



# Rotary Zones 26 & 27

PolioPlus Weekly Update  
08 September, 2021



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## Greetings Polio Warriors:

- **Wild Poliovirus - ONCE AGAIN...YOU CAN EXHALE!!!...NO NEW CASES reported this last week 😊.**

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

**TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR** - 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.

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE** - The number of cases of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 that occurred in 2020 on this date.

Last week marks the **THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN A ROW (OVER 7 MONTHS)** with no new reported cases. There was also no new new positive environmental sample (ES) discovered this last week in either Afghanistan or Pakistan.

**So once again dear Polio Warriors, we have earned the right to our weekly Victory “Happy Dance” around our office chairs...OK, READY, SET...GO 😊!!!**

- **Vaccine-Derived Polio** - Our other battlefield in the war on polio, the circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Type 2 (cVDPV2) reported 18 cases this last week, all occurring in Nigeria, which continues to be a concern with its relatively high count. The good news is that no other country reported any new cases as well as no new positive environmental samples (ES). This

compares to 25 ES's the week before. So the ES count remains 1 for Afghanistan and 62 for Pakistan since January 1.

- **G20 Health Ministers** - In a meeting in Rome, Italy on the 5-6 September, the Health Ministers of the G20 countries re-affirmed their commitment to eradicate polio... They noted the critical role that adaptable surveillance capacity, like that found in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), has in the ability to reach vulnerable communities to prevent and respond to pandemics. If you recall, GPEI is the private/public partnership that is made up of Rotary and 5 other organizations (WHO, CDC, Unicef, GAVI and the Gates Foundation) whose role is the worldwide elimination of polio. [Read more...](#)
- **A Message from RI President Shekhar Mehta** - We are the “Movers” and he is the “Shekhar” as he playfully puts it. Please watch this important 2 and a half minute video from President Shekhar as he expresses his passion on finishing off polio once and for all.



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

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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 September 08, 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: 18**

**Environment: 0**

**Officially reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of 08 September, 2021**

**Wild poliovirus (WPV) cases**

- **Total global WPV1 cases in 2021: 2 (compared to 105 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: 294 (compared to 341 for the same period in 2020)**
- **Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 1,106**

**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: 18 cVDPV2 cases