

World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

Week ending 12 August

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	36	10	138	31	359	55
- in endemic countries	36	1	121	31	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	9	17	0	19	3

Headlines:

11 August marked one full year without a case of wild poliovirus confirmed on the African continent for the first time in history. Six weeks are required for all remaining samples in the laboratory to be processed and confirmed negative for poliovirus before there can be more confidence in a polio-free year in Africa. To end polio for good worldwide, there is much still to be done: surveillance needs to be strengthened so that we are sure no virus continues to circulate undetected; every last child needs to be reached with polio vaccines; momentum must be maintained in Africa, and transmission must be stopped in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Afghanistan: **One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was confirmed this week** in Achin district of Nangarhar, which is the first case in the province this year. This most recent case had onset of paralysis on 17 July. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now seven.

Nigeria: **No new case of WPV1 was reported in the past week.** Nigeria's total case count for 2014 remains 6. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 24 July 2014 in Sumaila Local Government Area (LGA), southern Kano state.

Pakistan: **One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases was confirmed this week** in Peshawar district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with onset of paralyses on 8 June. The most recent case, also reported in Peshawar district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, had onset of paralysis on 30 June; the location of this case is still under review. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 29, compared to 108 at this time last year.

Countries	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Pakistan	29	0	108	16	306	22	30-Jun-15	13-Dec-14
Afghanistan	7	0	8	0	28	0	17-Jul-15	N/A
Nigeria	0	1	5	15	6	30	24-Jul-14	16-May-15