

**Join us on the “last mile” to end polio!!**

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**Almost weekly polio update……….. December 15, 2023**

**Glorious news—no new cases of wild poliovirus caused paralysis this week and 0 positive environmental samples for WPV.**

 Wild Poliovirus Cases reported this week: None

 Most recent wild poliovirus cases: Afghanistan: 09/04/23

 Pakistan: 10/24/23

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|  | As of 12/12/23 | Total | Total | Total | Total |
|  | **2023** (2022ytd) | **2022** | **2021** | **2020** | **2019** |
| **WPV (Wild Poliovirus)** |  12 (30) |  30 |  6 |  140 |  176 |
| **WPV-Afghanistan** |  6 (2) |  2 |  4 |  56 |  29 |
| **WPV-Pakistan** |  6 (20) |  20 |  1 |  84 |  147 |
| **WPV- Other countries** |  0 (8) |  8 |  1 |  0 |  0 |
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| **cVDPV circulating vaccine-derived**  | 410 (560) | 877 | 699 | 1117 |  378 |

***Virus detected from other sources (environmental) this week; 2023 ytd in { }; and total for 2022 in ( ).***

 ***Wild poliovirus= 0; {129}; (65) cVDPV (variant) Types 1,2,3 = 6; {308}; (510)***

**17 new cases caused by variant polioviruses this week: one in Chad, 5 in DR Congo, 8 in Guinea, 1 in Madagascar, and 2 in Nigeria.**

Rick Barry signed basketballs **still** available!

 ***Limited edition Rick Barry signed basketballs are available through June, up to no more than 500 balls total, for your District or club to purchase and use for a fundraiser for polio. Contact Mike Crosby at*** ***mikePolioPlus@outlook.com*** ***for questions or ordering info.***

**Some new videos about Polio eradication:**

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| **Breaking down silos in child health and nutrition** |
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| In a video interview with the news organization Devex, Ethiopia PolioPlus Committee Chair Teguest Yilma shares how Rotary’s PolioPlus program has placed communities’ needs at its center by harnessing our polio eradication efforts to also provide essential nutrition services such as vitamin A supplementation. | A person holding a baby  Description automatically generated |

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| **Polio update: Closing in on zero** |
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| Wild poliovirus is still circulating in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Last year, the variant poliovirus was detected in a few previously polio-free countries — a stark reminder that if polio exists anywhere, it’s a threat everywhere. To get an idea of the recent progress made and challenges met, the Rotarymagazine team sat down with Aidan O’Leary of the World Health Organization, Melissa Corkum of UNICEF, and Omotayo Bolu of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. | A person's hand with their fingers extended  Description automatically generated |

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Note: This update is going out to those on Bob Roger’s previous list and all Zones 2627 DGs and DPPCs. Let me know if you no longer wish to receive these updates or if you have others that should be added. Email me: marnyeul@me.com

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