

World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

Week ending 23 December

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	70	24	341	51	359	56
- in endemic countries	70	3	322	48	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	21	19	3	19	4

Headlines:

Looking back at 2015 and ahead at 2016--a wrap-up of the year shows fewer cases in fewer places than ever before. The report on the status of polio eradication to WHO's Executive Board also summarizes the progress on the Polio Endgame Plan, and on Resolution WHA68.3, adopted by the World Health Assembly (WHA) in May 2015

There are four months to go until the globally synchronized switch from the trivalent to bivalent oral polio vaccine. This will be an important milestone in achieving a polio-free world.

Afghanistan **Two new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week;** one in Chapa Dara district of Kunar and one in Nahr-E-Saraj district of Hilmand, both of which are newly infected districts for 2015. The most recent case had onset of paralysis in Kunar on 19 November. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 19.

Pakistan: **Two new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week;** one in Khyber agency in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, and one in the newly infected district of Karachi Gulshan Iqbal in Sindh province. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 21 November in Sindh province. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 51, compared to 290 by this time in 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
Afghanistan	19	0	26	0	28	0	19-Nov-15	NA
Pakistan	51	2	290	20	306	22	21-Nov-15	09-Feb-15