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**Statement from Dr. David A. Sack on new data from separate studies in Asia and Africa on the safety, efficacy, and potential lifesaving impact of rotavirus vaccines**

“In many parts of the world—including Bangladesh—a case of severe diarrhea, if left untreated, can be fatal. Since so many children do not have access to effective treatment, rotavirus vaccines provide a major advance for protecting children from this leading cause of severe diarrhea in infancy,” said Dr. David A. Sack, professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and former executive director of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B). “The unprecedented clinical study in Asia joins the growing body of work demonstrating the safety and efficacy of rotavirus vaccines and reinforces the World Health Organization’s recommendation that every country make these vaccines available to their children.”

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

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