



Rotary Zones 26 & 27

PolioPlus Weekly Update

10 May, 2023



Note: This update is going out to all Zone 26 & 27 DG's, DGE's, DGN'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, TYPE 1 (WPV1)** - Happy to once again report, for the 12th week in a row, **no new cases** anywhere in the world.
 - SEVENTY-NINE** - The number of days since the last case of WPV1 occurred in Pakistan (February 20th, 2023).
 - TWO HUNDRED & FIFTY-THREE — (8 MONTHS +)** The number of days since the last case of WPV1 occurred in Afghanistan (August 29th, 2022).
 - TWO HUNDRED & SEVENTY-THREE — (9 MONTHS +)** The number of days since the last case of WPV1 occurred in Mozambique (August 10th, 2022).
 - ONE** - The number of WPV1 cases reported for the year **2023** (1 in Pakistan)
 - THIRTY** - The total number of WPV1 cases that occurred in **2022** (2 in Afghanistan, 8 in Mozambique and 20 in Pakistan).
 - SIX** - The total number of WPV1 cases that occurred in **2021** (1 in Pakistan, 1 in Malawi and 4 in Afghanistan).
 - ONE HUNDRED & FORTY** - Total number of WPV1 cases that occurred in **2020**.

Two Positive Environmental Samples last week, So the 2023 count increases to 23 Positive Wild Samples (18 in Afghanistan and 5 in Pakistan). The total count of Positive Wild Samples for **2022 remains at 63** (41 in Pakistan and 22 in Afghanistan).

As to Pakistan, Intensified efforts continue to be implemented in the country, particularly in the southern area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, to urgently eradicate the remaining endemic WPV1 transmission. Since January 2021, all reported cases have been from 7 polio-endemic districts in the southern area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (out of a total of 171 districts nationwide) and 10 of the 11 strains of virus circulating in 2020 have been wiped out).

- **CIRCULATING VACCINE-DERIVED POLIO** - On our other battlefield in the war on polio, the circulating Vaccine-Derived Polio, there were **11 cases of cVDP2** reported this last week compared to only one case the week before. 6 occurred in

DR Congo, 3 in Nigeria and one each in Chad and Somalia. So this **brings the 2023 year's total to 73**. The **2022 case total remains at 857**.

There were **19 Positive Vaccine Derived Environmental Samples (ES)** reported this last week, 17 Type 1's from Madagascar and 2 Type 2's from Nigeria, so the **total for 2023 increases to 74**. The **2022 count remains at 439**.

- **WOMEN HEALTH WORKERS HOLD THE KEY TO ERADICATING POLIO -** You've heard this before, but now, After years of engagement with local communities to battle outbreaks and provide essential services, female frontline workers in Pakistan **are now being offered a seat at the policymaking table**. To read more, [click here](#).
- **THE FLIGHT TO END POLIO -** In last week's newsletter we Introduced Flying Rotarians John Ockenfels and Peter Teahen, who are attempting to circumnavigate the earth in a light airplane to raise awareness and funds for our fight against polio. All funds donated will go directly to PolioPlus as they are financing this trip via sponsorships and also out of their own pockets. To find out more about their adventure, go to flighttoendpolio.com. To track them on [FlightAware](#) put their aircraft registration number, N732WP in the search box at the top of the page.

Last week found them stuck in Portsmouth, NH due to a maintenance problem for a few days. Sometimes ya gotta go with the flow and change plans, and that's what they did...and were finally able to proceed to Bangor Maine on Friday. On Saturday, their destination was Goose Bay, Labrador, but for reasons unknown at this point, they didn't quite get there, diverting instead to SEPT-ILES, Canada. No one said this was going to be easy, and I applaud these two pilots for their flexibility and cautious approach to safety before they head out across the Atlantic. They are definitely earning every penny folks donate to their cause. Speaking of that, to donate to their flight, go to their raise.rotary.org page where your donation not only goes to their cause, but will be automatically credited to your Paul Harris Recognition Account, and of course, be tripled by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. God Speed gentlemen 😊.

- **ATTENTION DG'S, DRFCC'S AND DPPC'S...A REMINDER...6 WEEKS TILL THE END OF THE ROTARY YEAR, AND I'M SAD TO SAY NO NEW DONATIONS TO POLIOPUS FROM DDF IN ZONES 26&27 IN THE LAST 2 WEEKS -** Still only 10 of our 30 Districts have donated any DDF to PolioPlus this year...**PEOPLE**...This is one of the best bargains out there...don't forget about the fact that the World Fund will match your DDF donation by .5, and then on top of that, the Gates Foundation will match that total 2 to 1. So for example, a \$30,000 donation grows to \$45,000

with the World Fund Match, and it then increases another \$90,000 by the Gates match, resulting in a total of \$135,000, growing your money 4 and a half times...**4.5 times**...that ain't chicken feed!!! Please get your team together and let us know your plans...or better yet, **SURPRISE US** 😊. In all seriousness, we need every dollar to reach the \$50 million goal the Gates Foundation has set for their 2 to 1 match. Don't forget, we were about \$7 million shy last year and had to use other funds that were budgeted for other purposes, but not used, thank goodness, to meet the match. Let's not have to do that again.

- **THE LONG AWAITED CONTRIBUTION DETAILED REPORTS ARE HERE** - As of May 9th the enhanced Contribution Detail Report allowing you to filter fund, donor, and gift amounts, are now available on my [rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) to those having appropriate access levels, namely RRFCS, EMGA's, DG's, DGE's, EPNC's and DRFC's (Note that DPPC's (District PolioPlus Chairs) do not have direct access at this point. You must request the report from one of the individuals listed above. This report provides contribution detail for all donors associated with the selected Rotary club, Rotaract club, or district. Donors may be an individual (Rotary Member or non-Rotary Member), Rotary district, Rotary or Rotaract club, business, or a charitable organization. Anonymous contributions and donors are excluded. The report can be exported into Excel, filtered, and revised further for tracking according to your needs.

For those with access:

- go to my [rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) and sign in,
- then hover over "The Rotary Foundation" and select "Foundation Reports" from the drop down menu.
- Scroll down to Contributions and Recognition and click on "View Report".
- On the resulting page, click on "Contribution Details for Clubs and Districts".
- Doubleclick on the requested year and click "ok".

From there you will have access to information on District, Club, and individual giving, and even how they gave. Explore a little by clicking on tabs on both the top and bottom of the screen. Please remember that this is highly confidential private information and is to be used only in conjunction with your duties as a Rotarian official.

- **THAT'S IT FOR THIS WEEK FOLKS.** Hang in there and, as always, continue to keep Ukraine in your thoughts, along with those affected by polio.

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Poliovirus Weekly Update 10 May, 2023, World Health Organization

You will see below, that the number of wild polio cases for 2023 as of May 10th is 1. You will also see that the 2022 count remains at 30 (2 in Afghanistan, 20 in Pakistan and 8 in Mozambique).

The total number of wild polio cases in **2021** were **6** (1 in Pakistan, 1 in Malawi and 4 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)

nOPV2 = novel Oral Polio Vaccine Type 2

WPV1 = Wild Poliovirus, Type 1

ES = Positive Environmental Samples

New WPV1 & cVDPV cases & positive ES samples reported last week

New wild poliovirus isolates (WPV1) reported last week:

Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) cases: 0

Positive Environmental Samples (ES): 2

New circulating Vaccine Derived Poliovirus (cVDPV) isolates reported last week:

Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) cases: 11

Positive Environmental Samples (ES): 19

Reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of 10 of May, 2023

Reported Wild poliovirus (WPV) cases

- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2023: 1 (Compared to 4 for the same period in 2022)**
- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2022: 30**
- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2021: 6**
- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2020: 140**
- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2019: 176**

Reported Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) cases

- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2023: 73 (Compared to 68 for the same period in 2022)**
- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2022: 857**
- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2021: 698**
- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 1,113**

Summary of new WPV and cVDPV reported last 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/>

For more extensive information on endemic and outbreak countries, go to <https://polioeradication.org/where-we-work/polio-outbreak-countries/>

- **Pakistan:** two WPV1 positive environmental samples
- **Chad:** one cVDPV2 case
- **DR Congo:** six cVDPV2 cases
- **Madagascar:** 17 cVDPV1 positive environmental samples
- **Nigeria:** three cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- **Somalia:** one cVDPV2 case