

## The Eliminate Project Essay:

Share how you would educate others about the Kiwanis Eliminate Project to encourage them to take action and support this worthy cause.

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Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Babies and mothers are dying all across the world! Reason? They did not get their tetanus shot. Cost? Only \$1.80. ✓ *creative intro*

Kiwanis International has teamed up with UNICEF to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. According to <http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/>, "this deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year." *reference*

To this end, Kiwanis plans to immunize over 100 million mothers and babies. Therefore, everyone must be educated about this Project. *part*

Since technology is a major part of our lives, I can design an Eliminate Facebook Page and post it. I can get my friends to "like" the page and they can get their friends to "like" it etc. Soon, millions of people will be learning and contributing to the Project.

I can ask my government to hold town meetings to educate the public. I can show one of the Eliminate clippings, like we did at my school, so people can learn about it. I can also go to different schools and talk to them about it. *educate*

Since people like to shop, I can visit malls and talk about the Project. I can design flyers and distribute them to people. I can also stick posters/flyers around town and have billboards made and placed in spots where the information would always be visible. *educate*

Raising money for the project is another way people can learn about it. I went Trick o' Treating with the MNT box and was able to talk about it, while collecting money for the cause. This is something that can be ongoing. *educate*

The Convention of the Rights of the Child in Article 6 states that, "Children have a right to live. Governments should ensure that children survive and develop healthily" and Article 24 says, "Children have the right to good quality health care – the best health care possible – to safe drinking water, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, *ref.*

*part*

and information to help them stay healthy. Rich countries should help poorer countries achieve this."

In Articles 3 and 25 of The Universal Declaration of Human rights it is stated that, <sup>ref</sup>  
"Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person and that (1) Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control and (2) Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

It is the important for us to educate people about diseases that others face and lend our support. If we do not ensure that mothers and babies are healthy, they will die and there will be no new people here. And then what would happen to the world?

*conclusion*

# **K Kids Essay Competition**

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## K-kids Essay Competition.

According to the pocket Oxford English Dictionary, the word eliminate means, completely remove or get rid of.

Therefore the Eliminate Project focuses on the elimination of Maternal Neonatal Tetanus. This is a disease that kills one baby every nine minutes. The one Kiwanis club therefore aims to raise United States One Hundred and Ten Million Dollars to save the life of approximately one hundred and twenty nine mothers and their future babies. This is hoping to be achieved by collaborating with the UNICEF. First I would like to inform you about this dreadful disease.

How can this disease be contracted? Soils contain tetanus spores which can enter the body through breaks in the skin. The disease can also occur through unhygienic birthing practice. Open wounds such as cut umbilical chords become contaminated. It therefore, moves quickly to the central nervous system.

This disease kills sixty thousand innocent babies and thirty thousand mothers each year. Can you imagine a baby experiencing excruciating pains, newborn babies suffering painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch? This must be an awful experience.

How can this disease be eliminated?

All this is possible through the use of immunization. In doing this, it requires, vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. This is therefore the reason for this drive.

There is no doubt that this can be achieved, it happened in the past, it means therefore, that it can happen again. Where Kiwanis teamed with UNICEF and eliminated Iodine deficiency in the 1990's. As a K-Kid I am sure I can make valuable contributions to help in this elimination process.

Kiwanis, the children of the world need you.

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## K-Kids Eliminate Essay Contest

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The Eliminate Project is very important. It is about ridding our World of Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus. This disease causes so much pain to tiny newborn babies who suffer from convulsions and sensitivity to light and touch.

I became involved with this project when my sister, Julianne was President of the Bowling Green K-Kids. She was invited by Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo to the International Convention in Las Vegas to accept the Tablet of Honor for being the first club to make a donation to this worthy cause. We heard many people speak about the importance of this project.

Did you know that for just \$1.80 a mother and all her future babies can be saved from this very deadly disease? I am very lucky to live in the United States where my mom and I are immunized. There are many mothers in very poor areas of the world that are not so lucky.

I try to do my part. Each year, I raise money by Trick or Treating for UNICEF to help this worthy cause. If we could get all our families and friends to help end this disease by donating the cost of just one cup of coffee that they buy in a week, we could help eliminate this disease so much quicker.

Kiwanis International and UNICEF have made such a great start with trying to get rid of this horrible disease. I am proud to be a K-Kid and do my part to help rid the World of Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus.