



**Statement from Manish Patel, medical epidemiologist, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, on new data from separate studies in Asia and Africa on the safety, efficacy, and potential lifesaving impact of rotavirus vaccines**

“In Nicaragua, the first developing country to introduce rotavirus vaccines, we saw a dramatic reduction in the number of children suffering from severe disease. Such a powerful impact in this setting illustrates the benefit these vaccines could have in high-burden, low-income countries where they are needed most.

“Furthermore, researchers continue to observe indications that vaccine efficacy increases with the severity of the disease—potentially providing the greatest protection when children face the most deadly infections.”

For more information, visit: <http://www.path.org/news/pr100805-rotavirus-vaccines-Asia.php>

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