

World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

Week ending 7 October

Charts are not available this week

Headlines:

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.

This week, the Independent Monitoring Board is meeting in London to assess progress towards polio eradication and to make recommendations for the coming months. The report is expected to be published in the next few weeks.

Afghanistan: No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 6 September in Sherzad district of Nangarhar province. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 12.

Pakistan: Four new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were confirmed in the past week; two with onset of paralysis in Peshawar district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, one in Quetta district of Balochistan and one in FR Peshawar district of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, which is the first case in this district in 2015. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 16 September in Peshawar. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 36, compared to 186 at this time last year.

Officially reported wild poliovirus cases as of 06 Oct 2015

Total global cases in 2015: 48 (compared with 221 for the same period in 2014)

Total in endemic countries in 2015: 48 (compared with 202 for the same period in 2014)

Total in non-endemic countries in 2015: 0 (compared with 19 for the same period in 2014)

- Pakistan: 36 cases in 2015 (compared with 186 for the same period in 2014), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 16-Sep-15
- Afghanistan: 12 cases in 2015 (compared with 10 for the same period in 2014), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 06-Sep-15
- Somalia: 0 case in 2015 (compared with 5 for the same period in 2014), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 11-Aug-14
- Nigeria: 0 case in 2015 (compared with 6 for the same period in 2014), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 24-Jul-14
- Cameroon: 0 case in 2015 (compared with 5 for the same period in 2014), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 09-Jul-14
- Equatorial Guinea: 0 case in 2015 (compared with 5 for the same period in 2014), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 03-May-14
- Iraq: 0 case in 2015 (compared with 2 for the same period in 2014), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 07-Apr-14
- Syrian Arab Republic: 0 case in 2015 (compared with 1 for the same period in 2014), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 21-Jan-14
- Ethiopia: 0 case in 2015 (compared with 1 for the same period in 2014), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 05-Jan-14