



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

“For a child in Africa who may be malnourished, may not have access to clean water, may be miles away from the hospital, that child’s only chance is this vaccine. Our job is to get it to them,” said Dr. Samba Ousmane Sow, associate professor of medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and contributing author to the Africa study. “Where treatment for severe diarrhea is near-impossible, we must focus on what we can do to prevent it in the first place. Rotavirus vaccines provide the best protection available today. While we must do everything we can to get these vaccines to the children who need them most, it is also our jobs as doctors and scientists to continue our work to study, evaluate, and improve interventions to protect our children.”

For more information, please visit: <http://www.path.org/news/pr100805-rotavirus-evidence-Kenya.php>  
Or <http://www.path.org/news/pr100805-rotavirus-evidence-Africa.php>

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