaboration.



Meeting with CS at the Sindh Secretariat on Nov 23rd

Chief Secretary Fakhre Alam Chair of the PTF meeting

Sindh Task Force meeting in progress chaired by CS

Chief Secretary addressing Polio partners at the PTF meeting

## Meeting of National Polio Management Team in Ramada Hotel, Murree

Report by: Asher Ali - Project Manager, PNPPC

A meeting of the National Polio Management Team was held from 18 - 20 December 2023 at the Ramada Hotel in Murree. All EOC Coordinators, their teams, including NEOC & Team Leads WHO, UNICEF, BMGF and Rotary attended. PP Noshawan Khalil and Asher Ali represented Rotary.



PEI & NEOC

GPEI partners in Murree

## Polio advocacy by RC Mirpurkhas Mango City

Report by: President Ghazanfar Ali Khan - RC Mirpurkhas Mango City

RCM MC participated in the polio campaign with Polio frontline workers and distributed social mobilization to school children to create advocacy.



President of Mango city giving OPV to a student

RCM Mango city advocacy in school

# Meeting with Polio partners at EOC Sindh on 14th November

Report by: Jazmine Vania - Communications, PNPPC

A meeting at EOC Sindh was held on Tuesday, 14th November 2023 to review the current WPV1 cases in Karachi.

It was Chaired by the EOC Sindh Coordinator Irshad Sodhar and attended by TRF Trustee Aziz Memon, VC Dr. Farhan Essa, Dr. Ahmed Ali Sheikh, TFP EOC Sindh along with polio partners.

The purpose of the meeting was to address the increase in polio environment samples and WPV1 polio case in Karachi, particularly reported from UC Gujro (Zone-A), Gadap Town, District East, Karachi. The discussion was for immediate attention and coordinated efforts.

WHO made a presentation (attached) and TRF Trustee Aziz Memon emphasized heightened vigilance in the ongoing battle against polio. He stressed the need to ensure that every child receives vaccination, highlighting

the collective responsibility that falls upon us as a team. He said both cases are from the same area and same street. Government doctors attending to both families are the same. Both families are working as garbage collectors. In both cases history OPV/IPV were given. These similarly are part of concern and need further investigation.

Dr. Farhan Essa mentioned aspects that demand special attention. He highlighted the importance of ensuring the authenticity of finger marking, a pivotal tool in tracking vaccinated children. He pointed out that both households were located close to each other.

Dr. Essa stressed that we need to be vigilant in these areas and highlighted the need for surveillance, monitoring, and vaccination campaigns in such close-knit communities. He also urged polio partners to work cohesively in addressing these challenges.



Meeting at EOC Sindh with Polio partners

Trustee Aziz Memon speaking at the EOC Sindh meeting

In discussion on Polio cases in Karachi

# Rotary delegation meets Chief Secretary Balochistan on Dec 13th 2023

Report by: Zonal Coordinator Balochistan Rtn Saleem Raza

A meeting was initiated by Zonal Coordinator Balochistan Saleem Raza to meet with the Chief Secretary Balochistan, the Honorable Wali Muhammed Kakar. The Rotary delegation consisted of Pres. Shabir Ahmed, PE Zeeshan Nabi Buksh and General Secretary Sheheryar, all from RC Quetta Cosmopolitan. The Balochistan Chief Secretary who is also the acting Governor appreciated the role and thanked Rotary for the support to polio eradication efforts in Pakistan. He also suggested keeping contact with Imams of mosques during NIDs in dissemination of information about the importance of polio vaccine to the people.



(R to L) Zonal Coordinator Balochistan and Pres RC Turbat

In another meeting the Zonal Coordinator met with Dr. Saleem Baloch President RC Turbat / member PNPPC on Nov 20th to discuss 1. participation in NIDs, 2. social mobilization material required by EOC Balochistan and 3. Financial assistance for health camps was a point of concern as the amount was thought to be quite insufficient.

# Rotaractors from Khairpur organized a cricket tournament with 8 teams

Report by: Charter President Ashfaque Ahmed Shaikh - Rotaract Club of Khairpur Dominators

A super-8 inter Polio Free Pakistan cricket tournament was held by RCK Dominators with 88 players participating from different Taluka villages.



RC Khairpur Dominators

# District Commissioner Multan and Rotary join hands on World Polio Day

Report by: PAG Muhammad Haneef - Rotary Club of Multan Chenab, member PNPPC

The events kicked off on October 23rd with a WPD seminar to recognize frontline workers. The seminar was chaired by Cap (R) Rizwan Qadeer DC Multan and the event was held at the Government Civil Line College Katchery Road Multan. Over 230 participants included all UCMOs, Lady Supervisors, Vaccinators, LHVs and Health Department officials. Shields, certificates and lunch boxes were distributed after the seminar. Post seminar, a walk was arranged by Rotary Club Multan Chenab in collaboration with District Health Authority. A District Polio Eradication Committee (DPEC) meeting was held at the DCs committee room on November 11th to discuss the strategies related to the upcoming NIDs. It was chaired Ms. Iram Shehzadi, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) and attended by PAG Muhammad Haneef, Dr Faisal Raza Qaisrani, (CEO) DHA Multan, Dr Syed Zeeshan Haider Gardazi DHO (PS) DHA, Rtn. Muhammad Haneef, Dr Arshad Abbas DHO (HRM & MIS), DHA Dr Liaqat Ansari District Coordinator (IRMNCH & NP) DHA, Dr Abid Hussain (Area Coordinator) WHO Asim Bhutta (DHC SO) UNICEF and allied polio partners. On November 27th PAG Muhammad Haneef attended the inauguration ceremony of the Nov NIDs at Govt. Shahbaz Sharif Hospital in Multan. The Chief Guest at the inauguration was District Commissioner Multan Cap (R) Rizwan Qadeer.



Multan seminar banner on WPD seminar



DPEC meeting in Multan



Inauguration of NIDs in Multan



DC Multan Cap (R) Rizwan Qadeer giving OPV to a child



Recognition ceremony on WPD Multan



WPD walk arranged by RC Multan Chenab on WPD

# Celebrating birth anniversary of Late PDG SA Khan in Mirpurkhas

Report by: PP Jawaid Babar - Rotary Club Mirpurkhas

Rotary & Rotaract Club Mirpurkhas arranged an event on the eve of WPD to honor the birth anniversary of (late) PDG SA Khan and 72 years of RC Mirpurkhas - one of the oldest clubs in Pakistan. Speakers included Sindh Zonal Coordinator PP Masood Bhalli and Chief Guest Mr. Javed Jabbar - Former Federal Information Minister. Participants included President Waleed Ahmed Khan RCM, Deputy Governor Abdul Rauf Arain, AG Prem Kumar, PP Dr Naseer Ahmed, RAC President Junaid Meher & Rtn. Ramesh Kumar, Chairman Program Committee and PP Jawaid Babar responsible for organizing the event. A speaking book was handed to the Chief Guest with polio mobilizing items.



Rotarians with Javed Jabbar in Mirpurkhas

# Football match on World Polio Day in Sukkur

Report by: PP Muhammad Sarwar Bhatti - RC Sukkur, member PNPPC

Rotary Club Sukkur organized a football match on World Polio Day, October 24, 2023, to raise awareness for the eradication of polio. The event took place at the Football Ground Sports Complex Sukkur and Chief Guest Mr. Sami Uddin Siddiqi, Commissioner Sukkur. The President and members of the Rotary Club Sukkur, as well as a large number of people from civil society, also participated in the match.



Rotarians of Sukkur at the Football match



Footballers in Sukkur



WPD celebration in Sukkur

# RC Peshawar South marks WPD by organizing several events & activities

Report by: CDG Rauf Rohaila - Zonal Coordinator KPK / President Syed Mohammad Raees Zaidi - RC Peshawar South

Events and activities commenced from 22nd to 25th October, 2023. These included:

1. Free medical camp in the Kakshal area of Peshawar City served over 600 people and included polio vaccinations.

2. Polio awareness banner hosting at the facade of Qilla Balahisar: The banner was displayed for four days and reached thousands of people in Peshawar.

3. Bike rally by 50 bikers from Moulvi Jee Hospital to Nishtar Hall.

4. Polio field workers recognition ceremony at Nishtar Hall Peshawar: The ceremony honored polio field workers for their dedication and hard work in eradicating polio from Pakistan.

5. Polio awareness seminar at Rehman Medical University Auditorium Peshawar: The seminar was attended by over 100 people, which included health professionals, government officials, and community members. In addition, residents of Peshawar City, health professionals, Government officials and community members



WPD seminar in Rehman Medical University Auditorium Peshawar

Bike rally in Peshawar on WPD

Impact: Every activity planned by RC Peshawar South for World Polio Day had a significant impact in raising awareness on polio and supporting the End Polio Now campaign. During the consultative meeting, it was decided to provide free health facilities and to cover up refusal cases in the targeted SMT places, a free health camp was held by the Pakistan Rotary Polioplus committee with the Collaboration of ERU and DHO, Peshawar at Ganj Peshawar. Dr. Naveed Khursheed of ERU personally supervised and attended the camp. Eminent Senior doctors and others examined 400 male, female and children and free medicines were provided by Rotary. Chief Coordinator Rotary Polioplus Committee KP CDG Abdul Rauf Rohaila remained associated. At the conclusion of camp, polio awareness materials and appreciation certificates were distributed by CDG Rauf Rohaila. Innerwheel Club Peshawar members with President Dr. Roshan Kaleem also actively participated.



Recognition ceremony of polio field workers in Peshawar

Recognition of frontline workers in Nishtar Hall Peshawar

Health camp in Peshawar

Health camp in Peshawar

# RCK New Central continue to create advocacy on polio in schools

Report by: Dr. Arjumand Rabbani - General Secretary, Rotary Club Karachi New Central, Co-chair Dist Polio sub committee

Polio advocacy in schools creates a special impact on students, young and old. Most of the students have heard the word Polio, but a vast majority have no idea what it does and how it is transmitted. The talk on Polio awareness by RCKNW not only enlightens young minds on the importance of two drops of polio vaccine, it also reinforces the message on why it is important for all children to be vaccinated under the age of five years. An awareness session was held by Dr Arjumand Rabbani on 22nd November at AF School located in Azam Basti. Students were engaged through a colorful presentation ensuring they absorb the information effectively. The active participation of 60 plus students and teachers in the awareness session and willingness to take the message forward was encouraging. Students and teachers were happy to receive colorful polio mobilization items.



Dr Arjumand Rabbani with students of Azam Basti

Students of Azam Basti school listening to the talk on polio



# RC Rahimyar Khan organizes program on WPD in local Govt middle school

Report by: Rtn. M. Mumtaz Baig - RC Rahimyar Khan, member PNPPC

In a local Government Middle School Chak No 111/P East, the members of RC Rahimyar Khan Rohi organized a Polio awareness program on WPD to convey a message to students and teachers, the importance of polio vaccine. The event was held in the school's main ground, where the head teacher Mr. Rana Shehbaz Ahmed along with members of RC Rahimyar Khan Rohi planted a tree in the school ground and named it End Polio Now tree. In another program members of the RYK Rohi members held an awareness session with Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sulaiman Tahir Vice Chancellor Khawaja Freed University of Engineering and Information Technology Rahimyar Khan (KFUEIT) and Jan Muhammad Warsi Club President, Kh. Irshad Ahmed Club Secretary, Rtn Mumtaz Baig member PNPPC and AG Sumaira Hafeez were present on the occasion.



WPD banner



Meeting with Vice Chancellor of the University in RYK



RC RYK with students on WPD

Head teacher & Rotarians planting a tree in the school grounds

# Health Hygiene and Polio awareness in Mirpurkhas Govt village school

Report by: AG Prem Kumar - RC Mirpurkhas - PDG SA Khan Region 28 of Mirpurkhas

AG Prem Kumar from RCM PDG SA Khan Region Zone 28 arranged an interactive awareness session at local government school briefing the school children on health & hygiene and Polio awareness. The talk covered the importance of hand washing, cleaning teeth and the need of two drops of



AG Prem Kumar distributing Polio mobilization items



Students of Mirpurkhas Govt School with Rotarians



Giving Polio tshirt to teachers of Govt school

oral polio vaccine for each child under the age of five years. Teachers and students were handed social mobilization items including toffees and face masks. This activity was to promote Rotary Public Image through Health & Hygiene and End Polio Now awareness in Govt villages side school.

# First Interactors Conference on disease and prevention treatment

Report by: President Dr. Jewat Sunder  
Rotary Club Khipro Sunder, Distt Sanghar, member PNPPC

An Interactors Conference on Polio and Disease Prevention was organized by President Dr. Jewat Sunder - Rotary Club Khipro Sunder to highlight RI President Gordon R. MacInlly's Presidential theme 'Create Hope in the World.'

The conference was primarily to engage the youth of the country to join Interact clubs and spread awareness on polio.



First Interactord conference in Khipro

RC Khipro Sunder Interactor conference

# Polio awareness in Mashal school in Mirpurkhas

Report by: ARC Furqan Ali Sheikh - Rotary Club Mirpurkhas Satellite Town

Rotary Club Mirpurkhas SatelliteTown held an awareness program on Polio at Mashal School in Mirpurkhas on 31st Oct 2023, where over 250 children between the age of 4 & 7 years, 10 teachers and the principal participated. The event also included the Additional Director Social Welfare Wajid Ali Memon, Assistant Director Social Welfare M Anwer & Chairman Haji Mohammad Ali, President Jabir Majeed & Club Secretary Farrukh Johri, Polio Chair Kareem Memon, ARC Furqan Ali Sheikh, President Greater Mirpurkhas Noman Khan, IPP Sami Khan, Rotaractor Matanat, Rtr Irshan Khan

gave awareness on the importance of two drops to eradicate polio from Pakistan. The children and teaching staff were given biscuits, chocolates and polio mobilization items by the President and members of RCM Satellite Town.



Happy children on receiving polio giveaways



Mashal school children in Mirpurkhas



Speakers at Mashal high school

# RC Mithi joined hands with Dist. Govt Tharparkar create advocacy on polio

Report by: PR Engr. Harish Soni - Rotary Club Mithi, Chair PPC 2023-24

Rotarians from RC Mithi inaugurated the November 24th NIDs at the Civil Hospital by distributing social mobilization material to LHWs, Dist Admn. Dist. Health Mgmt. and hospital administration. The ADC-1 Asif Ali Khaskheli, Dr Muhammad Baqar Yusuf Jatoy, Dr Abbas Ali Malah DSO (WHO Tharparkar), Mr Rajab Ali Dist. Mgr. PPHI, Dr. Irshad Ali Memon Civil Surgeon at Civil Hospital Mithi, Dr. Sajjan Rahimoon ADHO Tharparkar, Dr. Raja Shaad Focal Person DEOC Tharparkar inaugurated the NIDs by cutting the ribbon, and administering two drops of OPV to children and marked their fingers thereafter. A walk and talk session to benefit civil society orgs. Representatives, polio front line workers, vaccinators from RC Mithi, LHWs, Rotaractors, Dr. Bharat Kumar A Bhagwani, and Additional - Dist: Focal Person EPI, Rtms. Harish Soni and Dr. Lekhraj Darzi were all keen participants in the polio advocacy and walk event.



Rotary & Govt Health Dept Tharparkar inaugurating the NIDs



Asif Ali Khaskheli ADC-1 administering OPV to a child in Mithi



Walk by all concerned in Mithi on polio

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# Health camp in backward community of Islamabad by RCIM

Report by: PAG Tayyaba Gul - Rotary Club Islamabad Metropolitan (RCIM) / Club Polio Chair

On the 27th of October 2023, RCIM joined forces with the Directorate of Health Service of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to arrange a charitable endeavor in an impoverished community of Mera Abadi in Sector F-12, Islamabad.

The primary goals of this noble initiative were to extend medical aid to the most underserved segments and those that are unreached children during polio campaigns. The camp facilitated general check-ups to over 500 individuals, including 130 children, 220 women, and 50 men. Furthermore, 30 children received essential Polio drops, while 50 others were administered Routine Immunizations. The unwavering dedication of EPI technicians and CDA staff played a pivotal role in the success of the health camp.



Health Camp by RC Islamabad Metropolitan

Children given polio story books in Islamabad health camp

PAG Tayyaba Gul, who serves as the Club Polio Chair of RCIM and Secretary Shabir Malik played key roles, and extended their profound gratitude to Dr. Irshad, the Director of Health Services at CDA Islamabad, and Muhammad Kamran, the District Supervisor of Vaccination. The members also appreciated Mr. Hasnat, the focal person from UNICEF, the two female doctors, two vaccinators, and one Lady Health Visitor (LHV), whose contributions were invaluable. Rtn Tayyaba Gul conveyed special thanks on behalf of Club President Dr. Azra Yasmeen to Director Health Service of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) and his team for their wholehearted participation and contributions to the successful execution of the medical camp.

## Faisalabad Rotaractors organize WPD seminar and walk at the University campus

Report by: President Sadaf Batool - Rotaract Club University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF)

The Rotaract Club of UAF in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Faisalabad Downtown organized a Polio Awareness Seminar on October 24, 2023. Some 250 Rotaractors and UAF students participated in it. Also present in the seminar were AG Bashir Ahmed Baigh, Deputy Governor Aslam Butt, President Dilawaiz Mujahid (RC Faisalabad Downtown), Dr. Jafar Hussain Malik (DHO), Dr. Fahd Rasool (ASO), Dr. Beenish Sarwar (Nutrition Specialist), and others. The Media Club, Radio Club, and Department of Public Relations and Publications promoted our seminar. Guests included Pres. Ahmad Kamal Qaddus (RC Faisalabad), PE Ibrar Ahmad and several faculty members, including Dr. Abdul Khaliq

(Chairman of Agronomy), Dr. Zia-ul-Haq and Dr. Iftikhar all from Agronomy Dept. joined the session. Their presence added expertise and further enriched the discussions. Media coverage was provided by renowned news channels: Dunya News, The Nation, Jang News, Daily Express, Nawaiwaqt, and Daily Ausaf Lahore. The Rotaract Club of the University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) organized an awareness walk led by all the seminar guests, Rotarians and faculty members including Dr. Beenish Sarwar from the Home Science Department; and Dr. Fahad Rasool also took part. Participants raised "End Polio Now" slogans to promote polio eradication awareness.



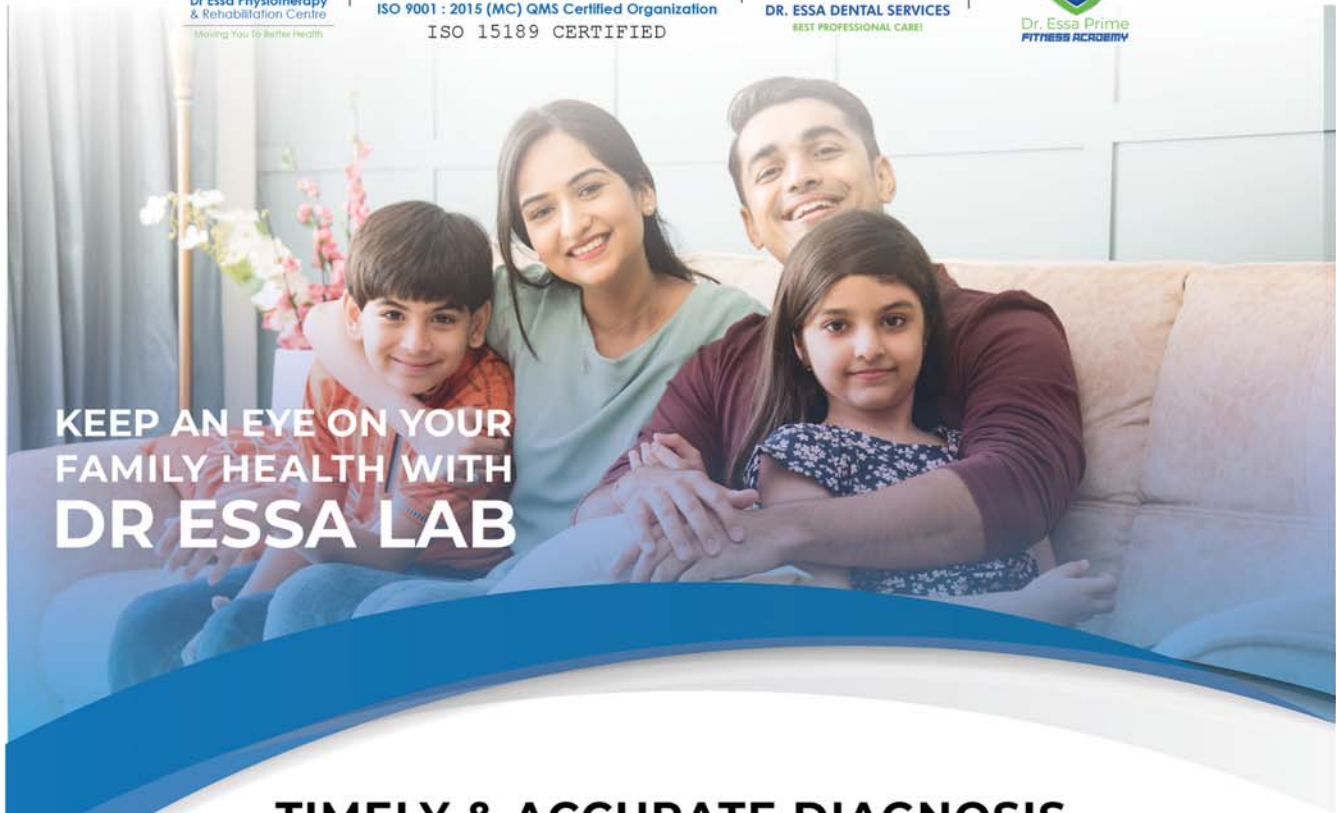
Rotaract Club of UAF seminar on polio

Handing awards at the RC UAF

Rtr Club walk by UAF

Rotaractors & faculty walk with EPN placards

**Correction: The spelling of Rtn. Amena Khan - Chair, Girl Empowerment & District Women's Sports 2023-24, Rotary Club Karachi was inadvertently written as Amina Khan. The error is regretted**



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