

Importance to Rotary

Maternal and Child Health:
promoting the safety of
young children

**Disease Prevention and
Treatment:** Schisto makes
the polio vaccine ineffective!

Water and Sanitation:
promoting clean and safe
water sources worldwide

We are calling on all Interact Clubs and Districts to start fundraising to support this project. The funds raised will be used to purchase life-saving pills to treat infected children in Tanzania. Eventually, we also hope to use a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to multiply some of the funds raised.

We need Rotaract and Rotary Clubs' and Rotary Districts' support as well! Help spread awareness for Schistosomiasis and support your local Interact clubs as they fundraise to eradicate this deadly disease!

Remember: it only costs TWO DOLLARS to SAVE a life!!

80 million

children affected
with Schistosomiasis
every year



**We need your help to
fight this deadly disease!**

More information at:
www.rotaryazinteract.org

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Interact Global Schisto Project

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Tanzania!

is the first country where we will begin treating Childhood Schistosomiasis

Schistosomiasis is most prevalent in six African countries:

Kenya

Senegal

Tanzania

Uganda

Cameroon

Rwanda



Does your Interact Club have a LifeSaver Trophy Jar yet?

Treatment

Praziquantel is a drug used in the treatment for Schisto. Until recently, it has only been available for adults, but there is now a pediatric treatment!

It costs only \$2 USD to manufacture, package, and ship the treatment of five strawberry-flavored pills. That's \$2 to save a life!



As they fundraise for this cause, we are encouraging Interact Clubs to use LifeSaver candies or something similar. Clubs will put a candy in a jar every time somebody donates \$2, creating a visual representation of how many lives they have saved!

What is Schistosomiasis?

A parasitic disease that can enter the body and infect the brains and other organs of individuals, causing motor impairment, learning disabilities, and often even death.

In tropical areas it's caused by the parasite, *cercariae*, which is carried by freshwater snails. When the snails lay eggs in the water, the parasite detaches to swim, looking for human or animals to infect. The parasite is a strong swimmer, it can swim up a urine stream or enter humans through skin pores.

Schisto affects over 350 million adults and children worldwide, and is found in areas of Africa, the Middle East, South America, and south Asia.