

World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

Week ending 2 December

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	60	21	315	50	359	56
- in endemic countries	60	2	296	46	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	19	19	4	19	4

Headlines:

Polio surveillance continues to improve in Afghanistan. Strengthening the surveillance networks to ensure that any poliovirus transmission is detected remains vital to the success of the polio endgame.

In Afghanistan in the year 2015, until 21 November, stool specimens from a total 2,399 children were tested. By then, 16 of these children had been found to be infected with wild poliovirus.

In 2015, wild poliovirus transmission is at the lowest levels ever, with fewer cases reported from fewer areas of fewer countries than ever before. In 2015 so far, 60 wild poliovirus cases have been reported from two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan), compared to 316 cases from nine countries during the same period in 2014.

Afghanistan: One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in the past week, in Kunar province, with onset of paralysis on 3 November. This is the first case in Kunar province since January 2014. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is 17.

Pakistan: Two new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week, the first with onset of paralysis on 30 October in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and the second with onset on 2 November in Sindh province. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 43.

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	17	0	23	0	28	0	03-Nov-15	NA
Pakistan	43	2	267	20	306	22	02-Nov-15	09-Feb-15