

# World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

## Week ending 20 May

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	24	0	82	14	359	55
- in endemic countries	24	0	73	14	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	0	9	0	19	3

### **Headlines:**

Ministers of Health from around the world will meet in Geneva, Switzerland, next week for the annual World Health Assembly. The Ministers will discuss a number of topics related to public health, including polio eradication. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative has prepared a status report for delegates. The report and an accompanying resolution are expected to inform the discussions.

Liberia and Sierra Leone have conducted polio and measles vaccination campaigns during the first week of May. These are the first campaigns conducted in these countries since 2013 (due to the Ebola outbreak). Polio staff in these countries continue to assist in the Ebola outbreak response efforts

**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:** **One new case of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) was reported this week,** with onset of paralysis in Charsada district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. This most recent case had onset of paralysis on 20 April. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 23 (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	23	0	66	10	306	22	20-Apr-15	13-Dec-14
Afghanistan	1	0	4	0	28	0	21-Jan-15	N/A
Nigeria	0	0	3	4	6	30	24-Jul-14	16-Nov-14