

# WORKING TOWARD A POLIO-FREE WORLD.

The CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP) supports community-based activities designed to strengthen supplemental polio immunization, routine polio immunization, surveillance of Acute Flaccid Paralysis and outbreak response. The CGPP is funded by USAID and collaborates with WHO, UNICEF, CDC, Rotary, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and numerous Ministries of Health.

In 2018, the world reported 33 cases of Wild Polio Virus (WPV) from the most difficult corners of the world. **FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS**, the CGPP has been:



**REACHING** the hardest-to-reach, resistant and underserved communities through social mobilization to promote positive participation and acceptance of the polio vaccine.



**ENGAGING** marginalized communities through behavior change education strategies delivered by local NGOs.



**EMPOWERING** communities at the grassroots level to build ownership for long-lasting, sustainable change and to build capacity of local health systems.

## In 2019, the CGPP works in the following 7 countries:

Since 1999, the CGPP has worked in 10 countries: **Angola\***, **Bangladesh\***, **Ethiopia**, **India**, **Kenya**, **Nepal\***, **Nigeria**, **Somalia**, **South Sudan**, and **Uganda\*\***.

\* Graduated from CGPP after endemic transmission ended;

\*\*Invited by Uganda government to return to support refugees and host communities.



## 4 PILLARS of global polio eradication:

- 1** Strengthening of routine immunization services and expansion of immunization coverage in the population, including coverage with at least three doses of OPV
- 2** Supplemental immunization with OPV to build and sustain population/herd immunity
- 3** Outbreak response vaccination campaigns
- 4** Surveillance for acute flaccid paralysis (AFP)

## REACHING. ENGAGING. EMPOWERING.

**9** long-term implementing international NGOs

**30** local NGOs equipped with the expertise to work in complex, insecure and high-risk communities.

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF), American Refugee Committee (ARC), International Medical Corps (IMC), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Associations (CCRDA), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Project Concern International (PCI), and Save the Children.

**15,000+** frontline workers (community/social mobilizers)

## In 2018, our work:

Reached nearly **6 MILLION** people



Supported the vaccination of more than **2 MILLION** children with OPV (oral polio vaccine)



Identified **57%** of AFP cases in project areas



Built community capacity by training **20,000** people per year



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