

# World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

## Week ending 25 November

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	57	20	305	47	359	56
- in endemic countries	57	2	286	44	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	18	19	3	19	4

### Headlines:

In 2015, wild poliovirus transmission is at the lowest levels ever, with fewer cases reported from fewer areas of fewer countries than ever before. In 2015, 57 wild poliovirus cases have been reported from two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan), compared to 305 cases from nine countries during the same period in 2014.

On November 27 – 29, heads of governments, staff and experts from 53 commonwealth nations will gather in Malta to discuss shared global priorities at the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). Commonwealth leadership on polio has brought the disease within touching distance of eradication. Now is the time to reaffirm support and wipe the disease off the face of the earth. Sustained political and financial commitment from all countries remain critical to finishing the job to eradicate polio for good.

**Afghanistan:** No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 27 October, from Nangarhar. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 16.

**Pakistan:** One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in the past week, with onset of paralysis on 1 November. It is the most recent WPV1 case in the country, from Kamari town, Karachi, Sindh. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 41.

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	16	0	21	0	28	0	27-Oct-15	NA
Pakistan	41	2	259	20	306	22	01-Nov-15	13-Dec-14