



Polio update for June 13, 2025

Note: This update is going out to all District 5130 Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Presidents-Nominees, Club Foundation Chairs, PolioPlus Chairs, the District Governor, Past District Governors, Area Governors and others who have requested to be on the list 😊. However, if you wish to no longer receive these updates, please let me know and I'll remove you from the list 😊.

FANTASTIC NEWS THIS WEEK. NOT ONLY WERE THERE ZERO CASES OF WILD POLIO THIS WEEK (WPV1), BUT THERE WERE ALSO ZERO CASES OF POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES (ES). SO OUR WILD POLIO COUNT YEAR-TO-DATE REMAINS AT 13 (2 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 11 IN PAKISTAN).

Dates of the most recent wild poliovirus cases:

Afghanistan: 03/09/25

Pakistan: 05/07/25

	As of 6/10/25	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison) 2025 (2024)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
WPV1 Afghanistan	2 (5)	25	6	2	4	56
WPV1-Pakistan	11 (5)	74	6	20	1	84
WPV1- Other Countries	0 (0)	0	0	8	1	0
Total WVP1	13 (10)	99	12	30	6	140
cVDPV (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) *3 cases this week	70 (67)	319	528	881	688	1,117

In our other battlefield against polio, the Circulating Variant Poliovirus (cVDPV), there were *3 NEW CASES reported this week as follows:

- Angola: 1 Type 2 case this week: (3 cases YTD & 9 cases total in 2024)
- Benin: 1 Type 2 case this week: (1 case YTD & 1 case total in 2024)
- Niger: 1 Type 2 case this week: (3 cases YTD & 16 cases total in 2024)

Positive Environmental Sewage Samples (ES) reported this week:

Wild (WPV1) : ES = 0; (YTD in 2025; 280 Total in 2024; 768)

Vaccine Derived (cVDPV2): ES = 4; (YTD in 2025; 69 Total in 2024; 277)

For detailed information on all the above, go to GPEI's <https://www.polioeradication.org> and the WHO powerpoint accompanying this newsletter. For more information on all things polio, go to <https://www.endpolio.org/>

A bit of good news this week for us Polio Warriors. We had ZERO wild cases and ZERO wild positive environmental samples. In addition there were only 3 cases of variant type 2 polio compared to last week's 15 cases. Also of note, there were ZERO cases of variant positive Environmental samples compared to 4 the week before.

another bit of good news. According to a post by World Health Organization's Dr. Hamid Jafari, Somalia, in a powerful show of political will, vaccinated nearly 1.4 million children last week—protecting them not just against polio, but also measles and pneumonia. This integrated effort highlights the broader impact of polio eradication on strengthening health systems. thus securing a healthier future for these children

And now a little bit of bad news. With Federal budget cuts being bandied about and proposals changing minute by minute, the current consensus is that the budget for the GPEI (Global Polio Eradication Initiative) will drop from the almost current billion dollar budget to 750 million, according to Rotary's International PolioPlus Chair Mike McGovern. Furthermore, they are also forecasting missing the June 30th \$50 million goal deadline to take advantage of the Gates Foundation's 2 for 1 match by about \$2.5 Million. That would result in our leaving \$5 million on the table 😞. That's why I'm asking you, Dear Presidents, and other leaders of your club, to promote one last push for Polio Plus in an announcement at your next meeting. You have all done an outstanding job this year, but I'm asking for one final push to help us reach our goal and keep our promise to the children of the world 😊🙏. To ensure their donation reaches TRF by the June 30th, deadline, donating online by credit card is the best way to give. The website is endpolio.org/donate Thank you so much.

That's it for this week. Please keep those affected by the various conflicts in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Southern and Northern Asia, and the disaster victims around the globe in your thoughts,...and of course, the fight against polio.

Bob
Your District 5130 PolioPlus Chair

