

# World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Weekly

## Update Wild Poliovirus (WPV) cases week Ending – 18 March

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	20	0	37	5	359	54
- in endemic countries	20	0	33	5	340	51
- in non-endemic countries	0	0	4	0	19	3

### Polio Headlines – 18 March

As per risk assessment criteria set by the International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee on the international spread of wild poliovirus, Syria and Ethiopia have now been re-classified as countries 'no longer infected by wild poliovirus, but which remain vulnerable to international spread', following no detection of wild poliovirus in more than 12 months.

In Pakistan, efforts are continuing to tighten up strategies and ensure implementation of the 'low season' emergency operations plan. Strong coordination of activities by Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) at federal and provincial level is helping to evaluate implementation and enable corrective measures as necessary.

***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:*** Three new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week, one from Khyber in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and two from Sindh, bringing the total number of WPV1 cases to 19 in 2015. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 24 February (from Khyber, FATA). The total number of WPV1 cases in 2014 remains 306.

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	19	0	29	4	306	21	24-Feb-15	13-Dec-14
Afghanistan	1	0	3	0	28	0	21-Jan-15	N/A
Nigeria	0	0	1	1	6	30	24-Jul-14	16-Nov-14