

## Dr. Tunji Funsho

### Chair of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee



Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, joins 100 pioneers, artists, leaders, icons, and titans as [one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People](#). TIME announced its 2020 honorees during a 22 September television broadcast on ABC, [recognizing Tunji](#) for his instrumental leadership and work with Rotary members and partners to achieve the [eradication of wild polio](#) in the African region. #

He is the first Rotary member to receive this honor for work toward eradicating polio. #

A Rotarian for 35 years, Tunji is a member of the Rotary Club of Lekki, Nigeria, past governor of District 9110, and serves on Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. Tunji is a cardiologist and a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London. He lives in Lagos, Nigeria with his wife Aisha. They have four children; Habeeb, Kike, Abdullahi and Fatima; and five grandchildren. #

As the chair of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, since 2013 Tunji has led PolioPlus efforts in the country, building upon the work of his predecessors. He has worked alongside Rotarians in Nigeria to raise awareness about the importance of polio immunization, encouraged governments and public figures to support polio eradication, and served as a vocal leader and advocate for Rotary and its fight to end polio. He works closely with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partner organizations: the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#), [UNICEF](#), the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), and [Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance](#). #

As a member of Nigeria's Presidential Task Force on Polio, he has coordinated immunizations and advocacy campaigns with the Minister of State for Health and the

Inter-Agency Coordination Committee for Polio Eradication. He has also worked closely with the Sir Emeka Offor Foundation, the Dangote Foundation, the Traditional Leaders Council and the Federation of Muslim Women's Association of Nigeria.#