

World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

Week ending 4 February

Headlines

There are ten weeks to go until the globally synchronized switch from the trivalent to bivalent oral polio vaccine, an important milestone in achieving a polio-free world.

The WHO Executive Board met last week, recognizing progress made in 2015 and renewing their commitment to polio eradication.

For the first time in history, Africa has had 4-months without any wild or circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases, nor any environmental positive samples.

Afghanistan No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week.

The most recent case had onset of paralysis in Kunar on 19 November. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 19, compared to 28 reported in the country in 2014.

Pakistan: One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in the past week, with onset of paralysis on 31 December in Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 54, compared to 305 reported for 2014 by this time last year. A total of 306 cases reported onset in Pakistan in 2014.

Country or territory ³	Wild virus confirmed cases								
	Total					01 Jan - 02 Feb ¹		Onset of most recent type 3	Onset of most recent type 1
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016		
Pakistan	198	58	93	306	54	6	0	18-Apr-12	31-Dec-15
Afghanistan	80	37	14	28	19	0	0	11-Apr-10	19-Nov-15