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## This Week



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### Polio this week as of 18 November 2020

- On 13 November, the World Health Organization's (WHO) Prequalification (PQ) program [issued](#) an Emergency Use Listing (EUL) recommendation for the type 2 novel oral polio vaccine (nOPV2). This will allow rollout of the vaccine for limited initial use in countries affected by circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) outbreaks...[Read more](#)
- “Unless we work at the community level, we’re not getting the full story. Ensuring community participation is the only way to achieve social transformation and to ensure that all children get immunized,” [Explains Ms. Rina Dey](#) who has spent over 25 years working in health and development.
- Summary of new WPV and cVDPV viruses this week (AFP cases and ES positives):
  - - Afghanistan: one WPV1 case, one WPV1 positive environmental sample and one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample

- Pakistan: one WPV1 case, three WPV1 positive environmental samples, three cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- Burkina Faso: five cVDPV2 cases
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: three cVDPV2 cases
- Ghana: one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case
- Sudan: five cVDPV2 cases and three positive environmental samples

See country sections below for more details.

## Weekly country updates as of 18 November 2020

### [Afghanistan](#)

- One wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in Kandahar province. There have been 54 WPV1 cases reported in 2020 so far while the total number of cases reported in 2019 remains 29.
- One WPV1 positive environmental sample was reported in Kunduz province.
- No cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) were reported this week. There are 136 cVDPV2 cases reported in 2020 so far.
- One cVDPV2 positive environmental sample was reported in Hilmand province.
- Read the latest polio snapshot from [Afghanistan](#) to see information on cases, surveillance and vaccination campaigns.

### [Pakistan](#)

- One wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in Punjab. There are now 81 WPV1 cases reported in 2020 so far while the total number of cases reported in 2019 cases remains 147.
- Three WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported; two in Sindh and one in Punjab.
- Three cVDPV2 cases were reported; two in Sindh and one in Punjab. There are now 83 cVDPV2 cases reported in 2020 so far while the 2019 case count remains 22.
- Two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples were reported: one

- Read the latest polio snapshot from [Pakistan](#) to see information on cases, surveillance and vaccination campaigns.

## [Angola](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There have been three cases reported in 2020 so far. The total number of 2019 cases remain 130. These cases are from several outbreaks which occurred in 2019.
- Read our [Angola](#) country page for more information.

## [Benin](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There have been two cases reported in 2020 while the number of 2019 cases remain eight. These cases are all linked to the Jigawa outbreak in Nigeria.
- The risk of further cVDPV2 spread across West Africa remains high.
- Read our [Benin](#) country page for more information.

## [Burkina Faso](#)

- Five cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) were reported; one each in Ouagadougou, Kaya and Dori and two in Fada. There are now 45 cVDPV2 cases in the country. Burkina Faso is affected by different outbreaks, one linked to the Jigawa outbreak in Nigeria and one to the Savanes outbreak in Togo.
- Read our [Burkina Faso](#) country page for more information.

## [Cameroon](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There are seven cases reported in 2020 so far.
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## [Central African Republic](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There are three cases reported in 2020 so far and 21 cases in 2019 from several outbreaks.
- Read our [Central African Republic](#) country page for more information.

## [Chad](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There are 80 cases from two different outbreaks in the country, one being the Jigawa outbreak. There were 11 cases reported in 2019.
- The risk of further cVDPV2 spread across the Lake Chad subregion remains high.
- Read our [Chad](#) country page for more information.

## [Congo](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There is one case in the country.
- Read our [Congo](#) country page for more information.

## [Côte d'Ivoire](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There are 52 cVDPV2 cases reported in 2020 so far.
- Read our [Côte d'Ivoire](#) country page for more information.

## [Democratic Republic of the Congo \(DR Congo\)](#)

- Three cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) were reported; two in Maindombe and one in Equateur. There are 63 cases reported in 2020 so far, while the 2019 case count remains 88.
- Read our [Democratic Republic of the Congo country page](#) for more information.

## [Ethiopia](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. The total number of cVDPV2 cases reported is 35.
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## [Ghana](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. So far, there have been 12 cases reported in 2020, while the total number of 2019 cases remains 18.
- One cVDPV2 positive environmental sample was reported in the Eastern province.
- The risk of further cVDPV2 spread across West Africa remains high.
- Read our [Ghana](#) country page for more information.

## [Guinea](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There are 29 cVDPV2 cases in the country
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## [Malaysia](#)

- No circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1) case was reported this week. There has been one case in 2020 so far. The total number of cases reported in 2019 remains three.
- Read our [Malaysia](#) country page for more information.

## [Mali](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There are 26 cases reported in the country in 2020 so far.
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## [Niger](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There are eight cVDPV2 cases reported in

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## [Nigeria](#)

- One case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported in Sokoto province. There are four cVDPV2 cases reported in 2020 and 18 cVDPV2 cases reported in 2019.
- Read our [Nigeria](#) country page for more information.

## [Philippines](#)

- No cVDPV2 case was reported this week. The total number of cVDPV2 cases reported in 2020 remains one and 12 in 2019..
- No cVDPV1 case was reported this week. There are two cVDPV1 cases in the country from 2019.
- Read our [Philippines](#) country page for more information.

## [Somalia](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There is a total of 27 cVDPV2 cases (20 type 2, six type 3 and one coinfection of both type 2 and type 3) since the beginning of the outbreak in 2018.
- Read our [Somalia](#) country page for more information.

## [South Sudan](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There are 15 cVDPV2 cases in the country, all linked to the ongoing outbreak in Chad.
- Read our [South Sudan](#) country page for more information.

## [Sudan](#)

- Five cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) were reported; one each in River Nile, Red Sea and Gezira and two in Kassala. There are now 44 cVDPV2 cases reported in 2020 so far. The initial viruses were linked to the ongoing outbreak in Chad followed by local transmission.
- Read our [Sudan](#) country page for more information.

## [Togo](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There are nine cases reported in 2020 while the total number of cVDPV2 cases reported in 2019 remains eight.
- Read our [Togo](#) country page for more information.

## [Yemen](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There are 17 cVDPV1 cases reported in the country.
- With large-scale population movements with other areas of the Horn of Africa, notably Djibouti and northern Somalia, a more thorough Horn of Africa risk assessment to both type 1 and type 2 poliovirus is being conducted.
- Read our [Yemen](#) country page for more information.

## [Zambia](#)

- No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. The total number of cVDPV2 cases reported in 2019 remains two.
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