

# ROTARY GIVE EVERY CHILD A FUTURE

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Vaccine clinic South Tawara, rotavirus © UNICEF Australia/2022/Itaea

## YOUR Rotary Centenary project

Australasia's four original Rotary Clubs, Melbourne, Sydney, Wellington and Auckland, began planning for their 2021 Centenary celebrations way back in 2017. From a short-list of awesome ideas Rotary Give Every Child A Future (RGECAF) was selected. What better way for 'Down Under' Rotarians to celebrate 100 years of service locally and across the world, than to do a service project close to home in the Pacific? And of course it had to be the biggest in a hundred years!

### RGECAF

- is the largest partnership project with UNICEF since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative began in 1988
- is vaccinating 100,000 children in nine Pacific Islands against three life-threatening diseases, over three years
- is sustainable (governments will continue to fund the vaccines from year four onwards)
- has received 23 Global Grants (more than any other project in the Foundations history)
- is a project every Rotarian has the opportunity to be part of
- means that for a \$45 you can help save a life in Kiribati

"RGECAF is an incredibly special project that brings new vaccines and equipment to the Pacific region. Helping to save children through this program and partnership with UNICEF makes me very proud to be a Rotarian, and feel so blessed as an I-Kiribati parent. Kam rabwa! (Thank you)"

*Ruth Cross, President RC Tarawa*



*Milca Jeremiash, 11, received her first dose of the HPV vaccine during the HPV vaccine launch event in Nauru.*

### Help us reach 'Every Last Child'. Donate TODAY

Vaccinating young girls against the human papillomavirus protects them from cervical cancer. The final phase of RGECAF is to deliver 6,000 vaccines in Kiribati, ensuring that, as they become mothers, wives and aunties, cervical cancer does not take them from their families and communities.



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Give Every Child A Future - Our Australian Centenary Project



For A\$45 you can vaccinate one child in the Pacific, potentially saving their life!

### Why your Rotary Foundation contributions help RGECAF

The largest proportion of funds contributing to the Global Grant applications has come from 'District Designated Fund'. This means your personal, and your clubs, annual contributions to 'the Foundation' have been so important to RGECAF's fundraising. It is only because of the Rotary Foundation that we get to do amazing work in the world!



UNICEF/Rotary team travel by truck to remote health clinics in Kiribati

### RIP visits the Pacific

RIP Jennifer Jones selected RGECAF to highlight the 'Child and Maternal Health' Foundation area of focus for her eight-stops, world tour. She is visiting the Pacific Islands with a media team in 2023 to produce material, including TV programs, promoting the work of Rotary. Watch this space!

### Our partners

- [UNICEF Australia](#)
- [UNICEF Aotearoa NZ](#)
- [UNICEF Pacific](#)



### An exciting Global Grants model

RGECAF has the eyes of Rotary International upon it. The way the project structured its Global Grant applications is world leading with 22 successful applications and one in the pipeline A model never pursued with the Foundation before.



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"The success of this program (rotavirus vaccine) has been remarkable across Kiribati and the community has seen a dramatic 90% decrease in deaths in children under five." *Kiribati Public Health Nurse*

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## COUNTRY SPECIFIC DATA TO JANUARY 2023

	Cook Islands	Kiribati	Tonga	Vanuatu	Nauru	Niue	Samoa	Tokelau	Tuvalu
HCWs trained	15	0	167	126	15	5 (refresher)	305	24	26
RV/PCV rollout	Apr-22	2020	Aug-21	Sep-21	Nov-22	No data	Jul-21	Jul-22	Jul-21
HPV rollout	300 girls vaccinated	PF* 2023	Sep-22	PF 2023	Nov-21	No data	Jul-22	Jul-22	Sep-21

\*PF = Planned for | HCW = healthcare worker | HPV = human papillomavirus | RV = rotavirus vaccine | PCV = pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

The Rotary Give Every Child A Future team and UNICEF thank all Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Trusts and members of the public for your support. Your contribution means thousands of children are receiving potentially life-saving vaccines and will have better health outcomes as a result.

On behalf of the families in the Pacific - THANK YOU