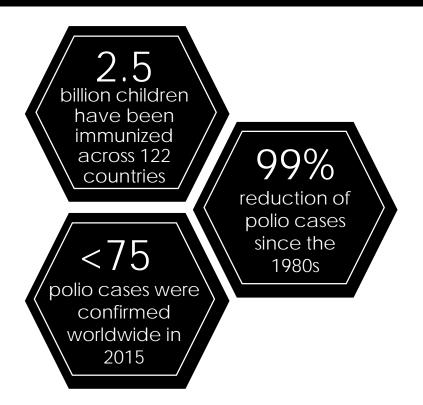
POLIOMYELITIS



Polio, also known as poliomyelitis, is a highly infectious disease caused by a virus. Polio is incurable, but completely vaccine-preventable



Today, Afghanistan and Pakistan are only two countries that have cases of polio

1 in 200

infections leads to irreversible paralysis

Over **350,000** people have been affected by Polio

It invades the nervous system, and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours

It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five

Transmission is from person to person, or by a common vehicle such as, contaminated water or food



Each one of these immunizations only costs **60 cents** which can prevent a child from getting a disease that can affect them for the rest of their life

For more information on how you can get involved visit: www.interact5160.org

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