

Polio this week as of 25 October 2017

Total cases	Year-to-date 2017		Year-to-date 2016		Total in 2016	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	12	61	27	3	37	5
—In Endemic Countries	12	0	27	0	37	2
—In Non-endemic Countries	0	61	0	3	0	3

Headlines: On 24 October, millions of people around the globe engaged in actions for World Polio Day. Highlights included the **5th annual World Polio Day event**, bringing together experts and celebrities to share progress on the road to polio eradication, hosted by Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle, Washington, USA; and a show of support from individuals, national governments, and media outlets around the world.

In a remarkable endorsement, German Chancellor Angela Merkel used her **weekly podcast** to draw attention to the World Polio Day (celebrated in Germany on 28 October) and the considerable progress in polio eradication.

Afghanistan:

The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2017 remains seven.

Two new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) positive environmental samples were reported in the last week, one received from Nangarhar district in Jalalabad province, collection 23 September, and one received from Kandahar district, Kandahar province, collection 5 October.

Pakistan: No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The total number of WPV1 cases in 2017 in Pakistan remains five.

One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) positive environmental sample was reported in the last week. The sample was collected on 11 October, from Karachi Gadap district, Sindh province.

Nigeria: No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) were reported in the past week. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2016 remains four and no cases have been reported in 2017. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 21 August 2016 in Monguno Local Government Area, Borno.

Case breakdown by country

Countries	Year-to-date 2017		Year-to-date 2016		Total in 2016		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	7	0	8	0	13	0	14-Sep-2017	NA
Democratic Republic Of The Congo	0	9	0	0	0	0	NA	26-Jul-2017
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0	0	0	3	0	3	NA	10-Jan-2016
Nigeria	0	0	4	0	4	1	20-Aug-2016	27-Oct-2016
Pakistan	5	0	15	0	20	1	20-Aug-2017	16-Dec-2016
Syrian Arab Republic	0	52	0	0	0	0	NA	24-Aug-2017