

Polio this week as of 2 September 2020

Country or territory ³	Wild virus type 1				
	Full year total				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pakistan	54	20	8	12	147
Afghanistan	20	13	14	21	29
Nigeria ³	0	4	0	0	0
Iran	0	0	0	0	0
Total (Type1)	74	37	22	33	176
Tot. in endemic countries	74	37	22	33	176
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	0	0
No. of countries (infected)	2	3	2	2	2
No. of countries (endemic)	3	2 ³	2 ³	3	3
Total Female	30	13	7	18	72
Total Male	44	24	15	15	104

Headlines:

- **The Polio Oversight Board (POB) released a statement** after holding a meeting on 18 August 2020 where they reviewed progress on resumption of vaccination campaigns after the Covid-19 induced pause, program transformation in Pakistan, the increase in circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Virus (cVDPV) outbreaks, and the financial situation.

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- Professor Rose Leke, an infectious disease specialist, has been the chairperson of the ARCC since it was set up in 1998. A trailblazer for women in global health, Leke has fought throughout her career to improve women's representation in science and global health leadership. **Take a look** at her journey in polio eradication and her views on gender and women in science.

[Afghanista](#)

- **Three wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported; one each in Hilmand, Kandahar and Khost provinces.** There are 40 cases reported in 2020 so far while the total number of cases reported in 2019 remains 29.
- One WPV1 positive environmental sample was reported in Hilmand province.
- 13 cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) were reported; one each in Khost, Nimroz and Nuristan provinces, three each in Kunar and Laghman provinces and four in Nangarhar province.

[Pakistan:](#)

- **No wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported this week.** There are 65 cases reported in 2020 so far while the total number of cases reported in 2019 cases remains 147.
- Five WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported; one each in Khyber Pakhtoon and Sindh provinces and three in Punjab province.
- Three circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) positive environmental samples were reported in Sindh province

Officially reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of 18 Aug 2020•

Total global cases in 2020: 105 (compared with 73 for the same period in 2019)

Total global cases in 2019: 176

Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) cases

Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 338 (compared with 72 for the same period in 2019)

Total global cVDPV cases in 2019: 369

Wild Polio Virus Summary:

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The total number of wild polio cases in **2019** were **176**. There were 147 in Pakistan and 29 in Afghanistan.