

World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

Week ending 21 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:

World Polio Day on 24 October is an opportunity to reflect on how far we have come in the last year and to pay tribute to the countless healthcare workers, volunteers, families, traditional and religious leaders, governments, donors, civil society organizations and partners who work tirelessly to protect children against polio. Join Rotary International and UNICEF for a live streamed global update on 23 October and for updates throughout the week from the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative follow @Vaccines on Twitter.

The Independent Monitoring Board met in London in October 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: No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis in Batikot district of Nangarhar on 4 September. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 13.

Pakistan: No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were confirmed in the past week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 16 September in Peshawar. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 38 compared to 209 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