

# Polio this week as of 13 March 2019

## Wild poliovirus type 1 and Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases

Total cases	Year-to-date 2019		Year-to-date 2018		Total in 2018	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	6	1	3	2	33	105
—In Endemic Countries	6	1	3	0	33	34
—In Non-Endemic Countries	0	0	0	2	0	71

### Headlines:

- On the occasion of the International Women’s Day on 8 March 2019, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative featured stories of women on-ground working for polio eradication efforts. Read all the IWD news [here](#).
- Wild poliovirus continues to transmit in Afghanistan—one of the most challenging geographical and socio-political landscapes—but GPEI is working with the partners and the government to make concrete gains in eliminating the disease. More on the efforts [here](#).
- Real-time disease surveillance is the future of disease of surveillance, which is being rolled-out at the World Health Organization’s Regional Office for Africa in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Read [more](#).

### Afghanistan:

- **No wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week.** There are two WPV1 cases reported in 2019. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2018 remains 21.

### Pakistan:

- **No cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) were reported this week.** There are four WPV1 cases reported in 2019. The total number of WPV1 cases in 2018 remains 12.
- Nine WPV1-positive environmental samples were reported in the past

week: one each from Saddar and Landhi in Karachi district, Sindh province; two from Lahore district and one from Rawalpindi district in Punjab province; one from Peshawar district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province; two from Quetta and one f

**Nigeria:**

- **No cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 have been reported this week.** So far, only one cVDPV2 case has been reported in 2019 in Nigeria. The total number of cVDPV2 cases in 2018 remains 34.
- Three cVDPV2-positive environmental samples were reported this week in Maiduguri LGA in Borno State. Samples were collected between 5-12 February 2019.
- One cVDPV2-positive community contact case has been reported in Konduga, Borno State. The sample was collected on 9 February 2019.

**Case breakdown by country**

Countries	Year-to-date 2019		Year-to-date 2018		Total in 2018		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	2	0	3	0	21	0	12-Jan-2019	NA
Democratic Republic Of The Congo	0	0	0	2	0	20	NA	7-Oct-2018
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	10	NA	5-Dec-2018
Nigeria	0	1	0	0	0	34	NA	22-Jan-2019
Pakistan	4	0	0	0	12	0	20-Jan-2019	NA
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	26	NA	18-Oct-2018
Somalia	0	0	0	0	0	13	NA	7-Sep-2018