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## Polio this week - As of 19 June 2013

It has been more than 12 months since Chad reported its most recent wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case. All samples of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases from the previous 12 months still need to be cleared, before the country can be removed from the list of countries with re-established transmission of WPV. It is the only remaining country with such a classification, following success in Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo) and South Sudan in stopping their respective re-established transmission. Chad continues to be affected by an ongoing outbreak of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2), and remains at high risk of renewed international spread of poliovirus from neighbouring Nigeria. Rotary International's Annual Convention will take place next week in Lisbon, Portugal (23-26 June). More than 20,000 Rotarians from around the world are expected at this prestigious event. Polio eradication will feature highly on the agenda, as in past years. For more, please click [here](#).

Eleven new cases of wild poliovirus were reported in the Horn of Africa this week (the bulk in Somalia). None of the new cases represent breakthrough transmission since outbreak response activities began. See 'Horn of Africa' section for more

## Wild Poliovirus (WPV) cases

Total cases	Year-to-date 2013	Year-to-date 2012	Total in 2012
Globally	55	73	223
- in endemic countries	41	70	217
- in non-endemic countries	14	3	6

## Case breakdown by country

Countries	Year-to-date 2013				Year-to-date 2012				Total in 2012	Date of most recent case
	WPV	WPV3	W1W3	Total	WPV1	WPV3	W1W3	Total		
Pakistan	14			14	19	2	1	22	58	19-May-13
Afghanistan	2			2	8			8	37	28-Mar-13
Nigeria	25			25	28	12		40	122	04-May-13
Somalia	9			9					0	16-May-13
Kenya	5			5					0	18-May-13
Chad					3			3	5	14-Jun-12
Niger									1	15-Nov-12
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>223</b>	
<b>Total in endemic countries</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>217</b>	
<b>Total outbreak</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	

Data in WHO as of 12 June 2012 for 2012 data and 11 June 2013 for 2013 data.

## Afghanistan

No new WPV cases were reported in the past week. The total number of WPV cases for 2013 remains two. The most recent

WPV case had onset of paralysis on 28 March (WPV1 from Kunar, Eastern Region).

No new cVDPV2 cases were reported in the past week. The total number of cVDPV2 cases in 2013 remains three. The most recent cVDPV2 case had onset of paralysis on 13 March (from Kandahar, Southern Region).

Subnational immunization days (SNIDs) were held 9-11 June, with further campaigns taking place this week and again in early July.

## Nigeria

One new WPV case was reported in the past week (WPV1 from Bauchi), bringing the total number of WPV cases for 2013 to 26. It is the most recent WPV case in the country and had onset of paralysis on 18 May.

No new cases of cVDPV2 were reported in the past week. The most recent cVDPV2 case had onset of paralysis on 24 November 2012 (from Kebbi).

Subnational Immunization Plus Days (IPDs) were held this week (15-18 June) in northern and middle-band states.

## Pakistan

Two new WPV cases were reported in the past week (WPV1s from Khyber Agency in Federally Administered Tribal Areas – FATA, and from central Punjab), bringing the total number of WPV cases for 2013 to 16. The case from Punjab is the most recent WPV case in the country and had onset of paralysis on 26 May.

No new cVDPV2 cases were reported in the past week. The total number of cVDPV2 cases for 2013 remains five. The most recent cVDPV2 case had onset of paralysis on 8 May (from Gadap town, greater Karachi, Sindh).

## Chad

No new WPV cases were reported in the past week. The most recent WPV case had onset of paralysis on 14 June 2012 (WPV1 from Lac).

No new cVDPV2 cases were reported in the past week. The total number of cVDPV2 cases for 2013 remains one (onset of paralysis on 4 February from Salamat).

Preparations are underway for nationwide campaigns on 23-26 June, with trivalent OPV.

## Horn of Africa

Eleven new WPV cases were reported in the past week (ten WPV1s from Somalia and one WPV1 from Kenya), bringing the total number of WPV1 cases in the region to 25 (19 WPV1s from Somalia and six WPV1s from Kenya). One of the newly-reported cases from Somalia is the most recent, with onset of paralysis on 25 May (from Banadir).

Although newly-reported cases are increasing, it is important to note that none of these cases represent breakthrough transmission since outbreak response activities began.

However, of concern is that one of the newly-reported cases is from a district in Lower Shabelle region in south-central Somalia where access for supplementary immunization activities (SIAs) has been compromised for the past three years. Surveillance in this area, however, remains functional. As many as 500,000 children in this area are at particular risk of polio at the moment. Efforts are ongoing to operate in this area, and vaccinations are continuing at entry and exit points to build up immunity levels.

In Somalia, the third round of outbreak response campaigns is being conducted this week, including in Banadir (which includes Mogadishu), targeting all age groups.

Lessons from the first two rounds were being addressed, including fine-tuning microplans to include schools, more clearly defining vaccinator team daily workloads and expanding the scope of monitoring.

In key border areas, the activities are synchronized with neighbouring countries, including Ethiopia and Djibouti.

Anecdotal feedback from the field indicates overall good coverage is being achieved, with strong community participation.

In Kenya, the second round of outbreak response campaigns is currently ongoing. In the Dadaab area, all age groups are being targeted.

Immunization campaigns are also planned and being conducted in other areas of the Horn of Africa, notably Ethiopia and Yemen, to urgently boost population immunity levels and minimize the risk of spread of the outbreak.

## West Africa

No new WPV cases were reported in the past week. The most recent case in the region was a WPV1 from Tahoua province in Niger with onset of paralysis on 15 November 2012.

Multi-country immunization campaigns are planned in West Africa for September as well as in Mali and Niger in July.