

Statement from Dr. Maharaj Kishan Bhan on the World Health Organization (WHO) Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) Decision to Approve Rotavirus Vaccines for Global Use

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“For many years I witnessed firsthand the burden of diarrheal disease — and rotavirus in particular — on children in developing countries in Asia,” said Dr. Maharaj Kishan Bhan, the secretary to the government of India for the department of biotechnology. “I’ve worked with members of the global health community and we have made great progress in developing promising diarrheal disease prevention and treatment interventions. Through our work, we have realized one of the best ways to protect children in low-resource settings from rotavirus — the most common and deadly diarrheal disease — is to prevent them from getting sick with it in the first place. Rotavirus vaccinations empower us to do this. They are a critical component in our work to save children’s lives and prevent senseless deaths from this preventable and treatable disease.”

For more information, please visit <http://www.path.org/news/pr090605-who-rotavirus.php>.

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