

# Polio this week as of 26 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	0	33	105
—In Endemic Countries	6	1	3	0	33	34
—In Non-Endemic Countries	0	0	0	0	0	71

### Headlines:

- On 26-27 February 2019, the Global Commission for Certification of the Eradication met at the World Health Organization in Geneva to continue its work on global certification criteria for wild poliovirus eradication and containment. The GCC reviewed all the latest global epidemiology and examined remaining challenges in the interruption of wild polio virus. Read more [here](#).
- Featured on [polioeradication.org](http://polioeradication.org): [Coffee with Polio Experts— Dr Nicksy Gumede-Moeletsi](#), senior virologist at WHO's Regional Office for Africa, talks about how genetic analysis of isolated polioviruses is helping strategically drive eradication efforts in Africa.

### 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.

- Two WPV1-positive environmental samples were reported in the past week: one each from Gadap Town in Karachi and Hyderabad in Sindh province. The samples were collected on 11 February 2019.

### **Nigeria:**

- One case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 has been reported this week in Baruten LGA, Kwara state, with onset of paralysis on 22 January 2019. This is the second cVDPV2 AFP case reported from Kwara state. This new cVDPV2 case is the first one reported in Nigeria and globally in 2019. The total number of cVDPV2 cases in 2018 remains 34.
- **No cVDPV2-positive environmental samples were reported this week**
- No cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) has been reported in the country since the one detected from Borno state with a date of onset of paralysis on 21 August 2016.

### **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	0	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