

Polio this week as of 1 February 2017

- The [Executive Board](#) of the World Health Organization at its meeting in Geneva last week noted that the world is closer than ever to being polio-free, and urged for increased support to the remaining endemic countries. At the same time, ministries commended efforts made on containment and to manage an ongoing global inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) supply constraint. The Board also encouraged plans to transition the polio infrastructure for the long-term, to ensure it continues to benefit broader public health efforts even after the disease is gone. To this effect, the Board adopted a '[decision](#)', requesting the GPEI to present a strategic roadmap towards polio transition and the development of a post-certification strategy at the May World Health Assembly. Closing the discussion, Rotary International addressed the ministries with a clear call to action: "We must protect the gains. An additional US\$1.3 billion is needed through 2019. Together, we can end polio and forever build a better future for all children."
- Summary of newly-reported viruses this week (see country-specific section below for further details): Pakistan – five environmental wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) samples.

Wild poliovirus type 1 and Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases

| Total cases | Year-to-date 2017 | | Year-to-date 2016 | | Total in 2016 | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | WPV | cVDPV | WPV | cVDPV | WPV | cVDPV |
| Globally | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 37 | 5 |
| —in endemic countries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 2 |
| —in non-endemic countries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |

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 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 15-Dec-2016 | NA |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | NA | 10-Jan-2016 |
| Nigeria | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 20-Aug-2016 | 27-Oct-2016 |
| Pakistan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 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 [\[pdf\]](#)

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