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**Rotary Foundation Minute**

In honor of World Polio Day, which happens every year on 10/24, we are sharing this news release about ending polio.

With New Commitment, Gates Foundation Joins Call to Help End Polio

**BERLIN (October 16, 2022)** – Today at the World Health Summit, the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced it will commit \$1.2 billion** to support efforts to end all forms of polio globally. The announcement was made ahead of a key pledging moment that will be co-hosted by Germany and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

The new financial commitment will support implementation of the GPEI’s Polio Eradication Strategy 2022-2026, which aims to end wild poliovirus in the last two endemic countries—Pakistan and Afghanistan—and stop outbreaks of new variants of the virus. The foundation has contributed nearly \$5 billion to GPEI.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is a public-private partnership led by national governments with six core partners—Rotary International, the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

Help end polio by making a gift to the PolioPlus Fund at [endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org).

Also, remember to register for our Rotary Foundation Reception happening on 11/5. Visit <https://rotarydistrict7170.org/event/d7170-foundation-celebration/> for more information.

Best,

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