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Polio this week as of 15 February 2017

- The 12th meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (IHR) met on 7 February and concluded that current global polio epidemiology continues to constitute a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The Temporary Recommendations promulgated under the IHR remain in effect. National polio emergency action plans continue to be implemented in all countries affected by circulation of either wild poliovirus or vaccine-derived poliovirus, and all countries currently thus affected have declared these events to be a national public health emergency. Read about the IHR findings and recommendations [here](#).
- [Gates Annual Letter published](#) – zero is the magic number: Bill and Melinda Gates this week published their Annual Letter, highlighting how close polio eradication is to achieving its goal. In their letter, they highlight in particular the heroic dedication of health workers around the world and Rotary International, in bringing the world to the threshold of being polio-free.

- [Rotary Convention](#) preparations in full swing – Bill Gates to keynote convention in Atlanta, USA, in June.
- A [personal video testimonial](#) on living with polio: Ann Lee Hussey, a polio survivor and volunteer for Rotary International, shares her story of living with polio. Her experiences drive her commitment to end the disease once and for all.
- Summary of newly-reported viruses this week (see country-specific sections below for further details): Pakistan – one WPV1 positive environmental sample.

Wild poliovirus type 1 and Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases

—In Endemic Countries

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—In Non-Endemic Countries

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Case breakdown by country

Lao People's Democratic Republic

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10-Jan-2016

Nigeria

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20-Aug-2016

27-Oct-2016

Pakistan

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21-Dec-2016

16-Dec-2016

NA: onset of paralysis in most recent case is prior to 2015. Figures exclude non-AFP sources. Lao PDR cVDPV1, all others cVDPV2. cVDPV definition: see document "Reporting and classification of vaccine-derived polioviruses" at [\[pdf\]](#)

Weekly country updates as of 15 February 2017

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+ Guinea and West Africa

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