

# Polio this week as of 27 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	8	4	6	3	33	105
—In Endemic Countries	8	4	6	0	33	34
—In Non-Endemic Countries	0	0	0	3	0	71

### Headlines:

- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General and Chair of the Polio Oversight Board, has issued a [personal response](#) to the [extraordinary joint statement](#) published in January by the Chairs of the main, independent, advisory and oversight committees of the GPEI. The joint statement is an impassioned plea by the Chairs of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE), the Independent Monitoring Board, the Emergency Committee of the International Health Regulations (IHR) Regarding International Spread of Poliovirus and the Global Commission for the Certification of the Eradication of Poliomyelitis (GCC) – the Chairs urged everyone involved in the GPEI to ensure polio will finally be assigned to the history books by 2023.
- On 27 March 2019, the WHO's Southeast Asia Region marked five years since being declared wild polio-free, with the last case in the Region detected in India on 13 January 2011. The five-year anniversary of SEARO certification celebrated success in India and across countries of the region, showcasing how countries have used the skills, knowledge and infrastructure built up by the polio programme after eradication and highlight lessons learned from the Region that are now being applied in other parts of the world.

### 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.
- No WPV1-positive environmental samples were reported in the past week.

**Pakistan:**

- **Two cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) were reported this week:** one in Khyber District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Tribal District (KPTD) and one in Layari in Karachi, Sindh province. The onsets of paralysis were on 14 February 2019 and 25 February 2019 respectively. There are now total six WPV1 cases reported in 2019. The total number of WPV1 cases in 2018 remains 12.

**Nigeria:**

- **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	6	0	21	0	12-Jan-2019	NA
Democratic Republic Of The Congo	0	0	0	3	0	20	NA	7-Oct-2018
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	1	NA	21-Oct-2018
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	10	NA	5-Dec-2018
Nigeria	0	4	0	0	0	34	NA	20-Feb-2019
Pakistan	6	0	0	0	12	0	25-Feb-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