

Polio this week as of 22 September

Country or territory ³	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases							
	Full year total					01 Jan-21 Sep ¹		Date of most recent case
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020	2021	
Pakistan	20	8	12	147	84	70	1	27-Jan-21
Afghanistan	13	14	21	29	56	46	1	01-Jan-21
Nigeria ³	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	21-Aug-16
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total (Type1)	37	22	33	176	140	116	2	
Tot. in endemic countries	37	22	33	176	140	116	2	
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
No. of countries (infected)	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	
No. of countries (endemic)	2 ³	2 ³	3	3	3	2	2	
Total Female	13	7	18	72	59	51		
Total Male	24	15	15	104	81	65	2	

New wild poliovirus isolates reported this week:

AFP cases: 0

Environment: 0

Others: 0

New cVDPV isolates reported this week:

AFP cases 0

Environment: 0

Others: 0

Headlines:

- “Afghanistan is one of two countries in the world where polio remains endemic. With only one case of wild poliovirus reported so far this year, compared to 56 in 2020, there has never been a better time to eradicate polio. However, the polio programme will struggle to respond if the basic immunization infrastructure begins to collapse around it.” – Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, and Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean on their visit to Kabul. [Read more...](#)
- At the end of June, GPEI announced a series of commitments to advance gender equality at the [Generation Equality Forum in Paris](#). The Forum kickstarted a 5-year journey to accelerate ambitious action and implementation towards global gender equality. During this week’s United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), WHO held a side event to discuss the work of global health-related initiatives to tackle gender inequality and promote the need for gender transformative strategies in COVID-19 recovery and beyond. Jennifer E. Jones, first woman named Rotary President-Elect joined the panel discussion as GPEI’s core partners, highlighting the importance of addressing gender barriers not only in polio eradication, but also in global health. She reminded UNGA delegations that only through joint action among global health partners and communities, we will achieve our mutual public health goals, including polio eradication.

Afghanistan:

- **No wild poliovirus type 1 case was reported this week** while the total number of 2020 cases remains at 56.
- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. The number of 2021 cases remains at 43. There were 308 cVDPV2 cases reported in 2020.
- Read the latest polio snapshot from [Afghanistan](#) to see information on cases, surveillance and vaccination campaigns.

Pakistan:

- **No wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported this week.** There is one case reported in 2021. The total number of 2020 cases remains at 84.
- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. The number of 2021 cases remains at eight There were 135 cases reported in 2020.
- Read the latest polio snapshot from [Pakistan](#) to see information on cases, surveillance and vaccination campaigns

Officially reported WPV cases as of 21 September

Total global WPV1 cases in 2021: 2 (compared with 116 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: 305 (compared with 381 for the same period in 2020)

Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 1107