

Rotary Give Every Child a Future

World Immunisation week 2024
Celebrating a milestone moment





Overview

World Immunisation Week 2024

UNICEF Australia, Aotearoa and Pacific engaged with media to highlight the great work Rotary has helped contribute too, as part of the Rotary Give Every Child a Future project.

TV, Radio, National publications and social media channels ran a number of different stories to feature the exciting milestone of the project and coincide with World Immunisation Week 2024.

Rotary International also contributed stories aligned to this timing and we thank them for their support and feature of the program.



Print, TV, Online



Kiri One TV News

Key Highlights: News Channels

Te Uekera – print media in Kiribati

KARABABAAN KAMANOAKIIA ATAEI MAN TE ROTAVIRUS

E karababa-nako riki ana tararua te Botaki ibukin te Mauri ao Katoki Aoraki nakoia ataei ngai e kakaonaaiki bwa tenana te aoraki ae rangi ni kakaonaaiki are a tia n oreaki iai kain Kiribati boni te Rotavirus

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N raabanen te namwakaina ae nako (Eberi) ao e a tia Kiribati ni karababa ana tararua ibukin mauri ataei man te aoraki ae te Rotavirus man aia burukuraem ae te 'Immunization Programme'.

Te burukuraem aie ae butokaaki man te UNICEF, reitakina ma te Botaki ni Mwakun ibukin te Mauri ao Katoki Aoraki, ni reitaki ma te buoka man te burukuraem ae te Rotavirus man te ririki 2020.

Inanon naba te burukuraem aie (Immunization program) e boboto ian buakanakin aoraki aia e kakamaku ibukina ataei are bon Kiribati naba kaama ae kastanaa ngai te aoraki ae te Rotavirus.

N te rongorongo are e kareke an beeba aie man aia sobin te UNICEF i Kiribati ao e kabwarabara bwa karababaan ana kamanomaon Kiribati ae e man mano ikotakin ke kamwastakin riki bwaiaorakin te Rotavirus nako ana burukuraem te aomaba se te 'National Program for Immunization'.

"N ana itera te tautakea, ana botamomomata ni kabane ian Kiribati, ao riki bon ataei abara ake e kamanooki ngai man korakoran te Rotavirus, I a tabeka te kakataunakon te 'Rotary International' ibukin mwanenakin bwaiaoraki aia ibukina ara ataei," e tuku te Minista man te Botaki ibukin te Mauri ao Katoki Aoraki.

E karababa naba ana kakitau Dr. Tute Initeang nako te UNICEF ao te 'Rotary International' ibukin teimatoa aia buotoka ibukin kamanoakii staein Kiribati are bon knubwan te i-Kiribati



nakon taai aia ana roko. Irarikin anne, ao e taekiniki naba ni te rongorongo bwa ni ana reekoti aban te betebeke ao te bekanako iroia ataei ngai tenana ma i buakon aoraki aie e rangi ni rootaki iai riki ataei ake e ririki 5 rikaaki.

Te bekanako ae e rang korakora ke aranki bwa te Rotavirus e kona ni karekea te bwatatakina nakoia ataei (Dehydration) riki iroia ake e rangi ni usareke ao ngkana aroia bwa eaki monaiti ni bwai n oarakiniki ao e kona ni karekea te kanganga ae bubura.

"Kamanookii ataei rinanon te burukuraem ae te 'Immunization' e rangi ni bongana ao man kasareakea buriragen te aoraki ae te Rotavirus, buokina ataei bwa ana ikawairake ao ni marungu rai," e tuku ana tia tsete te UNICEF, Jonathan Veitch.

"Ti karabawa te 'Rotary' ma aban te betebeke ibukin aia reitaki ma te UNICEF ibukin kamanoakii ataei man kataruokun bwai n oarakiniki, nakoia aaba ake e manamano bon tabeia tenana se e karkwaki taan mwanakin ibukina aoraki n aban te betebeke. A kona n tamwarakei maunga, toui taan karanga, mwanmwanga I taari n te boon i bukin karokoan te bwai n oarakiniki ataei.

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"Aban te betebeke bon kain rarikira ni kousa, so ti rangi ni kukurei mwanin ibuwabwakin taan bwai n oarakiniki ibukin kamanoakii ataei n te sono n te betebeke ibukin mauri man aoraki aia e kakamaku n aroa te Numoonia (Pneumonia), bekanako (Diarrhoea), ao ai te kaentia (Cervical cancer)," e tuku James Allen, te tarakiti n te burukuraem te i-Kiribati.

Vanuatu Daily Post

the multifaceted nature of Reflecting on the workshop, PPIU

Pacific children get health boost with government immunization commitments

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"We thank Rotary and the Pacific Island governments for their critical long-term partnership with UNICEF to protect children and young people from vaccine-preventable diseases. Especially in this region where pneumonia and diarrhoea are among the Pacific's top childhood killers," Mr. Veitch said. In the Pacific, pneumonia and diarrhoea are among the top three causes of mortality in children under five years of age, while around one-third of all pneumonia deaths are due to pneumococcal disease.

Rotavirus is the leading cause of severe diarrhoea in children aged less than five years, severe diarrhoea can lead to dehydration, particularly in young children, and if left untreated can be life-threatening. With a high burden of cervical cancer cases in the Pacific, most of which are attributed to HPV infection, the introduction of HPV vaccine in adolescent girls will contribute to the reduction of preventable deaths. UNICEF will continue to support routine immunisation programmes in the Pacific Island Countries, including through strengthening effective vaccine management practices, engaging communities to create vaccine demand, and the procurement and delivery of quality as well as effective vaccines at an affordable cost to the governments.

Since the Rotary 'Give Every Child a Future' project's inception, it has supported the countries to strengthen the supply chain, including the cold chain system to ensure that every child has timely access to safe and potent vaccines. Delivering vaccines to the most remote islands and communities in itself is a task for healthcare workers in the Pacific. They have to climb mountains, cross rivers, ride horseback and boats to reach every child with vaccines.

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SUVA, 24 APRIL 2024 (UNICEF PACIFIC) — Nine Pacific countries have committed to greater protection for children against life threatening diseases by adopting an immunisation program that has been implemented by UNICEF in collaboration with Ministries of Health and funding from Rotary since 2020.

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To date, fundraisers from Rotary have contributed US\$3.9 million, through the project implemented by UNICEF, in cooperation with the nations' Ministries of Health and supported by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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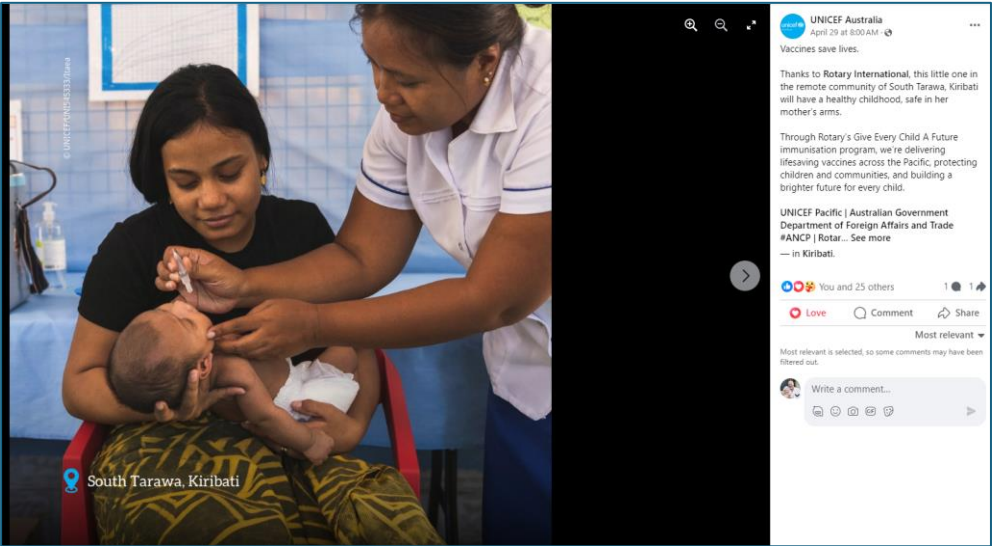
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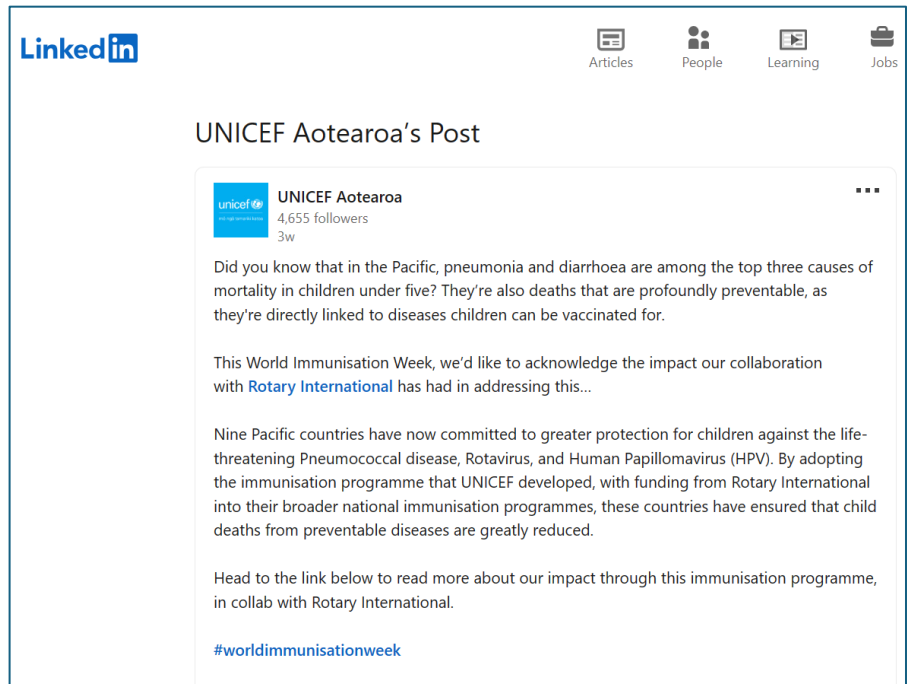
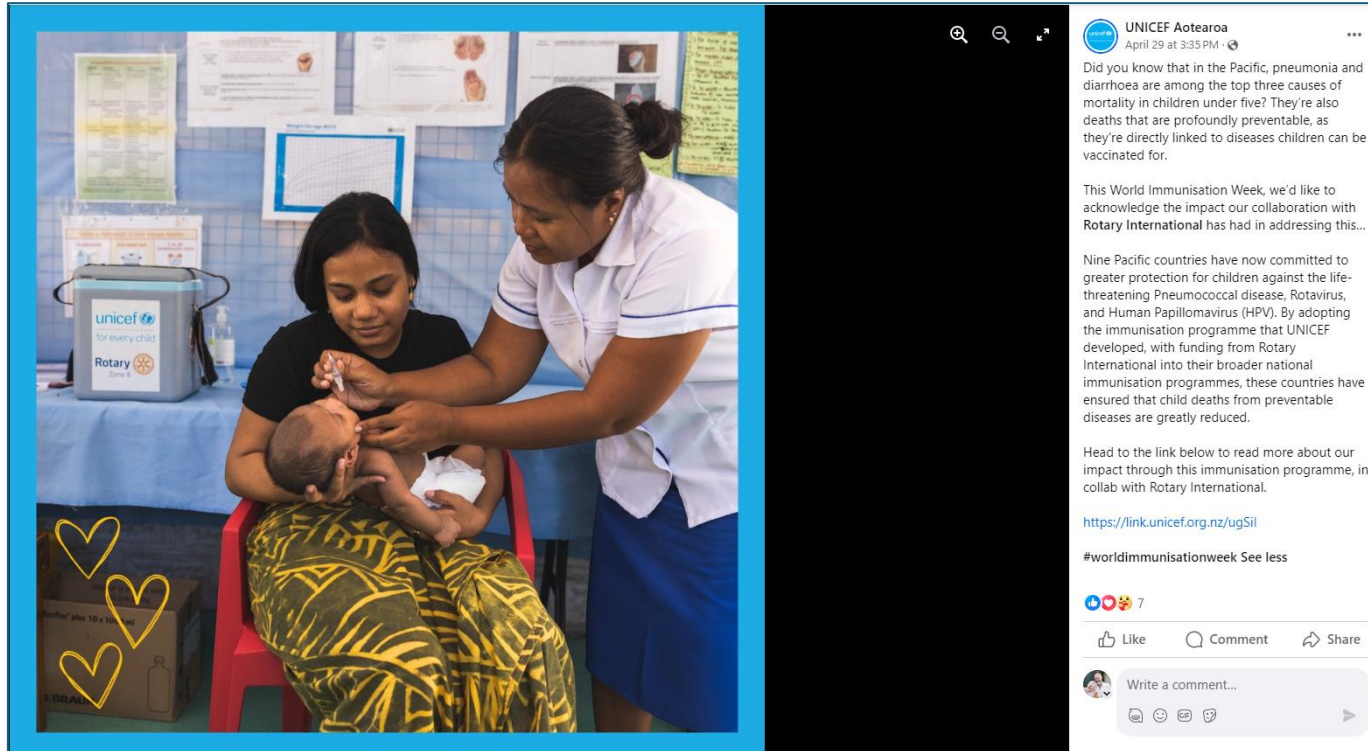
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UNICEF and Rotary have made a lasting impact on children's lives in the Pacific through the power of immunisation.



What UNICEF and our partners achieved

Since the program began, **funds raised by Rotary Foundation, Rotary Zone 8, Australia and New Zealand, and with the support of DFAT, have contributed US\$3.9 million to the program**, helping us to procure, transport and store vaccines and provide technical assistance and training to health workers, including educating parents and caregivers about the importance of routine immunisation for children and young people. With the support of Pacific governments and our partners, we've been able to advocate for the strengthening of national childhood immunisation programs through policies and legislation.

Despite facing numerous challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters, the program **vaccinated up to 100,000 children against life-threatening diseases** including rotavirus, pneumococcal disease, and HPV. In addition, the program saw **more than 230,000 parents and caretakers in the Pacific given knowledge and skills to adopt recommended immunisation practices**. This has changed the lives of thousands of children and adolescents in the Pacific, ensuring they can live happy, healthy futures.



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We spoke to UNICEF Pacific Health and Nutrition Specialist, Dr Frances Katonivualiku, who has seen firsthand the impact the new vaccines were having on children's and adolescent's health in the Pacific. She said since the new vaccines were introduced through the program, the number of cases and deaths related to pneumonia and rotavirus have "dropped significantly" across the Pacific.

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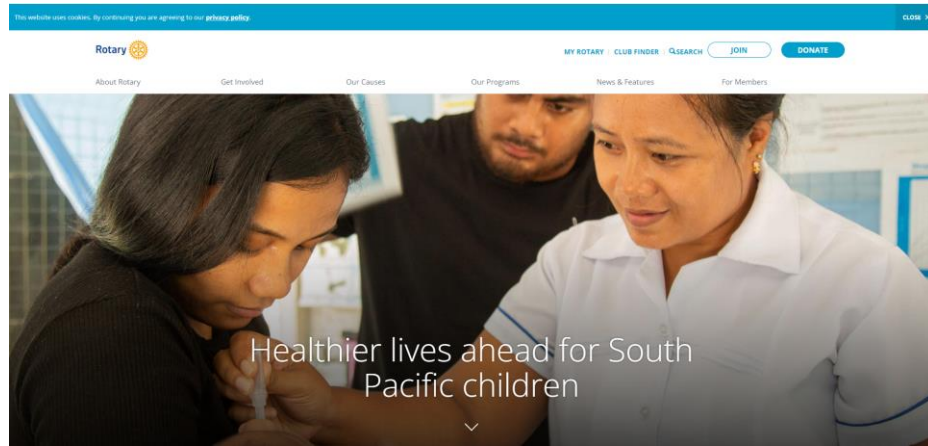
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The scope of the program meant that Rotary clubs in the region needed to raise around US\$3.9 million – almost twice what they'd initially imagined. "We thought, 'Well, that's ambitious.' But after all, we wanted to do something significant," Allen says.



Ultimately, the members applied for 23 global grants, securing more than US\$980,000 in funds from The Rotary Foundation. The program was also funded by about US\$807,000 in District Designated Funds, US\$990,000 from clubs and individual members, US\$264,000 from other foundations, and US\$860,000 from the Australian government.

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GIVING EVERY CHILD A FUTURE

An immunisation win for children in the Pacific

Every child deserves a future, but sadly, in the Pacific, preventable diseases are among the top causes of mortality for children aged under five. But thanks to the support of the Rotary Give Every Child a Future program, UNICEF has been working with Pacific governments to provide lifesaving vaccines in some of the hardest-to-reach communities over the past four years, ensuring every child in the Pacific can reach their full potential.

We are pleased to announce that access to these vaccines will continue post-2025 after nine Pacific governments added vaccines for pneumococcal disease, rotavirus, and human papillomavirus (HPV) to their National Programs for Immunisation. These lifesaving vaccines will have a lasting impact on the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, Nauru, Niue, Tokelau and Kiribati.

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Your impact in action



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ABOVE: A public health nurse in Kiribati administers the rotavirus vaccine supplied by UNICEF. © UNICEF Australia and Rotary/2023/Lehn
LEFT: Bwatera's 6-week-old son is one of the thousands of children who received their routine vaccinations as part of the Rotary Give Every Child a Future program. © UNICEF Australia and Rotary/2023/Lehn

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Press Release: **UNICEF**

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Thank you

UNICEF Australia, Pacific and Aotearoa expresses its sincere gratitude towards Rotary International, the Rotary Foundation and Zone 8 Rotary Clubs of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific for the generous and long-term contribution supporting the introduction and roll-out of new vaccines in nine PICTs through readiness, vaccine procurement and rollout, and social mobilization, as part of Rotary Give Every Child a Future program.

Without this funding support, UNICEF would not have been able to deliver such a comprehensive program in the nine PICT's.

