

World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Weekly

Update Wild Poliovirus (WPV) cases week Ending – 15 April

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	22	0	61	8	359	54
- in endemic countries	22	0	52	8	340	51
- in non-endemic countries	0	0	9	0	19	3

Polio Headlines:

2 April marked 60 years since Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) was launched, enabling children to be protected against polio for the first time.

The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) is meeting this week in Geneva, and will review the current epidemiological situation for polio and provide updates on readiness for oral polio vaccine withdrawal.

A 5-day nationwide polio immunization campaign targeting 5.8 million children began in Iraq on 12 April. It is over a year since the last case of polio had onset of paralysis in Iraq, and the new campaign aims to vaccinate every child under 5 throughout the country.

National Immunization Days are planned in Madagascar on 27 April to 1 May.

Afghanistan: **No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) have been reported in the past week.** The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 21 January in Reg district of Hilmand province. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2014 remains 28, and 1 for 2015. Most of the cases from 2014 were linked to cross-border transmission with neighboring Pakistan.

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 in Sumaila Local Government Area (LGA), southern Kano state.

Pakistan: **No new WPV1 cases were reported in the past week.** The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 17 March in Peshawar district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 21 (and remains 306 for 2014).

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	21	0	47	7	306	21	17-Mar-15	13-Dec-14
Afghanistan	1	0	4	0	28	0	21-Jan-15	N/A
Nigeria	0	0	1	1	6	30	24-Jul-14	16-Nov-14