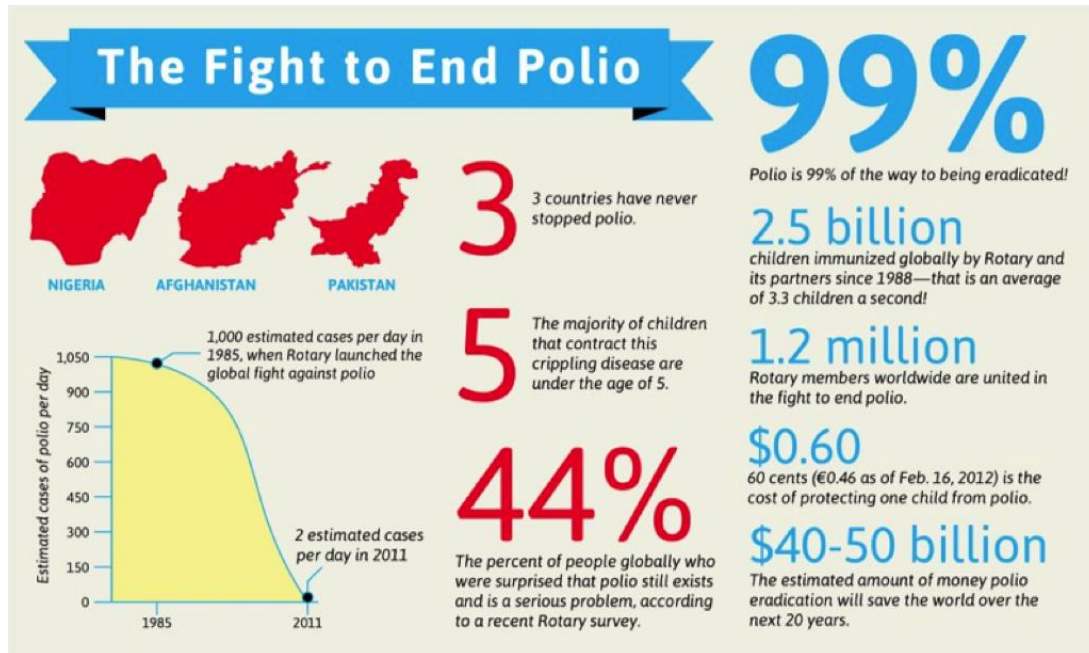


# World Polio Day

## One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio



Note: Nigeria has been removed from the above chart

- Polio (poliomyelitis) primarily affects children under 5 years of age.
- 1 in 200 infections leads to irreversible paralysis. Among those paralyzed, 5% to 10% die when their breathing muscles become immobilized.
- Cases due to wild poliovirus have decreased by over 99% since 1988, from an estimated 350 000 cases then, to 33 reported cases in 2018.
- However, year to date there are 85 reported cases in 2019.
- As long as **one** child remains infected, children in all countries are at risk of contracting polio. Failure to eradicate polio from these last remaining countries could result in as many as 200,000 new cases every year, within 10 years, all over the world.
- The Rotary Club of Alexandria Central joins Rotary clubs around the world in support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and invites the community to join them.
- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match two-to-one (up to fifty (50) million dollars per year) each dollar Rotary International raises for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

(The above statistics were compiled using WHO and CDC data)