



# Rotary Zones 26 & 27

PolioPlus Weekly Update  
14 July, 2021



**Note:** This update is going out to all Zone 26 & 27 DG's, DGE's, District Foundation Chairs, District PolioPlus Chairs, Senior Leaders and others who have requested to be on the mailing list 😊. However, if you wish to no longer receive these updates, please let me know and I'll remove you from the list 😞.

## Greetings Polio Warriors:

- **Wild Polio Virus - ONCE AGAIN...NO NEW CASES this last week 😊.**

**ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE** - The number of days since the last case of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Afghanistan.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT** - The number of days since the last case of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Pakistan.

**TWO** - The total number of cases of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 that occurred in the world since New Years Day.

**EIGHTY-TWO** - The number of cases of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 that occurred in 2020 on this date.

Last week marks the **TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN A ROW** with no new reported cases. There was also no positive environmental samples this past week, compared to one the week before.

**Once again we have earned the right to Happy Dance around our office chairs...READY, SET...GO 😊!!!**

- **Vaccine-Derived Polio** - A slight uptick of four cases this last week, compared to three reported the week before: Two in Senegal and one each in Nigeria and Tajikistan. And six positive environmental samples this past week: Two in Nigeria and Senegal, and one each in Sierra Leone and Somalia. This compares to none the week before. What's interesting to me is that it seems that there is no huge outbreak in any one country, but small isolated incidences each week in different countries...don't know if

that's of any significance or not...not a scientific observation, just a personal one.

Last week we reported 11 countries now using the new novel oral polio vaccine Type 2 (nOPV2) with 21 others in the pipeline for approval. We were previously told to possibly expect preliminary results by the end of June...stay tuned!

- **Hot off the Press** - the latest update on the total amount raised last Rotary year in our efforts to reach the Gates \$50 million 2 for 1 challenge. The latest info we have is as of July 15th, we have recorded \$49,608,000 in donations, a little less than \$400,000 short of our goal. Robert Hall, Vice Chair of our End Polio Now Committee, says we are still counting cash and a few other items and he "strongly believes" that we have made the \$50 million goal. We will know for sure shortly. He also said, "**We wouldn't have done it without ALL of you.**"
- **Polio Eradication Strategy 2022-2026: Delivering on a Promise** - That's the official name of GPEI's latest strategy to end polio once and for all by 2026. Development of the strategy began in July, 2020 and was led, along with the GPEI partners, by a multi-partner working group totaling 71 organizations, including approximately 40 external stakeholders with epidemiological, technical, managerial and operational expertise, in addition to national governments. This external engagement, which is the most extensive to date of any GPEI strategy, was completed in March, 2021. GPEI has made available the [Stakeholder Consultation Report](#), which provides an outline of the strategy consultation process, as well as a summary of feedback received and responses from the authors of the strategy in relation to key points raised and questions asked. It's a lot to read, but if you want to drill down and see how they worked, hunker down next to your fireplace air conditioner with a hot cool beverage some evening and pore over the above document.

That's it for this week folks. Stay safe and we'll see you next week.

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## Poliovirus Weekly Update July 14, 2021, World Health Organization

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### Wild Poliovirus Summary:

You will see below and on the attached powerpoint, that the numbers are, **once again unchanged**. The number of wild polio cases for 2021 as of July 14, 2021 **remains at 2** (1 in Pakistan and 1 in Afghanistan).

The total number of wild polio cases in **2020** were **140** (84 in Pakistan and 56 in Afghanistan). The total number of wild polio cases in **2019** were **176** (147 in Pakistan and 29 in Afghanistan).

**Note: Polio “Acronyms”.** For a complete list go to <https://polioeradication.org/acronyms/>

**AFP = Acute Flaccid Paralysis**

**cVDPV = Circulating Vaccine Derived Poliovirus (a 1 or 2 behind it denotes the polio type... ie cVDPV2)**

**WPV1 = Wild Poliovirus, Type 1**

**ES = Positive Environmental Samples**

### New wild poliovirus isolates reported this week:

**AFP cases: 0**

**Environment: 0**

### New cVDPV isolates reported this week:

**AFP cases: 4**

**Environment: 6**

### Officially reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of 14 July, 2021

#### Wild poliovirus (WPV) cases

- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2021: 2 (compared to 82 for the same period in 2020)**
- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2020: 140**

#### Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) cases

- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2021: 146 (compared to 199 for the same period in 2020)**
- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 1,093**

Summary of new WPV and cVDPV this week (AFP cases and ES positives) by country. For complete details on individual countries, go to <https://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/>

- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- Senegal: two cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- Sierra Leone: one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- Somalia: one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- Tajikistan: one cVDPV2 case