

90% of
unvaccinated
people exposed
to measles
become ill¹



Humanitarian
Efforts

VOLUNTEERS AND VACCINES



An unthinkable number of children dies each day from measles, many in India. In fact, India has the fifth highest number of measles cases worldwide².

Seeing their country ravaged by the disease, Lions

throughout India embarked on a two-year campaign to stem the wrath of measles and rubella (MR). Their goal? Assist with the government's country-wide MR initiatives by vaccinating 410 million youth. Integral to their plan was grant funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), empowering Lions to execute a pervasive social mobilization strategy.

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“Volunteering in our communities is how we reach and educate people,” said one Lion in Tamil Nadu. “We met with school administrators and parents to share the importance of MR vaccination.” In similar efforts nationwide, Lions went door to door, school to school, community to community, to educate and share news of upcoming vaccination events. They also posted flyers and on social media, ran newspaper and radio ads, and spoke at events. “Many parents don't vaccinate because they don't know the shot exists or how dangerous measles is. Education is vital for a positive outcome. LCIF has helped keep our children healthy.”



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A Vulnerable Population Targeted

95.

Of measles-related deaths worldwide, that's the percentage that occurs in countries with low per-capita incomes and weak health infrastructures³. Sadly, the disease – often causing severe pneumonia, brain damage, and death – is still common in many developing countries.

2.3 MILLION

infants in India unvaccinated against measles

2nd-highest rate globally in 2018⁴



#5

India's ranking among countries with highest incidence of measles

19,474 cases⁵

THAT'S INDIA. GLOBALLY, THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE THIS:



6 million

people are affected by measles each year⁶

10,000 babies+

are born with Congenital Rubella Syndrome annually⁷

Measles is a leading cause of death in children under 5⁸



LCIF AND LIONS

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Every year measles infects more than six million people, and every day 300 people perish because of the disease, for which a safe and effective vaccine exists⁹. Fortunately, numbers have declined due to strengthening routine immunization services and mass vaccination campaigns, like those made possible with funding from LCIF.

With support from LCIF, Lions will continue to be there, delivering healthier futures around the world.

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SOURCES/NOTE: ^{1,6,7,9}Measles & Rubella Initiative; ^{2,3,5,8}World Health Organization; ⁴Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; grant limits subject to change



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LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

Humanitarian efforts is just one cause area supported by LCIF and *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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