



PolioPlus

A programme of The Rotary Foundation that Supports global polio eradication efforts in Polio endemic countries by conducting National Immunisation Days, monitoring poliovirus Transmission and other activities

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POLIO NEWS IN BRIEF

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COUNTRY FOCUS

Namibia

Due to importation of poliovirus of Indian origin via Angola, a nationwide immunisation for all ages is being prepared by the government of the recent suspected cases 15 have died.

Nigeria

There have been 467 cases to date in 2006 compared with 168 cases for the same period in 2005.

The states of Bauchi, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, and Katsina, account for 86% of the national caseload.

Regrettably 25%-35% of children were still missed during the recent supplementary Immunisation Activities.

India

Polio transmission is increasingly restricted, compared with the previous year, to key districts of western Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

But 53 cases have still been reported in 2006 compared with 18 for the same period in 2005.

Only four countries are still endemic.

Nigeria	467
India	53
Afghanistan	13
Pakistan	6

But nine other countries have reported cases in 2006 due to importations

Somalia	25
Namibia	4
Niger	4
Ethiopia	3
DRC	3
Bangladesh	3
Indonesia	2
Yemen	1
Nepal	1

We Rotarians must maintain our commitment to make polio the first disease of the 21st Century, and only the second in history, to be eradicated.

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