

World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Weekly

Update Wild Poliovirus (WPV) cases week Ending – 25 March

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	21	0	47	5	359	54
- in endemic countries	21	0	41	5	340	51
- in non-endemic countries	0	0	6	0	19	3

Polio Headlines—25 March

Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) was launched this week in Bangladesh, as part of global efforts to introduce the vaccine globally by end-2015, ahead of the planned switch from trivalent OPV to bivalent OPV in early 2016. “Together with GPEI, Gavi is supporting an unprecedented push to introduce IPV into most countries by the end of 2015. Strong routine immunization is an essential factor to interrupt and maintain zero polio transmission,” commented Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

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 WPV1 case was reported in the past week,** from Quetta, Balochistan, with onset of paralysis on 20 February. This brings the total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 to 20 (and 2014 remains 306). The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 24 February (from Khyber, Federally Administered Tribal Areas - FATA).

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	20	0	36	4	306	21	24-Feb-15	13-Dec-14
Afghanistan	1	0	4	0	28	0	21-Jan-15	N/A
Nigeria	0	0	1	1	6	30	24-Jul-14	16-Nov-14