

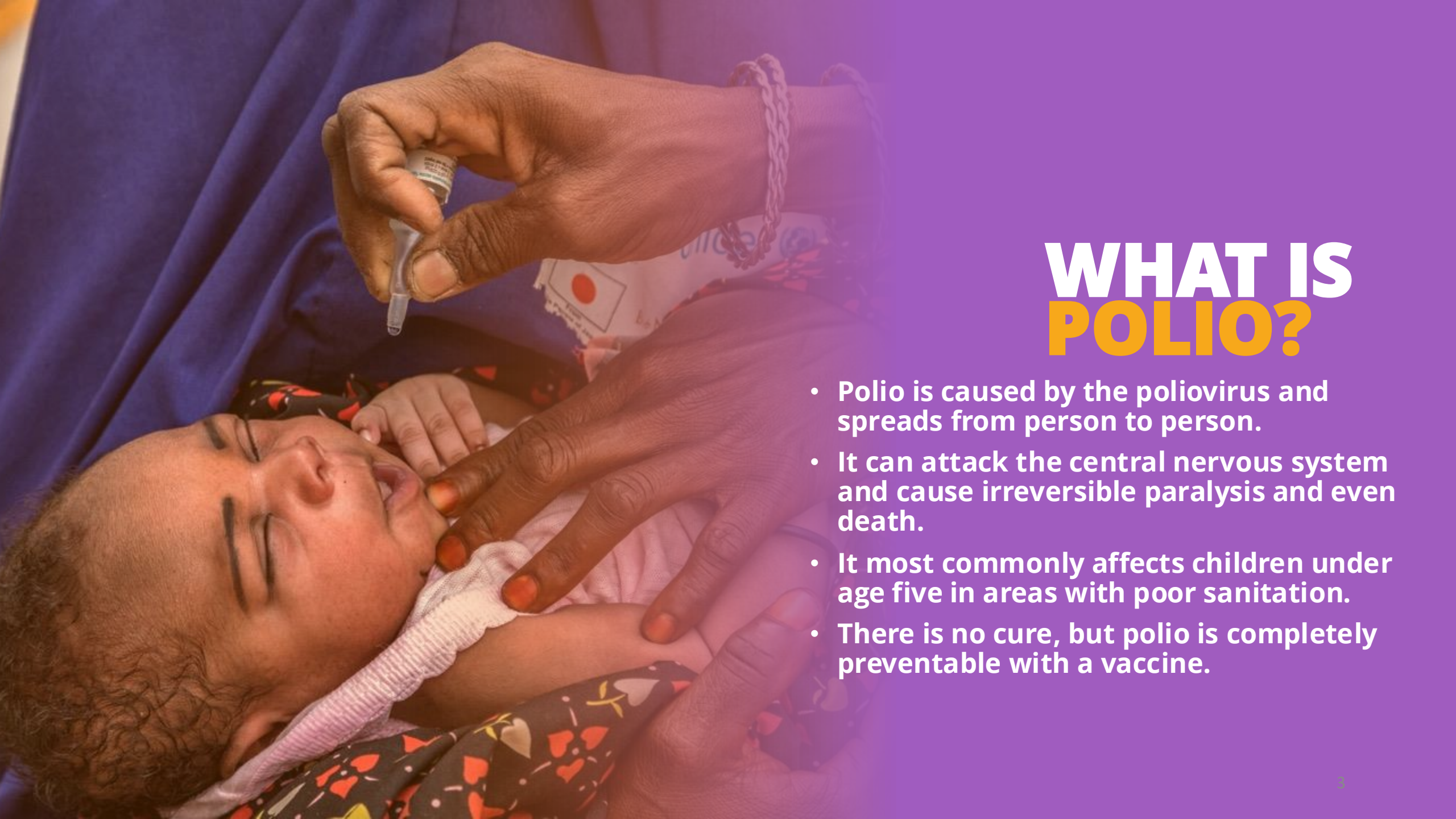
TOGETHER, WE
END POLIO





TODAY'S TOPICS

- **WHAT IS POLIO?**
- **ERADICATION STATUS UPDATE**
- **ROTARY'S ROLE**
- **WHAT WE ALL CAN DO**



WHAT IS POLIO?

- Polio is caused by the poliovirus and spreads from person to person.
- It can attack the central nervous system and cause irreversible paralysis and even death.
- It most commonly affects children under age five in areas with poor sanitation.
- There is no cure, but polio is completely preventable with a vaccine.

OUR PARTNERS

NATIONAL
GOVERNMENTS

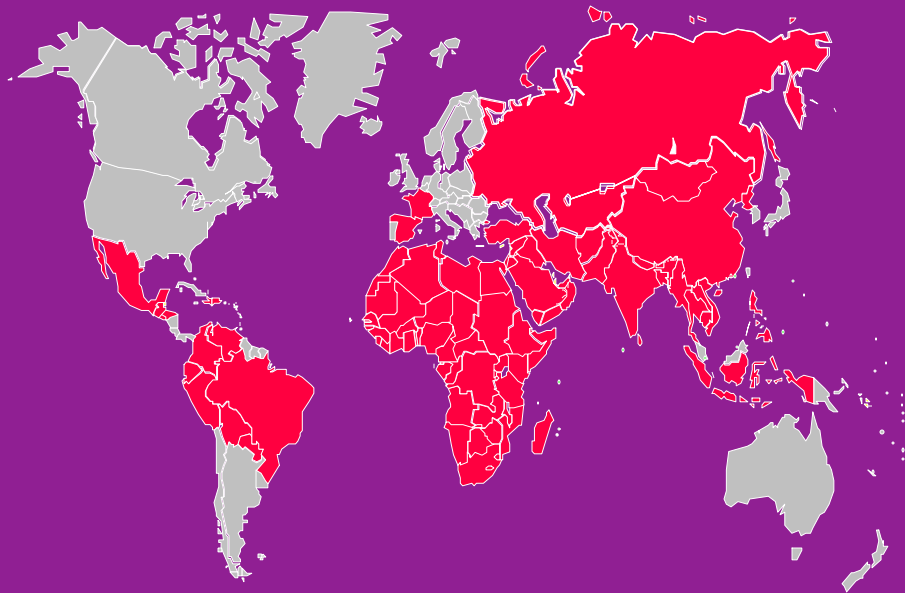
Gates Foundation



OUR PROGRESS AGAINST WILD POLIOVIRUS

More than 3 billion children have been immunized.

More than 20 million people who would otherwise be paralyzed are able to walk.



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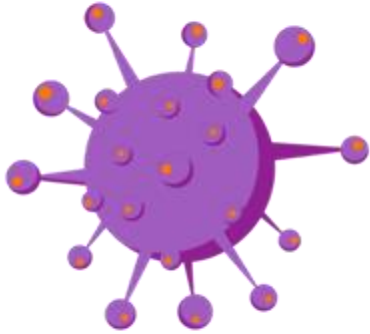
350,000 cases in 125 countries



2024

99 cases in 2 countries

OUR PROGRESS



TYPE 1
Circulating in
Afghanistan and
Pakistan



TYPE 2
Certified
eradicated 2015



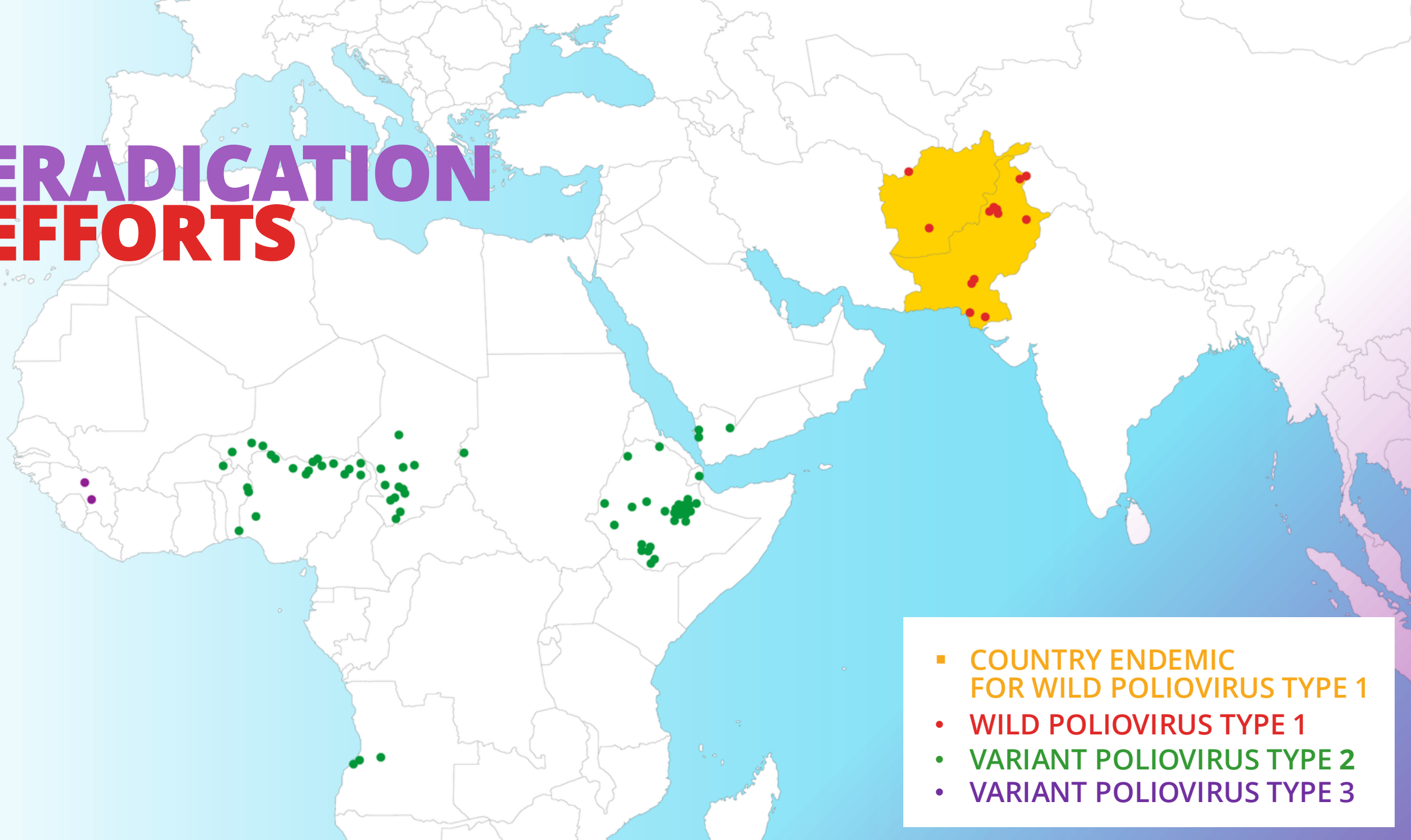
TYPE 3
Certified
eradicated 2019



VARIANT POLIOVIRUS

- In rare cases, the live, weakened virus in the oral vaccine can genetically revert to a form that can cause paralysis in children living in communities with low immunization rates.
- A new vaccine is having a positive effect:
 - This modified vaccine is more genetically stable and less likely to revert.
 - It's now being used effectively for all variant poliovirus type 2 outbreaks.

ERADICATION EFFORTS



- COUNTRY ENDEMIC FOR WILD POLIOVIRUS TYPE 1
- WILD POLIOVIRUS TYPE 1
- VARIANT POLIOVIRUS TYPE 2
- VARIANT POLIOVIRUS TYPE 3

ROTARY'S ROLE

**ALL ROTARY MEMBERS CAN BE
VERY PROUD OF WHAT WE'VE
ACCOMPLISHED!**

- The number of cases has fallen 99.9%.
- 1.5 million lives have been saved.
- 20 million volunteers have been mobilized.
- We've built a health care infrastructure with experienced providers that's useful far beyond polio eradication.



ROTARY'S ROLE

FUNDRAISING

ADVOCACY

**RAISING
AWARENESS**

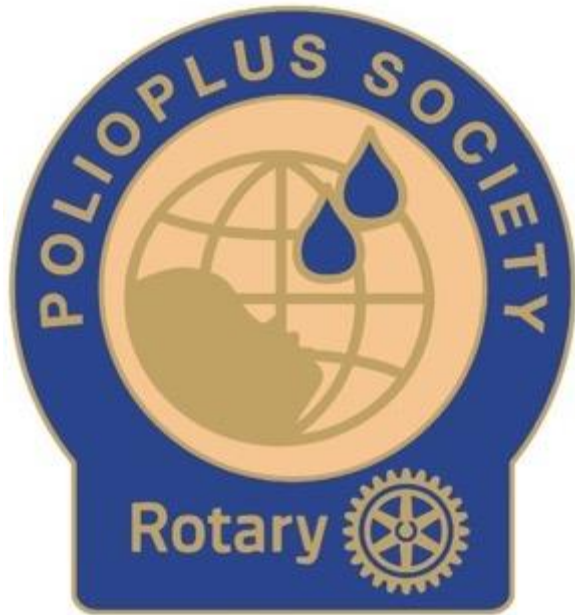




**END
POLIO
NOW**

ROTARY'S ROLE: FUNDRAISING

- We have an annual fundraising goal of US\$50 million.
- That amount is matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation through 2029.
- We encourage donations of:
 - Any amount from individual members
 - US\$1,500 per year from clubs
 - 20% of DDF from districts, which is then matched at 50% by the World Fund



ROTARY'S ROLE: FUNDRAISING

CREATE OR JOIN A POLIOPLUS SOCIETY

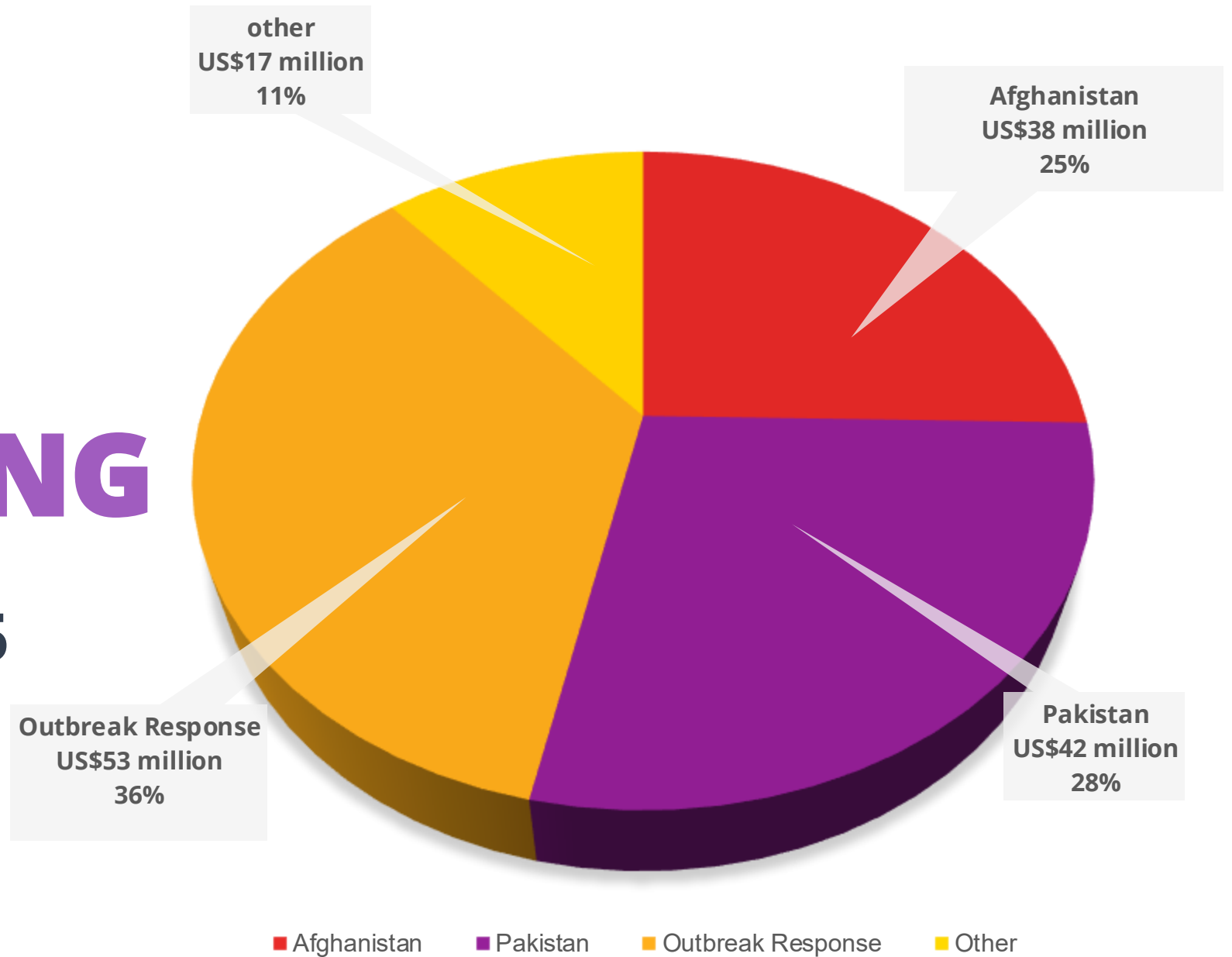
Contribute annually to the PolioPlus Fund until the world is certified polio-free.

PolioPlus Society Toolkit:

endpolio.org/resource-center#polioplussociety

ROTARY'S ROLE: FUNDRAISING

Funding for critical
activities in 2024-25



ROTARY'S ROLE: ADVOCACY

We advocate for funding and political support.



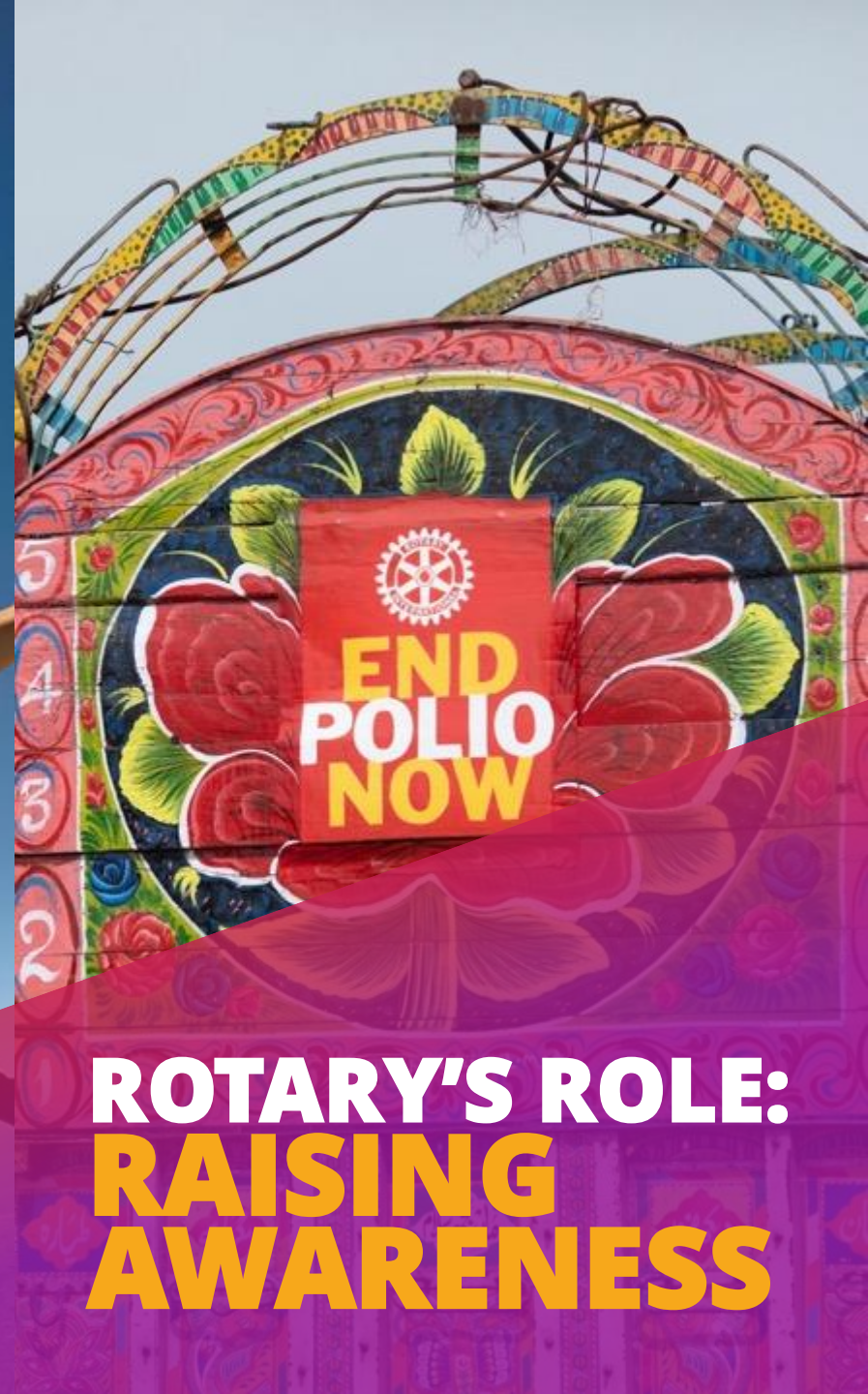
ROTARY'S ROLE: ADVOCACY

We advocate to sustain the political will toward eradication.





ROTARY'S ROLE: RAISING AWARENESS



**ROTARY'S ROLE:
RAISING
AWARENESS**



WHAT WE WILL DO

IMMUNIZE HUNDREDS
OF MILLIONS OF
CHILDREN EACH YEAR



DEPLOY HUNDREDS
OF THOUSANDS
OF WORKERS



INTENSIFY
SURVEILLANCE
ACTIVITIES



WHAT IS AT STAKE

**POLIO ANYWHERE IS A THREAT
TO CHILDREN EVERYWHERE.**

**If we stop now, 200,000 children
will be paralyzed by polio every
year within 10 years!**

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

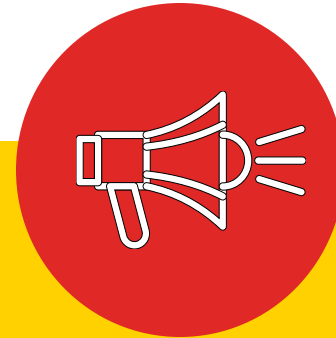
To reach our goal, we need to stay engaged.
This means:



Ensure that we reach our US\$50 million fundraising target every year to fully benefit from the Gates Foundation 2-to-1 match



Create or join a PolioPlus Society



Advocate for the polio eradication effort whenever you can and emphasize why it matters so much



Use World Polio Day and World Immunization Week to highlight Rotary's role in the progress toward eradication



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