



Overview

2021 marks the centenary of Rotary in Australasia and provides a unique opportunity to celebrate Rotary's achievements over the last 100 years.

To do this, Rotarians in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, in collaboration with UNICEF, plan to vaccinate 100,000 of the most disadvantaged children and adolescent girls across the Pacific to prevent:

- In women, cervical cancer
- In children, severe diarrhoea caused by rotavirus and meningitis, blood infections and pneumonias caused by pneumococcal disease

Context

While there have been improvements in immunisation services many children still miss out on vaccines. Three times more women die from cervical cancer in the Pacific than in Australia and every year, 1 in 18 children die before their fifth birthday In Kiribati.

Many of these lives could be saved by vaccines.

The project

Rotary will work with UNICEF to introduce three life-saving vaccines across nine Pacific Island countries; the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

The Asian Development Bank is financing the introduction of these vaccines into four of the countries (Vanuatu, Tonga, Samoa and Tuvalu) while Rotary will fund regional and other supporting activities in those four countries and fully fund the programme in the other five countries.

Impact

Rotary and UNICEF are aiming to vaccinate 100,000 children over four years but this is just the beginning. This project will help strengthen the Pacific's broader health systems and ensure the sustainable delivery of these vaccines into the future. Generations

will continue to benefit from this project. A truly inspiring Rotary legacy.

Vaccines



Human Papillomavirus (HPV) against cervical cancers



Pneumococcal vaccine against pneumonias, meningitis and blood infections



Rotavirus vaccine against severe diarrhoea

Funds will support



Vaccines Procurement



Supplies Including cold chain equipment, storage and logistics



Education Healthcare workers, communities and partners



Technical support Policy, management and systems strengthening

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