



## Rotary International Certificate for SOTAX



SOTAX supports the Rotary International polio eradication program by an important donation allowing Rotary together with UNICEF and WHO to provide vaccinations for more than 6'600 children and to protect all of them from the dangerous infantile paralyzes.

After 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions.

Health experts agree that in order to reach the goal of polio eradication the following primary challenges must be overcome:

- Halting the spread of the poliovirus in the four remaining endemic countries (Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan), which continue to export it to polio-free areas
- Curbing the intense spread of the poliovirus in northern Nigeria and western Uttar Pradesh, India
- Rapidly stopping polio outbreaks in previously polio-free countries
- Addressing low routine-immunization rates and surveillance gaps in polio-free areas
- Maintaining funding and political commitment to implement the eradication strategies



Thank you!

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