

Polio this week as of 26 May

Country or territory ³	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases							
	Full year total					01 Jan-25 May ¹		Date of most recent case
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020	2021	
Pakistan	20	8	12	147	84	47	1	27-Jan-21
Afghanistan	13	14	21	29	56	12	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	59	2	
Tot. in endemic countries	37	22	33	176	140	59	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	27		
Total Male	24	15	15	104	81	32	2	

New wild poliovirus isolates reported this week:

AFP cases: 0

Environment: 0

Others: 0

New cVDPV isolates reported this week:

AFP cases 12

Environment: 6

Others: 3

Headlines:

- The twenty-eighth meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) on the international spread of poliovirus was convened by the WHO Director-General on

4 May 2021 with Committee members and advisers attending via video conference, supported by the WHO Secretariat. The meeting statement is now available [here](#).

- Understanding gender-related barriers to immunization is essential to achieve polio eradication. But what is gender? What is the difference between gender and sex? How do sex and gender influence health, including immunization? [This newly released Q&A](#) examines the links between gender and health, highlighting WHO's ongoing work to address gender-related barriers to healthcare, advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in all their diversity, and achieve health for all.

[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 38. 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 seven. There were 135 cases reported in 2020.
- One cVDPV2 positive environmental sample was reported in Balochistan.

Officially reported WPV cases as of 25 May

Total global WPV1 cases in 2021: 2 (compared with 59 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: 85 (compared with 122 for the same period in 2020)

Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 1088