

World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Weekly

Update Wild Poliovirus (WPV) cases week Ending – 22 April

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	22	0	62	12	359	55
- in endemic countries	22	0	53	12	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	0	9	0	19	3

Polio Headlines:

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative mourns its fallen colleagues in Somalia. They leave behind a legacy of service to children that will endure, and always inspire.

The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) met last week in Geneva to review the current epidemiological situation for polio, and to provide updates on readiness for oral polio vaccine withdrawal and the inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) introduction to routine immunization schedules

World Immunization Week, which will be held 24 to 30 April, focuses this year on closing the immunization gap to ensure that all children have access to life saving vaccines. Vaccinating every last child against polio is crucial to eradicate the virus for good.

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	49	10	306	22	17-Mar-15	13-Dec-14
Afghanistan	1	0	3	0	28	0	21-Jan-15	N/A
Nigeria	0	0	1	2	6	30	24-Jul-14	16-Nov-14