

World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

Week ending 14 October

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	51	14	242	37	359	56
- in endemic countries	51	1	223	37	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	13	19	0	19	4

Headlines:

In Lao Democratic People's Republic a circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1) outbreak has been confirmed, with one case, an eight year old boy who had onset of paralysis on 7 September. Outbreaks of cVDPVs can arise in areas of low population immunity, emphasizing the importance of strong vaccination coverage

Thirty five million children were reached with polio vaccines during the September campaigns in Pakistan. Nearly 3 million children who were previously missed were vaccinated during the catch up days following this campaign. Continuous community-protected vaccination' (community based vaccinators who carry out immunization activities on an ongoing basis) and health camps are helping to reach children in the most difficult to reach areas.

Last week, the Independent Monitoring Board met in London to assess progress towards polio eradication and to make recommendations for the coming months. The report is expected to be published in the next few weeks.

Afghanistan: One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases was reported in the past week in Batikot district of Nangarhar with onset of paralysis on 4 September. This is the first case in this district in 2015. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 6 September in Sherzad district of Nangarhar province. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 13.

Pakistan: Two new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were confirmed in the past week, one in Chakwal district of Punjab and one in Karachi-Gulberg, Sindh. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 16 September in Peshawar. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 38, compared to 205 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
Afghanistan	13	0	12	0	28	0	06-Sep15	NA
Pakistan	38	0	205	19	306	22	16-Sep-15	13-Dec-14