

# Rotary Zones 26 & 27

PolioPlus Weekly Update  
11 May, 2022



**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 . If you wish to no longer receive these updates, please let me know and we'll remove you from the list 😞.

## Greetings Polio Warriors:

- **WILD POLIO VIRUS, TYPE 1 (WPV1)** - I am pleased to report that there were **no new cases** this week to be reported.

**TWENTY-SEVEN** - The number of days since the last case of WPV1 occurred in Pakistan (April 14th).

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN** - The number of days since the last case of WPV1 occurred in Afghanistan (January 14th).

**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE** - The number of days since the last case of WPV1 occurred in Malawi (November 19th, 2021).

**THREE** - The total number of cases of WPV1 that has occurred in 2022 year-to-date (One in Afghanistan and Two in Pakistan).

**SIX** - The total number of cases of WPV1 that occurred in 2021 (1 in Pakistan, 1 in Malawi and 4 in Afghanistan).

**ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY** - The total number of cases of WPV1 that occurred in 2020.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX** - The total number of cases of WPV1 that occurred in 2019.

There were also **NO wild Positive Environmental Samples (ES)** reported this last week. So the total count of **wild ES for 2022 remains One**, the sample having been collected in Pakistan on April 5th.

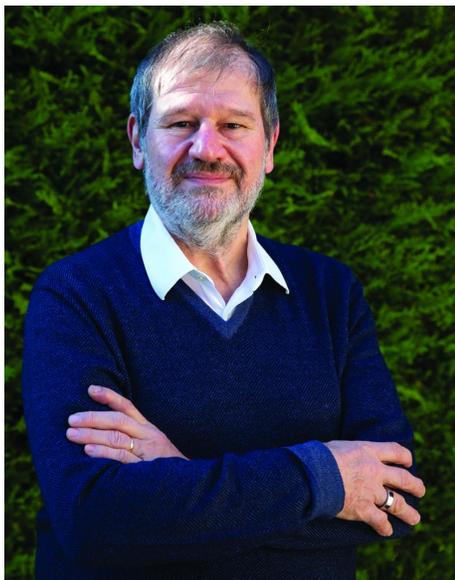
- **CIRCULATING VACCINE-DERIVED POLIO** - Our other battlefield in the war on polio, the **circulating Vaccine-Derived Polio (cVDPV)** reported 13 new cases this last week, with 11 of those coming from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and one each from Mozambique and Nigeria. This means the total **2022 count is now 68, compared to 73 last year at this time.**

There were also **12 Positive Environmental samples (ES) of the vaccine-derived poliovirus** reported this last week with 6 from Yemen, 5 from Djibouti and one from Nigeria.

- **CATCH THE LATEST [GLOBAL HEALTH MATTERS PODCAST](#) FEATURING AIDEN O'LEARY, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S (WHO) DIRECTOR OF POLIO ERADICATION.** In this podcast, Aiden, among other things, outlines **the four reasons** that Polio is the ideal candidate for eradication, and would be only the 2nd disease, behind Smallpox, to be eliminated from the earth. Aiden's portion of the podcast starts at 25 minutes and 53 seconds into the podcast. After clicking on the "Play" icon, just slide your cursor across the audio line to 25:53 (counter is in the lower left of the screen just below the beginning of the audio line).



Note: Aiden replaced former WHO director of Polio Eradication, Michel Zaffran, who retired from WHO in February, 2021 after 34 years of service, and held many different positions in the organization, spending the last 5 years of



his career as Director of Polio Eradication and Chair of the Strategy Committee of GPEI (Global Polio Eradication Initiative). I bring this up because during his initial dealings with Rotary at GPEI, he was so impressed with the organization that he joined our ranks in 2017, joining the Rotary Club of Gex-Divonne (Pays de Gex), France. We are now blessed to have Michel holding the position of End Polio Now Coordinator for Region 14 (Zone 13A and part of 13B in France). Also...in case you missed it, Rotary Magazine had an article about Michel in the April, 2022 issue. For your convenience, [Click here](#) to read the article.

- **DISTRICT 5160 POLIOPLUS CHAIR MIKE CROSBY** has been awarded the prestigious **Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World for 2021-2022** for his work in helping eradicate polio from the face of the earth. Although the exact number is not available yet, normally there are less than 40 Rotarians worldwide who receive this award (Last year's recipient from Zone 27, **DISTRICT 5110 POLIOPLUS CHAIR NELSON MALER** was one of only 36 who earned the award worldwide last Rotary year). No doubt Mike's signing up 517 District 5160 Rotarians in the first year of the PolioPlus Society program had something to do with his selection. Congratulations Mike...you definitely earned it.



- **POLIOPLUS BREAKFAST AT HOUSTON - My apologies.** I just learned a couple of days ago that, because of the size of the venue, the PolioPlus Breakfast event is being limited to Senior Leaders and the End Polio Now Coordinators. Until they know for sure how many of those folks will be attending, they can't initially invite any of our wonderful Polio Warriors, as much as they would love to. I understand they have created a standby list and once they know the final count on attendees, they may be able to extend an invitation to those on the list. Go to [PolioPlus@rotary.org](mailto:PolioPlus@rotary.org) to request being put on the wait list.
- **DDF FOR POLIO PLUS - ATTENTION DG'S, DRFCC'S AND DPPC'S -** With **7 weeks** left in this Rotary year, worldwide we are still down in our DDF contributions compared to last year, and in our two Zones as well. But we still have 7 weeks left to bring those numbers up, and it is more crucial now than ever, so I hope those of you who have not made your decisions yet will do so shortly.

This last week **District 5110** joined the ranks of DDF Donors, bringing our two Zones' total to 12 Districts (out of 30) who have donated DDF to PolioPlus. The other 11 districts who have already donated DDF are **5020, 5080, 5130, 5150, 5170, 5180, 5300, 5400, 5450, 5495 and 5500**. If you have already donated and your District is not on this list, please let us know. For the rest of you, **3rd request...Please...**let us know your intentions on donating DDF to PolioPlus this year via my email address of [crobertrogers@comcast.net](mailto:crobertrogers@comcast.net). Thanks. And once again, for your

convenience, **HERE IS THE LINK TO USE TO DONATE DDF TO POLIOPUS.** [https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9ztdKml8KEamNmt?Q\\_JFE=qdg](https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ztdKml8KEamNmt?Q_JFE=qdg)

- **THAT'S IT FOR THIS WEEK FOLKS.** Hang in there, continue to keep Ukraine in your forethoughts, along with polio, and we'll see you next week.

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## [Wild Poliovirus Summary](#)

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### **Poliovirus Weekly Update 11 May, 2022, World Health Organization**

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You will see below, that the number of wild polio cases for **2022** as of May 11th, is now **3** (1 in Afghanistan and 2 in Pakistan).

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 wild poliovirus isolates (WPV1) reported this last week:**

**Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) cases: 0**

**Positive Environmental Samples (ES): 0**

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

**Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) cases: 13**

**Positive Environmental Samples (ES): 12**

**World Health Organization official reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of May 11, 2022**

**Wild poliovirus (WPV) cases**

- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2022: 3 (Compared to 2 for the same period in 2021)**
- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2021: 6**
- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2020: 140**
- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2019: 176**

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

- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2022: 68 (compared to 73 for the same period in 2021)**
- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2021: 688**
- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 1,113**

**Summary of new WPV and cVDPV reported this 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/>**

- Djibouti: five cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- DR Congo: 11 cVDPV2 cases
- Mozambique: one cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case and one positive environmental sample
- Yemen: six cVDPV2 positive environmental samples