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*The Orphanage of  
Families for Children*

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# Adoption battle ends in joy

EDMONTON (CP) — A 14-month battle by a bishop to adopt a handicapped East Indian boy ended in an airport terminal when Rt. Rev. Ron Ferris hugged his new son.

Ferris, Anglican bishop of Whitehorse, refused to accept an immigration department ruling that he couldn't adopt 2-year-old Ramesh because the boy had had polio and couldn't walk properly.

Eventually, Ferris appealed to Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy who issued a special ministerial order allowing Ramesh into the country.

## Hug and kiss

And yesterday, the battle was made worthwhile when Ferris saw his new son for the first time at Edmonton airport and gave the shy little boy a comforting hug and kiss.

And that was just a taste of what is to come for the little boy from a Madras orphanage when he arrives at his new home in the Yukon. The bishop's wife and their five other children are waiting to give him a big welcome.

The other children are also adopted. Three were born in Canada and two in India.

"Everybody back home will be so excited to see him," Ferris said happily. "We've been waiting over a year."

"We never dreamed the Canadian government would block adoption of a handicapped child."



**Good to see you, son:** It took 14 months for Bishop Ron Ferris to get approval to adopt 2-year-old Ramesh from an orphanage in India. But it was worth the trouble yesterday when they met for the first time yesterday at Edmonton Airport and Ferris gave his new son a fatherly kiss.

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# Afghanistan















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# Progress in Polio Eradication

1985

A world map with a black background. Countries are colored either red or grey. In 1985, red countries include Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, South America (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Guyana, Suriname, and French Guiana), Africa (Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Chad, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, and Mauritius), Europe (Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, and Malta), Asia (Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, China, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, and Singapore), and Oceania (Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, and Australia). Grey countries include North America (USA and Canada), Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, United Kingdom, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia.

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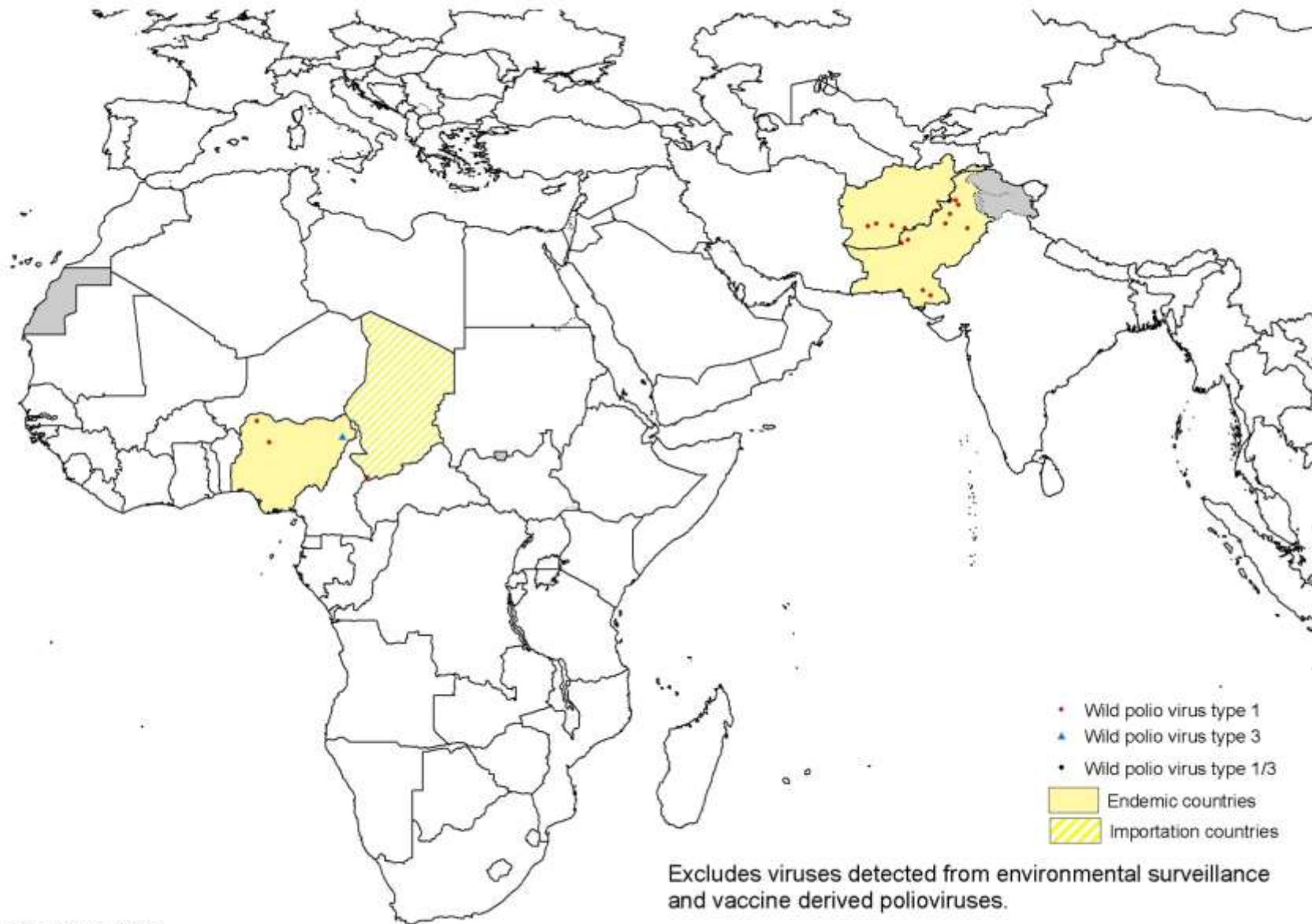
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2011

A world map with a black background and white landmass outlines. Three countries are highlighted in red: Niger in West Africa, India in South Asia, and Pakistan in South Asia. The year '2011' is written in red text over the Atlantic Ocean.

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# Wild Poliovirus - 2012



Data at HQ as of 28 February 2012



# POLIO CASE COUNT

## 2011-650- Cases

As of March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012:

22- Cases of polio reported to date

- Chad- 1

Cases from endemic countries:

- Pakistan - 12
- Afghanistan - 4
- Nigeria - 5







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**An additional 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years (WHO)**



