

TOP 5 REASONS TO ERADICATE POLIO

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To improve lives.

16 million people are walking today who would have otherwise been paralyzed.

To invest in the future.

If polio isn't eradicated, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 children could be paralyzed by it each year. A polio-free world will be a safer world for children everywhere.

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To improve child health.

Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems like vitamin deficiency and measles, so they can be addressed sooner.

To save money.

A polio-free world will save the global economy \$40-\$50 billion in health costs within the next 20 years.

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To make history.

Polio eradication would be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eliminated from the world.

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ACHIEVING A **POLIO-FREE** WORLD

At the end of the 1980s, more than 350,000 children were paralyzed by polio every year. Today, polio cases have decreased by 99.9%.

We are This Close

Before the world...
can be certified polio-free, eradication efforts need additional funding to:

Immunize
400 million children
against polio every year.

Improve
the ability of surveillance
and monitoring systems to
diagnose new cases and
detect the wild polio virus.

Hire
more than 150,000 health
workers to go door to
door to find every child.



If polio is not eradicated,
hundreds of thousands of children could be paralyzed. Global health care costs will rise dramatically, and many children's quality of life will be drastically diminished.

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