

GPEI 2007 financing and 2008-09 pledges bring total financial commitments to the 20-year polio eradication effort to more than US\$ 6 billion since its 1988 launch.

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To implement the 2007 intensified eradication activities, traditional development partner financing had to be substantially complemented by domestic funding, most notably from the Government of India, as well as a US\$ 104 million re-programming of International Finance Facility for Immunization (IFFIm) funds previously earmarked for a post-eradication era vaccine stockpile. This one-time IFFIm gesture freed up much-needed funding for eradication and ensured that intensified polio eradication activities in polio-endemic and high-risk countries in the second half of 2007 could go ahead as planned. The reprogramming was also designed to provide time for other donors to firm up pledges for 2008-09 activities.

In June, G8 leaders meeting at Heiligendamm, Germany re-affirmed their commitment to “work with others to close urgent funding shortfalls” and the GPEI is working with individual G8 members to follow up on this – and previous – G8 polio promises.

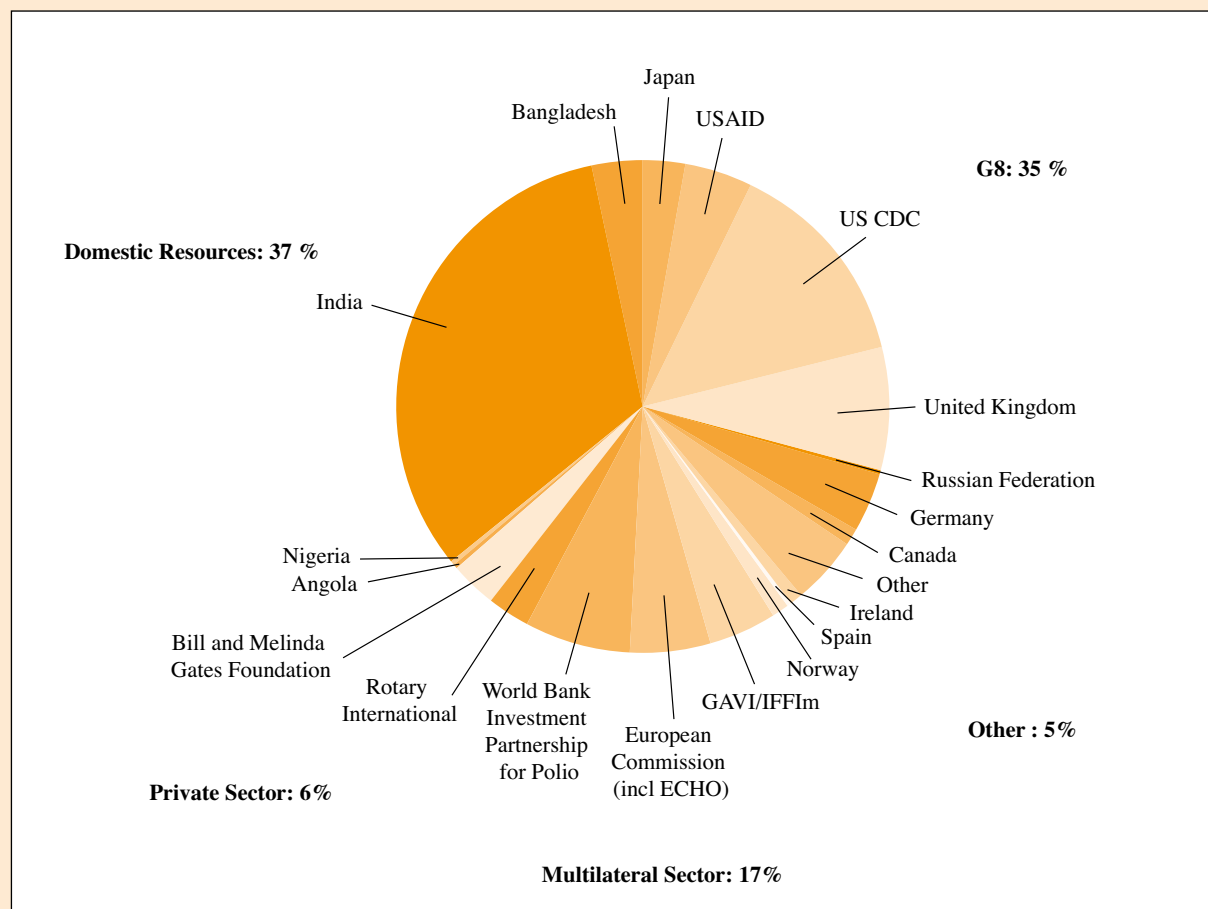
Global Polio Eradication Initiative 2007 financing of US\$ 712 million, together with 2008-09 pledges, brought total financial commitments to the 20-year polio eradication effort to more than US\$ 6 billion since its 1988 launch.

Forty-five public and private sector donors have contributed more than US\$ 1 million each to polio eradication. Of these, 28 have contributed more than US\$ 5 million and 18 have contributed more than US\$ 25 million.

Recognizing the potential impact of the intensified polio eradication effort, Rotary International and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in November 2007 announced a partnership that will inject US\$ 200 million into the Global Polio Eradication Initiative over the next four years. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded The Rotary Foundation with one of its largest-ever challenge grants of US\$100 million, which will be expended in 2008, and which Rotary will match dollar-for-dollar over the next three years. As they announced their partnership, the two organizations called on other financial partners to follow their lead and ensure that the time-limited intensification of eradication activities is fully funded.

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Financial contributions for 2007 to GPEI



'Other' includes: the Governments of Austria, Hungary, Iceland, Kuwait, Luxembourg, New Zealand, the Netherlands, the United Arab Emirates; Saudi Arabian Red Crescent Society, United Arab Emirates Red Crescent Society, UNICEF National Committees, UNICEF Regular and Other Resources and WHO (incl. impact of reduced programme support costs)

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative would like to thank donors who provided financial support in 2007.

Austria

Austria continued its support to polio eradication by committing US\$ 840 000 in 2007 for Ethiopia's polio eradication efforts, bringing its total contributions to the Initiative to US\$ 2.51 million.

Azerbaijan

The Republic of Azerbaijan made its first-ever contribution of US\$ 23 000 to WHO in support of polio eradication efforts in the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Member States.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

In addition to announcing in November 2007, together with Rotary International, a partnership that will inject US\$ 200 million in new polio funding between 2008 and 2012, the Foundation provided US\$ 23.16 million in the second year of a two-year contribution for Nigeria and surrounding countries, bringing its total contributions to US\$ 250 million.

Canada

Canada provided US\$ 7.82 million to the GPEI in 2007 for Afghanistan and Pakistan's polio eradication efforts, bringing its total contribution to more than US\$ 205 million.

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

In addition to its role as a Global Polio Eradication Initiative spearheading partner, CDC in 2007 provided funding for OPV, operational costs and programme support to UNICEF and WHO and continued its support for the international assignment of epidemiologists, virologists and technical officers who assist polio-endemic countries in implementing polio eradication activities. US Congress appropriations to CDC for polio eradication in its fiscal year 2007 totalled US\$ 101.25 million, bringing its total polio contributions to more than US\$ 1 billion.

European Commission

EC-Nigeria in 2007 signed a US\$ 28.8 million (€20 million) three-year agreement for polio eradication activities in Nigeria and provided US\$ 16 million (€13.1 million) in 2007 funding to support Ethiopia's polio outbreak response activities. These new contributions bring total EC polio eradication funding to US\$ 192 million.

Germany

In 2007, Germany's core OPV funding for India and Nigeria was complemented by global unspecified funding. Its 2007 contributions of US\$ 26.2 million, together with funds pledged for 2008 and 2009, bring Germany's total contributions to more than US\$ 223 million.

Hungary

Hungary followed its first-ever contribution in 2006 with a second contribution of US\$ 10 000 in 2007, bringing its total funding to US\$ 30 000.

Iceland

Iceland contributed US\$ 100 000 to polio eradication in 2007, doubling its 2005 and 2006 contribution levels, and bringing its total contribution to US\$ 200 000.

Italy

Italy in 2007 contributed US\$ 11.7 million as it paid the final instalment on the 2004-06 €14 million pledge it made ahead of the 2004 G8 Summit at Sea Island. Italy's total polio contributions are more than US\$ 22 million.

Ireland

Ireland in 2007 complemented its existing US\$ 10.4 million 2006-08 pledge with an additional US\$ 2 million respectively in 2007 and 2008, bringing its total polio contributions to more than US\$ 20 million.

Japan

Japan provided US\$ 20.3 million in OPV funding for priority countries Afghanistan, Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan and Sudan. Japan's 2007 contributions bring its total contributions to more than US\$ 330 million.

Kuwait

The State of Kuwait made a first-ever contribution of US\$ 1 million in support of global polio eradication efforts.

Luxembourg

At part of its 2006-08 pledge, Luxembourg in 2007 contributed US\$ 920 000 in global unspecified funding, bringing its total polio contributions to more than US\$ 9 million. Luxembourg is the GPEI's largest per capita donor.

Monaco

Monaco continued its support for Niger's polio eradication activities by providing US\$ 78 000 in 2007, bringing its total contributions to US\$ 288 000.

Netherlands

The Netherlands Ministry of Health provided US\$ 210 000 in 2007 to support polio work at the Dutch National Institute of Public Health and the Environment. Dutch contributions to polio eradication total US\$ 113 million.

New Zealand

New Zealand in 2007 provided US\$ 200 000 for global polio eradication efforts through its partnership with local Rotary clubs in the country, bringing its total contributions to US\$ 2.2 million.

Norway

Norway continued its support of polio eradication in 2007 with a global contribution of US\$ 7.6 million, bringing its total polio contributions to US\$ 49.33 million.

Portugal

At the end of 2007, Portugal provided US\$ 290 000 to help respond to the polio outbreak in Angola, bringing Portugal's total contribution to US\$ 860 000.

Spain

Spain continued its strong, consist-

ent support for polio eradication by providing US\$ 3.2 million to the Initiative in 2007, including funding for surveillance activities in Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Ethiopia and Namibia through its Agencia Espanola de Cooperacion International, and unspecified funding for the WHO African region. Including funds pledged also for 2008, Spain's contributions to polio eradication total US\$ 7.7 million.

Rotary International

In addition to announcing in November 2007, together with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a partnership that will inject US\$ 200 million in new polio funding between 2008 and 2012, Rotary International contributed US\$ 20.19 million in 2007 for surveillance, operations, social mobilization and staff support in all three polio-endemic regions. Rotary International, a GPEI spearheading partner, is also the Initiative's largest private sector donor, having contributed US\$ 700 million, a figure that will rise to US\$ 850 million by the time the world is certified polio-free.

Russian Federation

In 2007, the Russian Federation contributed US\$ 3 million, as part of its US\$ 10 million St Petersburg G8 commitment for 2006-08. Russia's total contributions to polio eradication add up to US\$ 18 million.

United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates continued its support for polio eradication by pledging to provide US\$ 1 million to support intensified polio eradication activities.

United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID)

DFID's US\$ 57.46 million in 2007 global funding and country-specific contributions to India and Pakistan, brought its total polio contributions to more than US\$ 726 million.

United Nations Foundation

The United Nations Foundation in 2007 provided US\$ 280 000, as it continued to support for the GPEI's resource mobilization efforts and provided partial funding for the DG's Stakeholder Consultation on Polio Eradication. This latest contribution brought its total contributions to US\$ 42.9 million.

USAID

US Congress in its fiscal year 2007 allocated US\$ 32 million to USAID for polio eradication. Funds were used for social mobilization, surveillance, laboratory support, outbreak response and monitoring in priority countries in all three polio-endemic regions. Its total contributions to polio eradication are US\$ 326 million.

World Bank Investment Partnership for Polio

Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary International, the US CDC and UNF providing funding that "buys down" countries' World Bank loans for the purchase of OPV to zero, in effect turning them into grants. The 2007 OPV funding of US \$46.19 million brought total World Bank Investment Partnership for Polio funding to US\$ 186.6 million.