



Polio update for July 25, 2025

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ANOTHER WEEK WITH NO WILD CASES OF POLIO REPORTED, SO OUR COUNT YEAR-TO-DATE REMAINS AT 16, (2 IN AFGHANISTAN AND 14 IN PAKISTAN). THERE WERE 4 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES (ES) COLLECTED FROM AFGHANISTAN. HOWEVER,

**Dates of the most recent wild poliovirus cases:
Afghanistan: 03/09/25 Pakistan: 06/12/25**

***Of special significance please note above that it has been 20 weeks since the last reported case of wild polio in Afghanistan (3/9/25).**

In our other battlefield against polio, the Circulating Variant Poliovirus (cVDPV), there were 10 NEW CASES reported this week as follows:

- **Angola: 1 Type 2 case this week: (5 cases YTD & 9 cases total in 2024)**
- **Cameroon: 1 Type 3 case this week (1 case YTD & zero cases in 2024). Note: This is the first type 3 case reported in this country since the world was declared type 3 Polio free in 2019. Investigations and laboratory analyses are ongoing to determine its clear origin. Partners of the GPEI are coordinating closely with the Ministry of Health in supporting a field investigation and follow-up on immunization and surveillance response.**
- **Yemen: 22 Type 2 cases reported this week, however 14 were from last year, but only being reported now. So, (8 cases YTD in 2025 & 65 cases total in 2024)**

	As of 7/22/25		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(YTD Comparison)		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	2025	(2024)					
WPV1 Afghanistan	2	(9)	25	6	2	4	56
WPV1-Pakistan	14	(8)	74	6	20	1	84
WPV1- Other Countries	0	(0)	0	0	8	1	0
Total WVP1	16	(17)	99	12	30	6	140
cVDPV (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus) *9 cases this week	91	(117)	341	523	883	702	1,117

There were also wild and variant positive Environmental Samples (ES) reported this week as follows:

Wild (WPV1) : ES = 4; (YTD in 2025; 383 Total in 2024; 768)

Variant (cVDPV2): ES =15; (YTD in 2025; 111 Total in 2024; 291)

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/>

Kabul, Afghanistan - July 21

The Ministry of Public Health launched a nationwide polio vaccination campaign targeting 7.3 million children across 19 provinces of Afghanistan. The four-day campaign, which commenced on Monday, will cover 187 districts. Vaccination teams have spread throughout the streets, alleyways, and neighborhoods of Kabul and other provinces, working to immunize children against the debilitating disease.

Noor Hussain, one of the vaccinators, shared his experience of the day's efforts: "I started my work at 7 a.m. The public's cooperation in bringing their children for vaccination was truly commendable."

As the vaccination campaign continues, residents in Kabul have called for the expansion of such initiatives to combat polio effectively.

12 July 2025, Aden, Yemen

A new round of polio vaccination for children began two weeks ago in Government of Yemen-controlled areas. The 3-day campaign, which ran from 12 to 14 July 2025, aimed to boost population immunity in high-risk areas and to prevent further spread of the virus by administering novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) to more than 1.3 million children in 120 districts across 12 governorates. The intervention came in response to cases in the community and the continued confirmed circulation of variant type 2 poliovirus (cVDPV2) in environmental samples.

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.

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