

**Texas Immunization Partnership
Perpetual Invitation to Collaborate with Rotary!**

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Q: Why initiate collaborative partnerships with Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts/Zones or Rotary International?

A: The various levels & aspects of Rotary (local clubs, area districts & zones; domestic & international; the Foundation) have **public health goals**, access to local, Rotary & non-Rotarian **volunteers** around the planet – including local volunteer-prospects for your public health projects/programs; & there are small (hundreds & thousands of dollars) & large (multi-millions of dollars) **Rotary district & global grants ... for public health projects; multi-year, public health programs & vocational training teams.**

Q: How exactly might public health folks, our Immunization Collaboration &/or I go about getting acquainted &/or initiating a discussion with Rotary Clubs &/or Rotarians about potential projects of mutual interest?

A #1: Offer to speak at weekly Rotary Club meetings about public health topic(s) of mutual interest: e.g., PolioPlus/your Immunization Collaboration, maternal & child health; water & sanitation; disease control & prevention (The Rotary Foundation reduces the causes & effects of disease by Improving the capacity of local health care professionals; combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria & other major diseases; enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities; educating & mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases; supporting studies related to disease prevention & treatment). **Offer your subject-matter expertise**, training materials, train-the-trainer sessions &/or trainings on behalf of Rotary projects & programs. In your speech(es), mention Rotary's brand new Future Vision initiative & **offer to collaborate** with domestic/international, **\$1+M Rotary projects that require a sustainability strategy: you/your staff/collaborative partners can be Rotary's subject-matter experts who prepare the training materials &/or train-the-trainers &/or train indigenous folks** about why & how to keep their water clean, their water wells functioning & how to repair equipment; etc.

A #2: When you speak at a Rotary Club, if you value Rotary's Four-Way Test, know & admire the members & are attracted to Rotary's spirit of *service above self*, then ask how you might **apply for membership** or whether you might attend occasionally as a guest. If you are accepted into membership of a Rotary Club, **volunteer, get acquainted & be alert for opportunities to invite your fellow members to participate or volunteer in your public health/Immunization Collaboration events** – especially immunization events, given that PolioPlus is Rotary's top priority (including Rotary's having been voluntarily awarded two, multi-million-dollar matching grants from the Gates Foundation to eradicate polio worldwide).

P.S. Rotary is a powerful, effective, leverage-point, collaborative partner -- given Rotary's focus on eradication of polio & six areas of focus: Disease Prevention & Treatment, Maternal & Child Health, Water & Sanitation [also, Basic Education & Literacy, Economic & Community Development & Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution]: www.Rotary.org/FutureVision & select "Future Vision Quick Reference Guide" from the lower, left-hand menu). As you well know, the Rotary-focused tips, strategies & initiatives (above) can also work with (for example) Lions Clubs internationally (www.LionsClubs.org & select the top tab: "Our Work" & select the "Sight Programs" left-hand link). Lions' focus <pun> is on good vision. The Gates Foundation has provided a significant grant to **Lions International for eradication of measles** because measles can cause blindness.

Achieve or Exceed inspiring immunization- &/or domestic/international public health-related goals
through win-win community & international partnerships!

Share your collaboration strategies, stories & connections with Alice.V.White@GMail.com so that we may learn & improve together.