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The Rotary International President, Barry Rassin presenting a POLIO CHAMPION AWARD to His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari for His Governmental Leadership in Polio Eradication.

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## CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

### Advocacy to the highest levels of Government Matters.



PDG Yomi Adewunmi and other Rotary leaders with President Muhammadu Buhari at Aso Villa

Advocacy is the act of speaking on behalf of or in support of another person or cause. It is the process of taking action to help people say what they want, secure their rights, represent their interests and secure the help or services they need. It helps the most vulnerable people in society to have their voices heard on issues that are important to them. It helps them defend and safeguard their rights. It also helps them to have their views and wishes genuinely considered when decisions are being made about their rights. The World Health Organization defines advocacy for health as a combination of individual and social actions designed to gain political commitment, policy support, social acceptance, and systems for a particular health goal or program. Within the context of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary International has helped to carry out the necessary advocacy, awareness creation and fundraising that helped to drive polio from a near ubiquitous presence all over the world to a few cases in just 2 countries. Rotary has chosen to advocate for children and the most vulnerable in the society and because of that at

least 16 million people are walking today that would have been paralyzed. Our advocacy has worked. It still does.

The paralysis suffered by a single child as a result of polio infection is a major problem but the impact of polio goes beyond this. It has a far-reaching impact on the family and on the society as a whole. That has been the driving force of everything we have done, in conjunction with our partners, to eradicate this terrible scourge from our planet. That is what has driven our advocacy to the highest levels of society and government.



PDG Yomi Adewunmi with His Excellency the Deputy Governor of Oyo State Chief Moses Alake Adeyemo at his office

Many people appear unconcerned about the importance and significance of advocacy activities. Some deem advocacy as mere photo opportunities or backslapping opportunities for the “big boys”. It is almost as if they assume that the responsibility for making informed decisions and taking actions on health policy is the exclusive preserve of politicians and bureaucrats. But Rotarians believe that being passive will not help effect change or help us to project our cause. We simply cannot leave this to chance and that is why we advocate to the highest levels. We

have to speak up and speak where it matters for real change to happen. The sustainability and effectiveness of our fight against polio can only be enhanced when we are able to secure more commitment from our policy makers and that is what makes our recent visit to His Excellency, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari very important and timely.



PDG Yomi Adewunmi with the Hon. Commissioner for Health Oyo State Dr. Azeez Adeduntan

With a huge funding gap within both the local and international polio eradication programmes, competing government priorities at a time of scarce resources and donor fatigue setting in, it is very important that someone pushes the cause of polio to the highest levels. This is exactly what we have done. We are gratified that we were very well received by His Excellency and he has promised the continued support of both himself and his administration to the fight to ensure that we can gift the next generation a world that is free of polio.

PDG Abayomi Adewunmi  
Vice Chair (Southwest),  
NNPPC

FROM EDITOR'S DESK

# WHY DO WE HAVE OUTBREAKS?

Recently, the media space has been awash with news of a polio outbreak in Nigeria. Most of what has been reported has been sensational and not really informative, giving one the feeling that what is being reported is designed mainly for shock value in order to boost readership and sales. You would really have to read through the fine print to find an obscure reference to the nature of the outbreak which is vaccine derived and not an outbreak of wild polio like we had in 2016. Unfortunately, many Nigerians do not read fine prints. They see a headline, run with it and regurgitate it to as many people as care to listen.

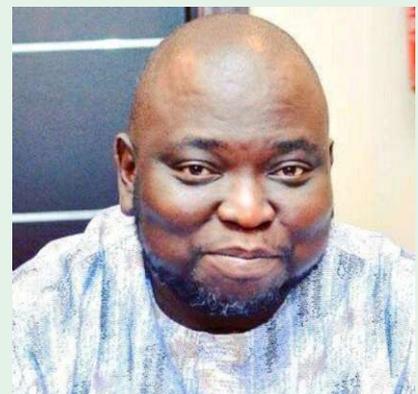
Any outbreak is unfortunate because regardless of the source, it means that at least one individual has been affected by polio. There is simply no justification for anyone, any child suffering paralysis by a disease that is so easily preventable especially when the news is that the antigen is associated with the vaccine itself. A lot of us still do not understand why this is so. Our elders have a saying that when a child stumbles and falls, he looks forward and keeps moving but when an elder stumbles and falls, he looks back to see what caused him to fall in order that he may not repeat it again. It can be deduced that culturally, Nigerians place a lot of importance on causation and attribution as essential aspects of prevention. It means that if we

are going to make progress then we need to fully understand what is responsible for these outbreaks.

We know that the Sabin vaccine consists of a live but “attenuated” (weakened) virus antigen which stimulates immune response that is effective in preventing poliovirus infection. We also know that this antigen undergoes the same process a wild virus would and is excreted in the same manner as the wild virus in the faeces of a vaccinated child. This excreted virus, given time and appropriate conditions and circumstances can mutate, become virulent and cause infection or paralysis in a minute number of cases. If you consider that we have vaccinated over 3 billion children and we have just a few cases of this, you can see that the risk is really limited. We who work in social mobilization need to emphasize this. We also need to make it clearer to people that a child who has been properly vaccinated with a potent vaccine will be conferred with immunity and will not be at risk of crippling. The children at risk of being crippled by both the wild virus and the vaccine derived virus are those that remain unvaccinated or unimmunized. Therefore, keeping one's child from being vaccinated is a direct cause for the outbreaks we are currently experiencing. In case I am not clear enough, let me reiterate: Preventing your child from being vaccinated makes your child

susceptible to vaccine derived polio. The only way to protect your child from being crippled is to get that child and every child in your environment vaccinated.

Indeed, these outbreaks have somehow been anticipated since the release of the recent surveys on routine immunization coverage. That is why Routine Immunization is now a national emergency in Nigeria. There is no way we can have low routine immunization coverage and expect not to have outbreaks. Our low coverage is what has led to our outbreaks. Let us fix that and we will soon see that our outbreaks are in the past. So talk to your neighbor, your family and your friends. The vaccine is safe for every child that receives it and everyone that refuses to allow a child get vaccinated is contributing to the risk of us having another outbreak. One crippled child represents an outbreak. That is how serious this is.



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# NIGERIA POLIO UPDATE: DECEMBER 2018

## RESPONDING TO NIGERIA'S CVDPV2 OUTBREAK

Nigeria remains one of the three remaining polio endemic countries, even though it has not reported any case of the wild polio virus for over 26 months. The most recently-detected WPV1 case, from Borno state, had onset of paralysis on 21 August 2016. Outbreak response to WPV1 continues, including efforts to address surveillance and immunity gaps in parts of Borno State. There are currently 27 confirmed WPV1 cases globally. Pakistan and Afghanistan have contributed 8 and 19 cases of WPV1 to take us past 2017's total of 22.

Nigeria's National polio eradication programme continues to make great strides with the support of global partners, local communities, especially our traditional and religious leaders, and the generosity of our donors. To protect this progress, efforts are being made to ensure that all children are vaccinated, particularly in hard-to-reach and underserved areas. Efforts are also being made to ensure that surveillance remains very sensitive. We are also intensifying efforts to reach all eligible children in the northeast through collaboration with the military, vaccinating children at IDP camps and rapidly boosting overall population immunity to ensure that the gains made in polio eradication are sustainable. Lessons learned in Nigeria are now informing the programme in other countries such as Pakistan.

Nigeria is however currently witnessing an upsurge in outbreaks of the vaccine derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2). Four new cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) cases were reported this week from Kaduna state with onset of paralysis ranging from 26 September to 18

October. The country continues to be affected by two other separate cVDPV2 outbreaks, the first centered in Jigawa state, and the second in Sokoto state. Recent confirmation of spread of one of the cVDPV2 outbreaks, both within Nigeria and internationally, underscores the urgent need to fill remaining vaccination gaps in the ongoing outbreak response, and to optimize the geographic extent of mOPV2 response.

In response to cVDPV2 detection, the country is conducting AFP surveillance strengthening activities including enhanced active surveillance visits and community sampling. The programme has also carried out an extensive search for type 2 containing vaccines (tOPV/mOPV2) in the surrounding areas.

Outbreak response campaigns in 3 phases commenced in May and September/October 2018 and to further boost population immunity against cVDPV2, we implemented a fIPV campaign from 3 to 14 November 2018. Plans are under way to finish the last 3 phases of OBR starting with phase 1 involving Bauchi, Borno, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina and Sokoto states from 8 to 11 December 2018, phase 2 from December 14 to 17 which includes Benue, Gombe, FCT Abuja Niger, Taraba, Plateau Zamfara and Nassarawa states with phase 3 between 17 and 20 December 2018 involving Kebbi as a lone State.

Inaccessibility remains the major challenge of the Nigeria polio eradication programme with continued insecurity in many parts of the northwest and northeast causing social upheaval and population displacement which continue to affect the programme negatively.

Other reasons for inaccessibility include rugged terrains and hard to reach settlements and gated communities in urban areas. There is also waning political commitment particularly at the State and Local Government levels. Lack of interest in the programme by many governors and frequent turnover of local government administrators have caused disruptions and posed challenges to the programme. The impending general elections in Nigeria have also meant that many of the political actors have shifted their focus to political activities to the detriment of the programme.

There are vast non-endemic areas within the territory of Nigeria which has led to complacency in many areas, particularly in the southern parts of the country.

There is also the issue of communities which reject vaccination because of "felt" needs wherein they perceive other needs local needs such as water supply or a local clinic as being more important than the polio vaccine. These are also being addressed by Rotary International and partners.



**AMINU MUHAMMAD**  
NATIONAL PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

# NIGERIAN PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI CONFERRED WITH POLIO CHAMPION AWARD



President Muhammadu Buhari has been conferred with the Polio Champion Award in recognition of his commitment and leadership in the polio eradication programme in Nigeria. Rotary International President, Mr Barry Rassin recently presented the award to President Buhari at the State House, Abuja during his recent 4 day official visit to the country.

The Polio Champion Award was instituted by Rotary International in 1995 to recognize and appreciate Heads of Governments and organisations that have played a key role in polio eradication around the world.

The last recipient of the Award was Justin Trudeau, the Prime Minister of Canada. Other past recipients include Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon.

Receiving the award, the Nigerian leader, while thanking Rotary International for the honour, lauded

their commitment to humanitarian work across the globe.

"Rotary International is well known to my generation. Your work is really humanitarian; no amount of materialism can pay you for what you have been doing and we thank you very much.

"I am pleased with the efforts of Rotary International. You are champions of the weak, and I pray that God will abundantly pay you for your humanitarian services. I am also pleased that I have a competent Health Minister, who supervises the work," the President said.

Earlier in his remarks, Mr Rassin, while commending the President for providing significant leadership in the efforts to eradicate polio in Nigeria, advocated for increased political and financial commitments at all levels for routine immunization and primary health care strengthening.

He also commended President Buhari for his commitment to Polio

Eradication Initiative (PEI) by expanding the presidential task force on polio to include state governors shortly after he took office in 2015.

"You are an inspiration to your country", the Rotary president, who was accompanied by his wife, Esther, and other senior Rotarians in Nigeria, told President Buhari.

He said Rotary has contributed \$1.7 billion to the global effort to eradicate polio, of which \$270m was expended in Nigeria.

"We have come a long way from 1985 when polio was crippling 350,000 children annually in 125 countries of the world to 27 cases in two countries.

"But even one child paralysed by polio is one child too many. We need to end polio now," Rassin said, adding that Nigeria has not recorded any case of polio in the last 27 months and is now nine months away from "possible certification of polio-free status."

## Rotary world's wish for Nigeria, Africa, –Barry Rassin, Rotary International President



President of Rotary International, Barry Rassin, has said that members from other continents within the global service organization are looking up to their African membership to earn permanent presence on Rotary's International's Board of Directors. He made this statement while on a tour of projects being executed by Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

"I believe strongly that Africa should take a stronger place in the Rotary world. They are growing at a good rate and I like to see them grow to a point where we can have them on the Board of Directors all the time. "Right now we are fortunate that we have Yinka Babalola as a Director, from here (Nigeria). He's doing a fantastic job. If we can grow our numbers on the continent of Africa, then we can get to a point where they can be on the Board at all times."

On Nigeria's role in the Rotary world, Rassin said, "It's really nice to meet Rotarians working so hard to make the world a better place. They have some challenges in Nigeria, and they are facing them. I am proud of what they are doing. "Polio eradication is the number one priority here. They are taking it on with full force with whatever it is we think we can do to reach the goal of eliminating polio completely. They are going to make it and hopefully soon" He said his visit to Nigeria is all about thanking the Nigerian Rotary community and stakeholders partnering with them, and asking what else we can do to further the partnership for touching the lives of diverse people in the communities.

"The Rotary World, 1.2 Million Rotarians in about 200 countries, are watching Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, because these are all where the last polio is. We are all proud of what Nigeria Rotarians are doing not only with polio but with all the other works they are doing", he said. Before departing Rivers state, Barry Rassin, accompanied by his wife, Esther, and his Nigerian Rotary hosts, inspected products and service exhibition by 337 beneficiaries, trained by Rotary in 9 different skills and vocations, just as Rassin handed certificates to the beneficiaries.

# PORT HARCOURT HALF MARATHON: ROTARY AND STEADY RUN COME TOGETHER TO PLOT AN END TO POLIO

It is an awesome thing when the public and private sector come together to achieve something truly wonderful. On the 24th of November 2018, Rotary International, Steady Run Club and the Rivers State Government came together to organize the End Polio Port Harcourt City Marathon. This was the brain child of Rotarians Eugene Abels and Rotarian Steady Idisi together with their local Rotary Club. The event was flagged off by the Honourable Commissioner for Sports in Rivers State, Mr. Boma Iyaye. There was also a parasoccer match for polio survivors on the sidelines of the mini marathon. Over 2000 persons came out to witness this first ever mini marathon held in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. The theme “The Final Push Against Polio”. Its aim was to create awareness for the eradication of polio as well as encourage all-round wellness for the citizenry. The big winners included Sadjo Ismael, Ritji Timothy, Chukwumaobi Ugochukwu for the 1st prize of N150,000, 2nd prize of N100,000 & 3rd prize of N80,000 respectively in the senior male category. Nwokoji Chinonso, Njoku Genevive, Honan Sale for the 1st prize of N150,000, 2nd prize of N100,000 & 3rd prize of N80,000 respectively in the senior female category. Prosper Nkuma, okechukwu Okeafor, Junior Gentle for the 1st prize of N90,000, 2nd prize of N70,000, & 3rd prize of N50,000 respectively in the junior male category. Adisa Rhoda, Ebi Bolouebi, Lebe Hope, for the 1st prize of N90,000, 2nd prize of N70,000 & 3rd prize of N50,000 respectively in the junior female category. Amadi Chidaka, Akuromaye Jonathan moses, Douye Zibrebo for the 1st prize of N90,000, 2nd prize of N70,000 & 3rd prize of N50,000 respectively in the Physically Challenged male category. Joy Ahiakwo, Esther Nworgu, ibe Blessing for the 1st prize of N90,000, 2nd prize of N70,000 & 3rd prize of N50,000 respectively in the physically challenged female category. Consolation prizes were given out to the first 80 finishers while certificates of participation were given out to all participants.



Participants at the Port Harcourt Mini Marathon creating awareness for Polio Eradication



Winners in the Senior male category



Winners in the physically challenged persons' category

# IT PAINS MY HEART TO SEE PARENTS DEVISING WAYS TO AVOID POLIO VACCINE



Hajiya Zainab Abdunaseer is a fitting description of ability in disability. Against all odds, Abdunaseer, a master's degree holder, is a survivor of polio. A mother of three and currently Assistant Director, News, at the NTA, Sokoto Network Centre, Abdunaseer has become committed to child immunisation against polio and other killer diseases. She said, "I gathered from my mother that I walked at seven months and it was around when I was a year old that I had severe fever and from then on, I was unable to seat but could only crawl. "My disability actually robbed me of becoming a medical doctor. Even as a physically challenged, I scored the required marks and gained admission to the Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, in 1990 to study Medicine, but I was advised to apply for a change of course. "My advice to parents is that polio is real and we have to protect our children with the free vaccines. As a survivor, I can say that polio does not end only with disability. There are aged-related pains and trauma that come with it."

Despite the warnings arising from her personal experience, she says she finds it disheartening to see parents who are devising ways to prevent their children from being given the polio vaccine.

In one instance, a witness who spoke on the condition of anonymity related what they had seen. "I discovered that some people, due to their religious beliefs, didn't allow their children to be vaccinated against polio or any other

killer diseases. My encounter at a particular house was shocking.

"When we arrived in the house with a colleague and asked the woman to bring out her under-five children for vaccination, the woman brought out her daughter and showed us her finger nail marked with a pen, an indication that she had been vaccinated.

"To our surprise, the usual code mark on houses where children had been vaccinated was not on the wall of her house and when probed further, the woman shut the door against us. Luckily on our way back, we saw the little girl and asked her who marked her finger nail, the girl innocently replied Baba na, (my father)."

Some sources told our correspondent that adherents of a particular religious sect would also mark their houses with the house marking codes to confuse vaccination teams and give the impression that their children had been vaccinated. Some mothers also refused to let their children be vaccinated on the excuse that the vaccines being given had expired which is false. They would later discharge the vaccinators on the excuse that they would rather go to the health facility for the vaccines but wouldn't do so.

A World Health Organisation Consultant in Sokoto, Dr Larai Tambuwal, said there was five per cent rejection of the vaccines in the state. Tambuwal said, "We are almost there, but might not get there unless more commitment from all stakeholders is demonstrated. As long as polio exists anywhere, children everywhere are at risk."

Available records indicate that the healthcare cost savings attributable to the campaign to eradicate polio are estimated at billions of dollars through the year 2035. Also, the net benefit of the entire polio eradication programme, such as the supplemental vitamins included in oral vaccines, is

estimated to have generated about \$90bn in savings and prevented an additional 5.4 million infant deaths.

Unlike Abdunaseer, who is from a privileged family, the situation is different for 36-year-old Ahmed Goronyo, another polio survivor, who blamed his disability on his parents' poor and illiterate background. Ahmed, a cobbler, said that even when he asked his parents what was responsible for the state of his disabled right leg, the only response his father gave him before he died was that it was his destiny. "Even when other polio survivors traced their disability to lack of polio vaccines and I inquired from my father whether I ever took the vaccines, he told me that he was unaware of such vaccine." The father of two said that when it dawned on his parents that he was the only person with disability in their village, they decided to keep him indoors so that they would not be object of ridicule. "I could not go to Islamiyya School with my siblings or play around with my peers because of my disability. My liberation came when my maternal uncle brought me to Sokoto, got me a walking stick and later made me learn shoemaking. "Now that I know the consequence of not taking polio vaccine, I made sure none of my two children missed their immunisation," he said.

The last case of polio in Sokoto State was in 2012 at Lahodu, Wurno Local Government Area, where, Abdullahi Keli, now 10, was identified. Since then, there has not been any reported case. Keli is now a reference point during immunisation campaign and advocacy particularly in and around Wurno council, a focal area in the state for the fight against polio.

With 222 cases in Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan in 2012, Nigeria only recorded four cases in 2016 and in this outgoing year, no new case of polio has been recorded.

*Adapted from the writing of Adeniyi Olugbemi for punchng.com*

# ROTARY DONATES MOBILE CLINICS TO BORNO

In August 2016, following the last WPV1 outbreak in Nigeria, the NNPPC constituted a high powered team to visit the state as part of the response to the outbreak. During the visit, there were observations made at some of the IDP camps in relation to the provision of health services. A meeting was later conducted between the visiting NNPPC team and the Honourable Commissioner for Health in Borno State, Dr. Haruna Mshelia. The Honourable Commissioner briefed the NNPPC Chairman on the state of primary health care in the state with health facilities having either been burned down,

vandalized or destroyed by insurgents. At that time, only skeletal PHC services could be conducted at the IDP camps and host communities in the state. In view of this, the Commissioner sought the intervention of partners to come to the aid of the state by supporting mobile services in the IDP camps and some of the liberated communities in order to improve both the RI and OPV uptake using the mobile health camp clinic strategy while riding on the existing primary health care structure. In response to this, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

was reached between the NNPPC and the Borno State Government for the donation and deployment of mobile clinics by Rotary International through the NNPPC. The agreement was thus established between Rotary International (Rotary Foundation, Rotary International District 3080, the 3 Rotary International Districts in Nigeria, the NNPPC) and the Borno State Government for the donation of 4 branded and fully equipped mobile clinics in support of the health system in Borno State.

**Vice Chairman of the NNPPC PDG Yomi Adewumi Taking over delivery of the 4 Mobile Ambulance from TATA Head office in Lagos**



These vehicles were then delivered and presented to the State Government through the Borno State Primary Health Care Development Agency during the visit of the Rotary International President Barry Rassin and his wife, Esther to Nigeria in

November 2018. The Executive Director of the Borno State Primary Health Care Development Agency, Dr. Sule Meleh who received the mobile clinics on behalf of the State Government welcomed the Rotary International

President to Borno State while appreciating Rotary for the wonderful gesture. He also promised that the mobile clinics would be effectively and judiciously utilized.





DG Elvis and entire Rotarians of District 9125 welcoming the RI President



DG Elvis and entire Rotarians of District 9125 welcoming the RI President.



DG Elvis and entire Rotarians of District 9125 welcoming the RI President at the Airport



DG Elvis, Rotary Leaders and entire Rotarians of District 9125 welcoming the RI President, Barry Rassin



As President Buhari welcomes the Rotary Leaders...



The RI President Barry presented to his Excellency, Muhammad Buhari, the Polio Champion Award for his Governmental leadership in Polio Eradication



Cross-sectional photo shoot of President Buhari and the RI President flanked by the Rotary Leaders



Rotary Leaders at the State House Abuja with President Buhari



NNPPC Chairman, PDG Tunji Funsho showing RIP Barry Rassin and his spouse round the Polio House in Lagos



NNPPC Chairman, PDG Tunji Funsho, speaking during the reception held in honour of RIP Rassin and his spouse at the Rotary Centre



RIP Barry Rassin, making a cash donation into the end polio box at the Polio House



NNPPC Chairman, PDG Tunji Funsho showing RIP Barry Rassin and his spouse round the Polio House in Lagos



From left - Aid to RIP- PDG Giwa Osagie; RIP Barry Rassin and his spouse Esther; DG Kola Sodipo and his spouse IWM Nike; and RI Director Yinka Babalola



NNPPC Chairman, PDG Tunji Funsho showing RIP Barry Rassin and his spouse round the Polio House in Lagos



RIP Barry Rassin delivering his speech at the reception held at the Rotary Centre in honour of him and his wife



RIP Barry Rassin pictured while taking a selfie at the Rotary Centre in Lagos



The RI President being welcomed by Rotaractors and Interactors of District 9110



The Rotary International President presenting a POLIO CHAMPION AWARD to President Buhari



The Rotary International President Barry Rassin visit to Nigeria (District 9142)



DG Dan Ajawara with the Rotary International President Barry Rassin during His visit to Nigeria



From left - on the front row) RI Director Yinka Babalola; RIP Barry Rassin and his wife Esther Rassin during the reception held in honour of the RIP and his spouse at the Rotary Centre



DG Kola Sodipo speaking during the reception held in honour of RIP Rassin and his spouse at the Rotary Centre



RI President, Barry Rassin, Spouse and Rotary Leaders and members of the National EOC with President Buhari



An Interactor presenting a flower to RIP Barry Rassin upon his arrival at the Rotary Centre in Lagos



Dr. Tunji Funsho, with the support of the ED - CEO NPHCDA, Dr. Faisal Shuaib and other Rotary Leaders, commissioned Four (4) Ambulances donated to Borno State SPHCDA.



Dr. Tunji Funsho briefing the RI President shortly before the Grand commissioning of Four (4) Ambulances donated to Borno State SPHCDA.



NPHCDA at the National EOC, hosted the RI President, Barry & Spouse, Esther; where they were updated on the progress made so far towards polio eradication.



PRIP Jonathan playing host to the RI President Barrt Rassin during his visit



The Rotary International President Barry Rassin immediately decorating Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi of Enugu with the TRF recognition lapel of a Major Donor.



District Governor Dan Ajawara, RID Yinka welcoming RI President during the Host Dinner by Enugu State Governor Rotarian Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi in Enugu



Billboard commissioned by the RI President during his visit to Nigeria (District 9125)



Billboard commissioned by the RI President during his visit to Nigeri (District 9125).



The Rotary International President  
Barry Rassin in District 9142 Nigeria

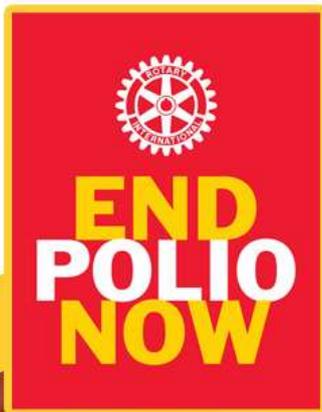


Rtn. Dr. Nonso Epundu of RC Nnewi  
Vaccinating a child



## RI PRESIDENT VISIT TO NIGERIA (DISTRICT 9141)





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