

# World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

## Week ending 9 December

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	66	23	324	48	359	56
- in endemic countries	66	2	305	45	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	21	19	3	19	4

### Headlines:

Two cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus were confirmed in Myanmar this week. The Ministry of Health is implementing an urgent outbreak response with the support of the partners of GPEI.

Around the world, thousands of polio workers have selflessly dedicated their lives to stopping polio in their communities. Five people have been honored with Heroes of Polio Eradication (HOPE) Awards, presented by Bill Gates and His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi.

In 2015, wild poliovirus transmission is at the lowest levels ever, with fewer cases reported from fewer areas of fewer countries than ever before. In 2015 so far, 66 wild poliovirus cases have been reported from two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan), compared to 324 cases from nine countries during the same period in 2014

**Afghanistan:** **No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in the past week.** The last case was reported in Kunar province, with onset of paralysis on 3 November. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 17

**Pakistan:** **Six new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week:** four in Sindh province, one in Balochistan province, and one in the Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA). The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 49, compared to 275 by this time in 2014

Countries	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	17	0	24	0	28	0	03-Nov-15	NA
Pakistan	49	2	275	20	306	22	21-Nov-15	09-Feb-15