
Polio this week as of 6 March 2018

Headlines: New on <http://polioeradication.org/>: Japan has provided **additional funding** to support the Regional Reference Laboratory in Pakistan, whilst we looked at how one family in Afghanistan is **helping to vaccinate every child in their community**.

The Global Commission for Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication met in Geneva, reviewing the criteria that will need to be met in order to achieve global certification of wild poliovirus (WPV) eradication.

On International Women's Day, we highlighted some of the incredible women working to reach every last child.

Minda Dentler, a champion triathlete, advocate for polio eradication, and polio survivor, **spoke at TEDWomen** about conquering the world's toughest triathlon, and what it inspired her to do next.

Also released this week are new translations of our animation on the **two polio vaccines**, now available in **Dari and Pashto**, and **Urdu**.

Afghanistan: **No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) were reported in the past week.**

The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2018 remains **three**.

The most recent case (by date of onset) was reported in Spinboldak district, Kandahar province, with onset on 6 January 2018.

Pakistan: **No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) were reported in the past week.**

The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2017 remains eight. There are no cases reported in 2018.

The most recent case (by date of onset) was reported in Zhob district, Balochistan province, with onset on 15 November 2017.

Nigeria: **No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) were reported in the past week.**

The total number of WPV1 cases for 2016 is four and no cases have been reported in 2017 or 2018. The most recent case (by date of onset) was reported in Monguno Local Government Area, Borno, with onset on 21 August 2016.

Wild poliovirus type 1 and Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases

Total cases	Year-to-date 2018		Year-to-date 2017		Total in 2017	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	2	0	3	0	22	96
—In Endemic Countries	2	0	3	0	22	0
—In Non-endemic Countries	0	0	0	0	0	96

Case breakdown by country

Countries	Year-to-date 2018		Year-to-date 2017		Total in 2017		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	2	0	2	0	14	0	5-Jan-2018	NA
Democratic Republic Of The Congo	0	0	0	0	0	22	NA	21-Dec-2017
Pakistan	0	0	1	0	8	0	14-Nov-2017	NA
Syrian Arab Republic	0	0	0	0	0	74	NA	20-Sep-2017

NA: Onset of paralysis in most recent case is prior to 2017. Figures exclude non-AFP sources. All cVDPV are type2. cVDPV definition: see document "Reporting and classification of vaccine-derived polioviruses" at [\[pdf\]](#)