

Button up to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus

What is the Eliminate Project?

The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) gives K-Kids an extraordinary opportunity to help remove a terrible disease from the earth.

MNT kills one baby every nine minutes. Tiny newborns suffer painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. There is little hope of survival.

MNT is caused when tetanus spores come into contact with the baby during childbirth.

MNT can be stopped. Just three doses of a 60 cent immunization protect mothers, who then pass on the immunity to their future babies.

Advocate for MNT elimination. Get inspired and encourage K-Kids members to create their own advocacy buttons.

K-Kids can wear a button and share the story with others!

Activity

Needed materials

Button templates - print several copies of the [button template](#) on card stock.

Markers – to color button templates.

Masking tape or duct tape – to tape the safety pin on the back of the button.

Large safety pins – to tape on the back of the buttons.

Instructions

View the MNT website with the K-Kids members at www.theeliminateproject.org.

Ask K-Kids members to think about what they've learned and to answer the following questions:

1. How does this make you feel?
2. What actions can I take?
3. How can I express my feelings on my advocacy button?

Cut out a button from the printed templates, or create an original button design on the cardstock paper.

Decorate your button.

Express your feelings in words, drawings or colors.

Attach a pin to the back of your cardstock button.

Wear it and share it!