

This Week

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Polio this week as of 21 October 2020

World Polio Day is around the corner! Observed on the 24 October, the theme for 2020 is “A win against polio is a win for global health.” Mark your calendar to tune in for [Rotary International’s World Polio Day Online Global Update](#), streamed in multiple languages around the world.

On 19 September 2019, a polio outbreak was declared in the Philippines after a 3-year-old child and several environmental samples tested positive for polioviruses. Fifteen other children have been paralyzed by polio since the outbreak started. As we approach World Polio Day this year, we are celebrating the [heroes who have been working tirelessly to combat polio in the Philippines](#).

“The cultural and traditional situation in Afghanistan, and especially in Kandahar, is such that people don’t look up to women who are seeking education. I have faced numerous troubles since I have started to go to school.” ... [Read more](#) about Dr Farima Azimi, a District Polio Officer who has overcome gender barriers to rise in Afghanistan’s polio programme and fight COVID-19.

Summary of new WPV and cVDPV viruses this week (AFP cases and ES positives):

- Afghanistan: one WPV1 case, one WPV1 positive environmental sample, 14 cVDPV2 cases and 2 cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- Pakistan: two WPV1 cases and one WPV1 positive environmental sample
- Benin: one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- Burkina Faso: 21 cVDPV2 cases
- Côte d’Ivoire: 15 cVDPV2 cases
- Ethiopia: four cVDPV2 cases
- Mali: six cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case
- Somalia: five cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- Sudan: 16 cVDPV2 cases
- Yemen: two cVDPV1 cases

See country sections below for more details.

Case breakdown by country

COUNTRIES	Year-to-date 2020		Year-to-date 2019		Total in 2019		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV1	cVDPV	WPV1	cVDPV	WPV1	cVDPV	WPV1	cVDPV
Afghanistan	53	101	18	0	29	0	13-Sep-20	29-Aug-20
Angola	0	3	0	25	0	138		09-Feb-20
Benin	0	2	0	2	0	8		12-Jun-20
Burkina Faso	0	37	0	0	0	1		19-Aug-20
Cameroon	0	5	0	0	0	0		17-Jul-20
Central African Republic	0	2	0	15	0	21		28-Jul-20
Chad	0	69	0	1	0	11		22-Aug-20
China	0	0	0	1	0	1		25-Apr-19
Côte d'Ivoire	0	48	0	0	0	0		16-Aug-20
DR Congo	0	56	0	36	0	88		04-Aug-20
Ethiopia	0	21	0	3	0	14		30-Aug-20
Ghana	0	12	0	3	0	18		09-Mar-20
Guinea	0	29	0	0	0	0		21-Jul-20
Mali	0	11	0	0	0	0		15-Aug-20
Niger	0	7	0	1	0	1		25-Aug-20
Nigeria	0	3	0	16	0	18		24-Aug-20
Malaysia	0	1	0	0	0	3		14-Jan-20
Myanmar	0	0	0	6	0	6		09-Aug-19
Pakistan	79	64	76	0	147	22	03-Oct-20	18-Aug-20
Philippines	0	1	0	1	0	14		15-Jan-20
Somalia	0	9	0	3	0	3		03-Sep-20
South Sudan	0	3	0	0	0	0		08-Jul-20
Sudan	0	39	0	0	0	0		03-Sep-20
Togo	0	9	0	1	0	8		03-May-20
Yemen	0	16	0	0	0	1		05-Jun-20
Zambia	0	0	0	1	0	2		25-Nov-19

Weekly country updates as of 21 October 2020

Afghanistan

Pakistan

Angola

Benin

Burkina Faso

Cameroon

Central African Republic

Chad

China

Côte d'Ivoire

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo)

Egypt

Ethiopia

Ghana

Guinea

Malaysia

Mali

Myanmar

Niger

Nigeria

Philippines

Somalia

South Sudan

Sudan

Togo

Yemen

Zambia

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