

World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

Week ending 30 September

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	44	13	208	36	359	55
- in endemic countries	44	1	189	36	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	12	19	0	19	3

Headlines:

The week, WHO removed Nigeria from the list of polio-endemic countries following all samples in the polio laboratory being tested negative for wild poliovirus for a whole year following the most recent case on 24 July 2014. This is the first time that Nigeria has interrupted transmission of wild poliovirus, bringing the country and the African region closer than ever to being certified polio-free.

At the Global Citizen Festival on 26 September, the Prime Minister of Malta announced that polio eradication will be on the agenda of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in November this year.

Afghanistan became the final polio-endemic country to introduce the inactivated polio vaccine on 30 September as part of the biggest globally synchronized vaccine introduction in history.

Afghanistan: Three new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week, in Nangarhar province (one in Sherzad district and two in Achin district). The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 6 September in Sherzad district; this is the first case in the district in 2015. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 12

Pakistan: No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were confirmed in the past week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 22 August in Khyber Agency in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 32, compared to 165 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	12	0	10	0	28	0	06-Sep15	NA
Pakistan	32	0	173	19	306	22	22-Aug-15	13-Dec-14