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Winning the Global War Against Polio

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Twenty years ago, a group of ministers of health from around the world resolved to rid the planet of polio. At the time, the paralyzing disease was infecting more than 1,000 children each day in 125 countries on 5 continents. Overcoming logistical nightmares, civil wars, and language barriers, millions of volunteers from hundreds of countries have helped vaccinate billions of children to bring this plague to the verge of extinction. Today, the disease remains problematic in just four countries in Africa and Asia. Until polio is eradicated worldwide, the risk for polio in the U.S., while extremely low, still exists.

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