

PolioPlus within the context of COVID-19

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POLIO GLOBAL ERADICATION INITIATIVE

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ON THE FRONT LINES

- Hundreds of thousands vaccinators
- Hundreds of thousands of community mobilizers
- Tens of thousands of medical officers

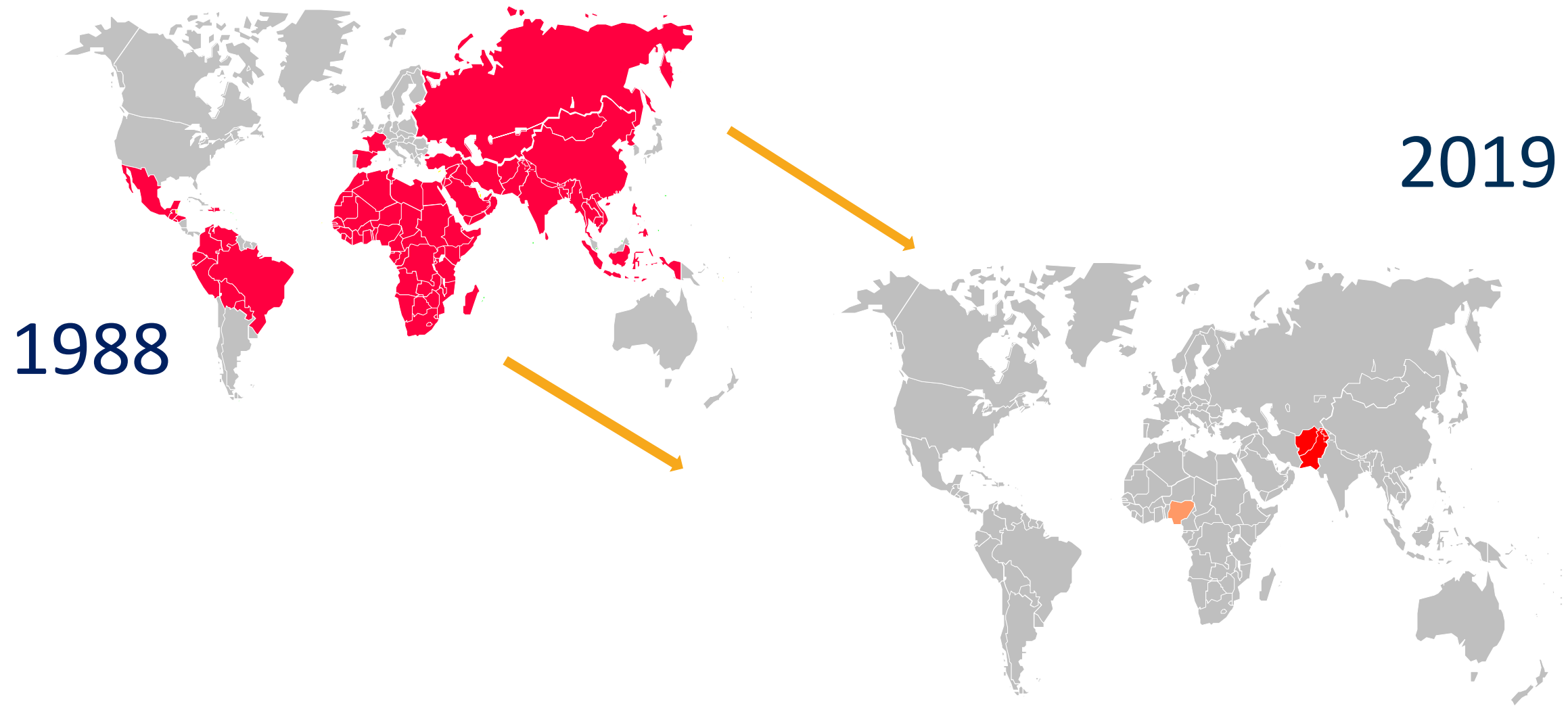


- 146 Laboratories
- Thousands of surveillance medical officers
- Thousands of laboratory technicians

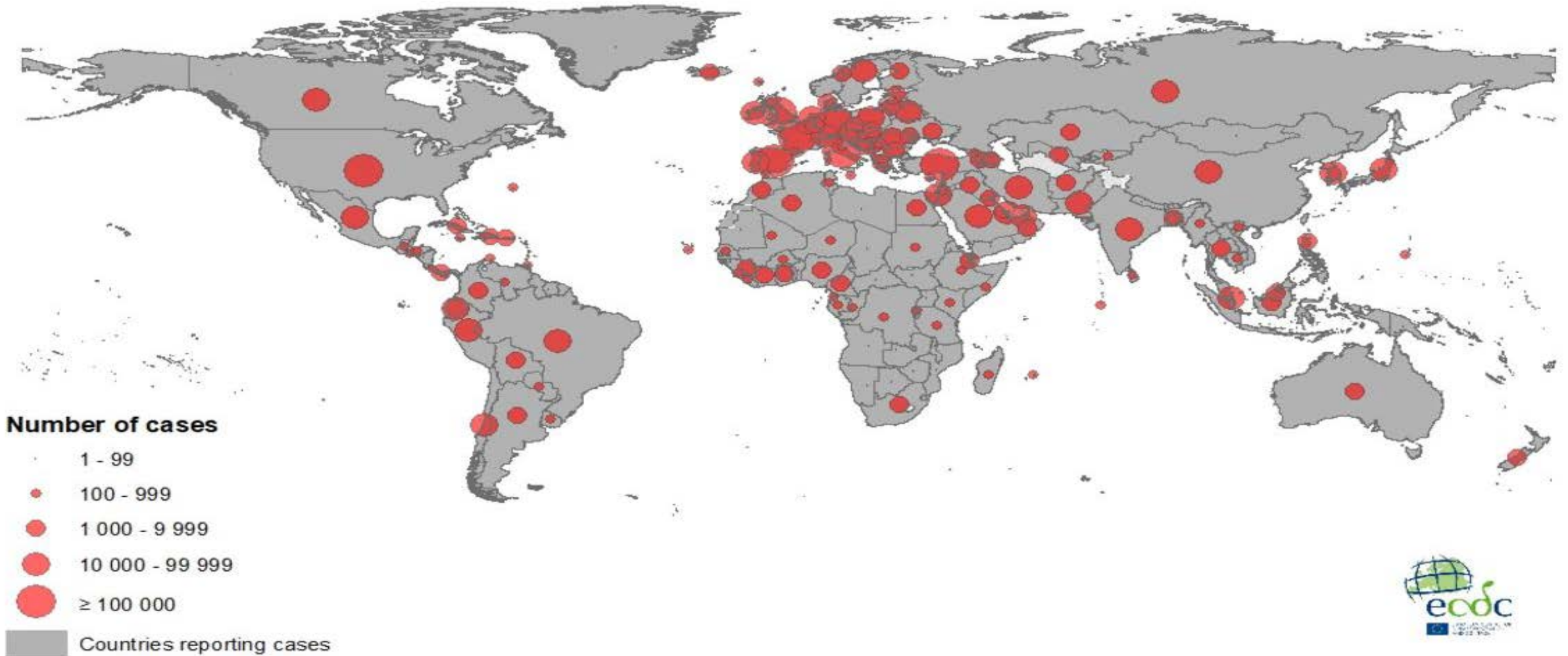




POLIO TODAY



COVID-19 PANDEMIC TODAY



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HOW ARE POLIO WORKERS FIGHTING COVID-19?

POLIO GLOBAL
ERADICATION
INITIATIVE

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**Educating
Communities
on Prevention**



**Investigating
Cases**



**Training Health
Workers**



**Coordinating
Outbreak
Response**



**Tracing
Contacts**



TOGETHER WE'LL

BEAT COVID-19.

THE POLIO INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTS COVID-19 RESPONSE: THE “PLUS” IN POLIOPLUS

- Global Polio Laboratory Network testing for polio and COVID-19
- Call center in Pakistan receives polio and COVID-19 calls
- Community mobilizers educate on polio and COVID-19 prevention
- Logistics officers for polio vaccine facilitate distribution of personal protection equipment (PPE)



ROTARY NATIONAL POLIOPLUS COMMITTEES SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE” THE “PLUS” IN POLIO PLUS

- **Vaccine carriers** provided by Rotary used to transport COVID-19 specimens (Pakistan)
- **Rotary Polio Resource Centers** are being used as COVID-19 testing sites (Pakistan)
- **Food rations** provided to needy families (Nigeria, Pakistan)
- Providing **personal protection equipment** with End Polio Now logo and repairing ventilators in Pakistan
- **Rotary-established polio Ulema committee** (religious leaders) in India now focused on COVID-19



POLIO ERADICATION IN THE MIDST OF COVID-19

POLIO GLOBAL ERADICATION INITIATIVE

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Activities that will continue while polio vaccination campaigns are paused due to COVID-19:



SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Continue tracking the poliovirus so we know what areas may be at risk



ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION

Strengthen vaccination services at health centers in areas at risk of polio



VACCINE SUPPLY

Ensure the availability and readiness of polio vaccines



ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Support delivery of basic services to polio-affected areas



CATCH-UP VACCINATION PLANS

Prepare to launch high-quality campaigns as soon as possible

POLIO WORK CONTINUES

- Polio remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern
- Rotary's advocacy with donor governments continues unabated-global health being prioritized
- Rotary fundraising efforts for polio continues
- Media engagement on how polio eradication infrastructure is supporting COVID-19 response and the need to finish the job of polio eradication
- Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee will meet virtually 5 June

BOTTOM LINE & CALL TO ACTION

- Be proud that the polio eradication infrastructure that Rotary has helped build is supporting the COVID-19 pandemic-as it has for natural disasters, Ebola, yellow fever, SARS, avian flu, etc
- COVID-19 pandemic reminds us of polio epidemics
- Rotary's dual priority to support COVID-19 and polio eradication
- Ensure we reach our US\$50 million fundraising goal this year and fully leverage the Gates Foundation 2:1 match. Contribute online at endpolio.org/donate
- DDF matched 2:1 by World Fund; and then 2:1 by the Gates Foundation
- Begin immunizing children as soon as possible requiring full Rotary leadership and engagement
- Call upon me as a resource for information carol.pandak@rotary.org

