﻿***Together, We End Polio***

***Terry's Polio Eradication Update***

***For the week ending 09/27/25***

*Dear Polio Eradication Warriors,*

***Two new Wild Polio paralysis cases reported this week.  We are now 5 weeks since the most recent report of a child being paralyzed by the Wild Polio Virus in Pakistan.***

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After you’ve planned a **World Polio Day** event, [don’t forget to register it](https://pol01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmsgfocus.rotary.org%2Fc%2F14xySOT30ooICFqgWw2c8I5zdzRK7v&data=05%7C02%7C%7Cb395b2aeb2c142c76cfb08ddfc4efb4d%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638944138326698654%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eLgKi%2F5bZ%2FJ9QP1N80PmhcJvwJLxzkijaDtCN9UcgGo%3D&reserved=0). New this year: District- and zone-level events can also be registered, not just club events. Let’s show the world that Rotary’s commitment to polio eradication is stronger than ever!

**Did you know - NEW YORK (September 22, 2025)** – Senior global health leaders met today to discuss the final push to eradicate polio in a side event of the 80th United Nations General Assembly. The event, ‘*United to Finish the Job: High Level Side-Event on Polio Eradication*’, co-hosted by the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief), UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), addressed the urgent need to end wild polio transmission in Afghanistan and Pakistan while strengthening response to variant poliovirus outbreaks in fragile settings across Africa and Asia.

***Mike McGovern,****Chair of Rotary International’s International PolioPlus Committee said :* “Forty-six years ago, Rotarians backed a polio campaign in the Philippines and decided they would not stop there. What began as an ambitious dream has become one of the largest public health efforts in history. Rotarians still work alongside health workers, communities and governments every day to help protect every last child from polio. With the continued support of our partners, we can get the job done.”

**Let’s end Polio!**

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| **Total Wild Polio cases** | **Year-to-date 2025** | **Total**  **2024** | **Total**  **2023** | **Total**  **2022** | **Total**  **2021** |
| **Globally** | **30** | **99** | **12** | **30** | **6** |
| **- in endemic countries:** | **30** | **99** | **12** | **22** | **5** |

**2025 Total Polio Cases (30 Wild + 150 Variant) = 180**

**2024 Total Polio Cases (99 Wild + 466 Variant) = 565**

**2023 Total Polio Cases  (12 Wild + 524 Variant) = 536**

**2022 Total Polio Cases (30 Wild + 914 Variant) = 944**

**2025 Circulating Variant Polio Case Total - 150    Algeria 1, Angola 11, Benin 3, Burkina Faso 1, Cameroon 1, Central African Republic 1, Chad 19,  Djibouti 1, Democratic Republic of Congo 1, Ethiopia  40, Guinea 2, Niger 3, Nigeria 32, Papua New Guinea - 1, Somalia 1, Sudan 2, Yemen 29**

**2024 Circulating Variant Polio Case Total - 466**Algeria - 1, Angola - 9, Benin - 2, Cameroon - 3, Chad - 39, Cote d'Ivoire - 1, DR Congo - 25, Ethiopia - 44, Guinea - 9, Indonesia - 8, Liberia - 1,Mali - 1, Mozambique - 1, Niger - 17, Nigeria - 98, Occupied Palestinian Territory - 1, Senegal - 1, Somalia - 7, South Sudan - 11, Yemen - 167

**2025 Wild Polio Case Total  28 - Afghanistan 4 - Pakistan 26**

**2024 Wild Polio Cases Total 99 - Afghanistan 25 - Pakistan 74**

**2023 Wild Polio Cases Total 12 - Afghanistan 6, Pakistan 6**

**2023 Circulating Variant Polio Cases 524 in 23 Countries**

***New Polio Cases & Samples reported this week -***

* Pakistan :  two WPV1 cases and 50 WPV1-positive environmental samples
* Algeria :  one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
* Angola :  three cVDPV2 cases
* Nigeria :  four cVDPV2 cases

**Quote of the Day -** *"Each of us must work for our improvement and, at the same time, share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be the most useful. (Madam) Maria Sklodowska-C*urie (1867-1934)

**The Final Two Polio Endemic Countries**

Pakistan **Two new Wild Polio cases reported this week**. **Twenty-six Wild Polio cases reported in 2025.  Seventy-four Wild Polio cases reported in 2024.** Six Wild Polio Cases reported in 2023.  The most recent case had an onset of paralysis on 8/14/25.  Fifty **WPV1 Environmental Samples and no cVDPV2 Positive Environmental Samples were reported this week in Pakistan.**

Afghanistan **No new Wild Polio cases reported this week.  Four Wild Polio cases reported in 2025.  Twenty-five Wild Polio cases reported in 2024.**Six Wild Polio Cases reported in 2023.  The most recent case had an onset of paralysis on 7/25/25.  No**WPV1 Environmental Samples and no cVDPV2 Positive Environmental Samples were reported this week in Afghanistan.**

***Advocate, Donate & Educate to END POLIO NOW & FOREVER!***

***Over 3 billion Children Immunized***

***Over $3 billion raised by Rotary for Polio Eradication***

***21,000,000+ Children Saved from the Paralysis of Polio***

***1.6 million lives saved thanks to the Polio Vaccines***

**Together, We End Polio!**

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