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# ROTARY GIVE EVERY CHILD A FUTURE NEWSLETTER

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## UNICEF REPORT - VACCINATIONS BEGIN!

We're delighted to share that in July 2021 rotavirus, pneumococcal conjugate and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations began in Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu. Unfortunately, at the time Samoa was facing a rotavirus outbreak so it was particularly crucial to reach children there with vaccines as quickly as possible.

Although the roll-out was later than initially planned, due to COVID-19, reaching this milestone is a cause for celebration. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the Rotary Give Every Child a Future project to enable us to make real progress in protecting children in Pacific Island countries from killer diseases.

Vaccinations are scheduled to begin in the Cook Islands, Nauru, Niue and Vanuatu in September.

Over the past year UNICEF and Ministry of Health teams in the Pacific have been busy forecasting vaccine requirements, setting up the cold chain (including delivering fridges, voltage stabilisers, cold boxes and vaccine carriers), developing training materials, training healthcare workers and producing communication materials for the public.

As well as rolling out vaccines in the remaining countries in September, UNICEF and government partners will continue to address vaccine hesitancy to ensure as many children as possible benefit from the Rotary Give Every Child a Future project.



Rotaractors from the Auckland City club are using the international platform, [World of Rotaract](#) to connect and raise funds for RGECAF. In November 2020 they, championed an international event called #MoveForGECAF. In New Zealand Rotaractors participated in the Auckland marathon with fellow Rotaractors from 20 countries participating in a range of physical activities, moving for GECAF. In six weeks they raised NZ\$11,000!!

The event was so successful that they are running it again this year. In honour of the 100 years of Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific in 2021, the campaign organisers created a 100-day challenge around wellbeing. From daily affirmation to squats, you name it they've done it. Despite the pandemic, these Rotaractors have found a way to make it work. 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 marks the 100th day and each country/club involved plans to make it a day to remember. From quiz nights to colour fun runs, there are many exciting events that we look forward to reporting on. They are calling it the International MoveforGECAF Day.

It is heart-warming to witness clubs from the opposite side of the globe campaigning for small island countries that some of them have never even heard off. The willingness these clubs have shown has been the driving force of this movement.

Rotaract Oceania is humbled and grateful for the enormous support they've received over the months from international clubs, and is excited to see this new paved way of working together for projects close to their hearts. Countries from American Samoa to Bosnia, Canada to Denmark, Italy to Jamaica, New Zealand to Uganda, Brazil to The Netherlands have come together to be a part of this initiative.

## ROTARACTORS AROUND THE WORLD #MOVEFORGECAF

From a 5am Sunday morning in Australia to a mid-Saturday afternoon in Chicago Rotarians joined Rotaractors from around the globe in an online event organised by Becky Giblin and Difuga Uluiiviti (Rotaract Club of Auckland City), and their international team. Rotaractors from American Samoa, Netherlands, Denmark, New Zealand, and Brazil shared activities planned to end their 100 day #MoveforGECAF challenge. A history lesson on polio eradication presented by D9930 Polio Chair Michelle Tanner showed how powerful Rotary can be in vaccine delivery projects.

Participants were delighted to be joined in the Collaborative Partnerships panel discussion by Rotary International President Elect Jennifer Jones. Jennifer expressed her desire that Rotarians learn from Rotaractors and said this event and #MoveForGECAF had Rotaractors 'coming together to share ideas and take action' and it brought to her mind Rotary's Vision Statement "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

We at RGECAF are inspired by the passion of Rotaractors from around the world for our Pacific vaccination project. Watch out for the event recording on [Rotary Oceania's YouTube channel](#) stories on the 100 day challenge events on the [RGECAF website](#).

# DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Despite the delays and frustrations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the project implementation has reached the point where the vaccination of children against these highly preventable diseases has started. There has been a lot of preparation, but this is all about the children, and they are now starting to get the protection they deserve.

Support from all parts of the Rotary world continues to be received. An additional two global grants were recently approved by the Rotary Foundation bringing the number of approved grants to 18 with a total value of US\$1.95 million. Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are now fully funded and we have already raised over US\$200,000 towards the additional US\$600,000 that will be needed for the third year of the project for the five remaining countries.

So, thank you to all the Rotary districts, clubs, individual Rotarians and others who have supported the project. Everyone who has been involved can feel justly proud of what has been achieved to date. What a great way to celebrate the Centenary of Rotary in this part of the world!

Public health programs such as this are sustainable and one of the most effective and economical forms of international development aid that countries can provide. This program will save many lives amongst our near neighbours. It deserves our on-going support. For more information and to donate please go to [everychildafuture.com](http://everychildafuture.com).

## 'ROTARY SUPPORTS VACCINES' PROJECT

Australian Rotarians are building on the success of a project from the Rotary Club of Dibrugarh in India, using selfie frames and social media to promote COVID-19 vaccines. Rotary's [flagship polio eradication project](#) has provided us with more than 30 years of experience in promoting vaccines to save lives. Rotary Give Every Child A Future builds on this. These skills, the knowledge gained and the vaccine delivery infrastructure built are now supporting COVID-19 vaccine delivery, directly and indirectly, in the Pacific and across the world.

'Rotary Supports Vaccines' is the campaign message. The selfie frames have been designed to allow Rotarians to demonstrate this message within their local community anywhere, anytime, not just during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Here's how we  
have raised  
US\$2,187,000 so  
far**

District Designated Funds	509,000
Clubs and Rotarians	734,000
Other Foundations	201,000
Global grants matching funds	743,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,187,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE TO DATE</b>	<b>909,000</b>

# LONDON TO WELLINGTON PICTURE RAISES NZ\$10,000 FOR RGECAF

When the lease was sold on their premises, the Rotary Club of London undertook a review of the treasures stored there and decided to sell a painting by New Zealand Second World War artist, Peter McIntyre, 'Early Winter, Lindis Pass'. The funds raised were to be used to support Rotary's humanitarian work. Their art advisor suggested sale in New Zealand to the Jonathan Grant Galleries in Auckland. The RCL contacted a New Zealander and past president of their club Marion Eades, now returned to Wellington, who recommended Rotary Give Every Child A Future. The Council of the RCL agreed to donate the painting to Marion's club the Rotary Club of Wellington to arrange the sale.

We are truly grateful to both the RCL for the painting and to gallery owner Jonathan Gooderham, for covering the cost of shipping and insurance as his personal contribution to the project. [Read more here.](#)



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