

Agenda Item 3:

African Region programmatic review



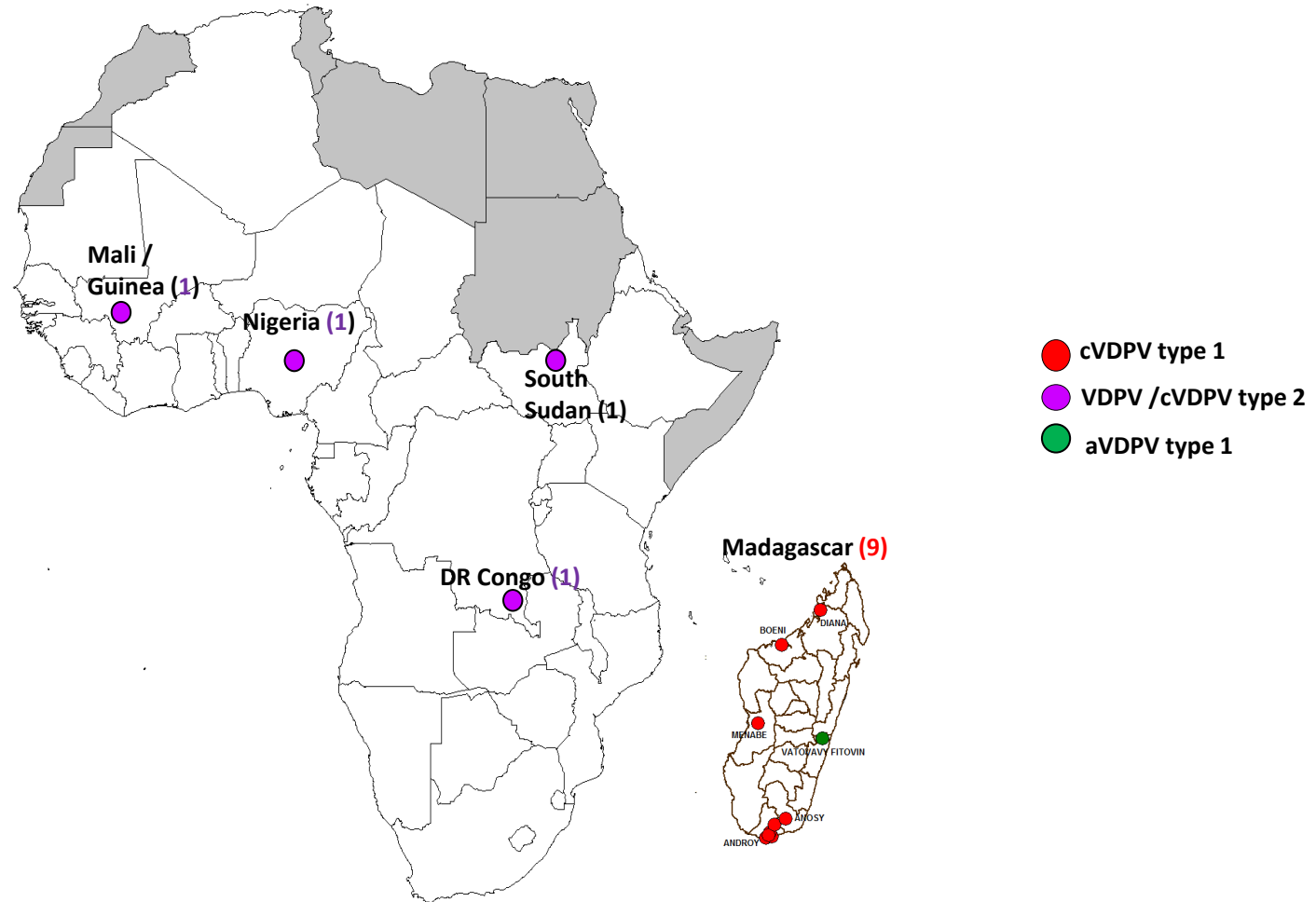
Update on Surveillance, VDPVs, Containment and Legacy Planning in the African Region

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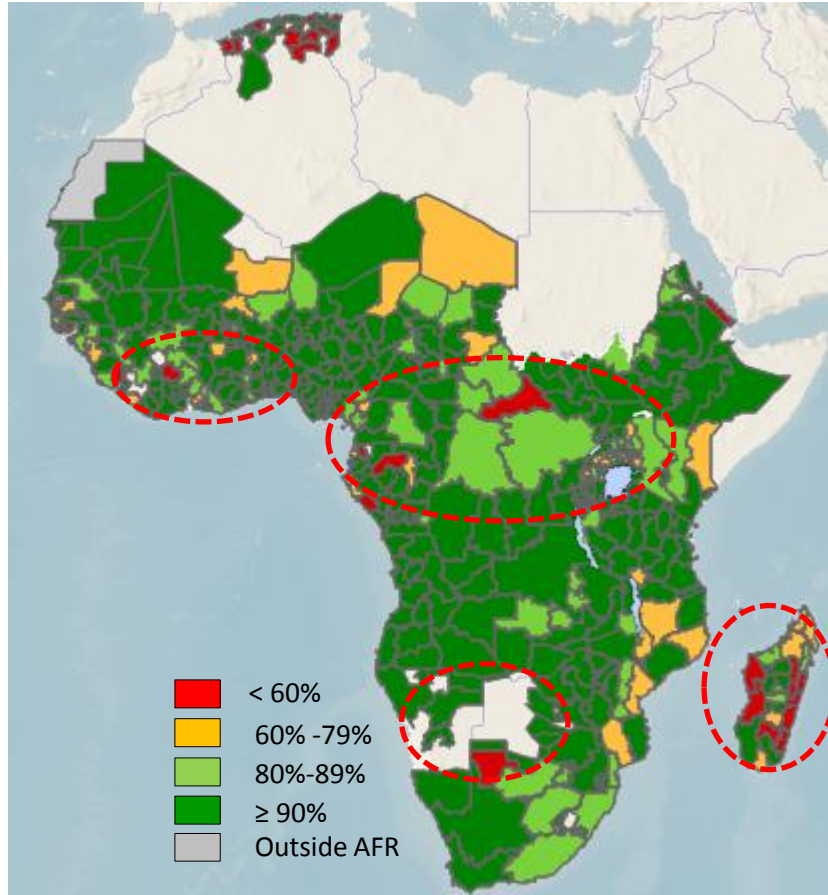
Wild poliovirus (WPV) and cVDPV /VDPV cases in AFRO, Sept. 2015



**Latest WPV cases from Nigeria, onset on 24 July 2014 (14 months ago);
Nigeria is on verge of being removed from polio endemic list**

Identifying surveillance gaps and activities to close the gaps, 2015

Late detection of AFP cases and delays in transportation to the labs (stool adequacy rates), AFR, Aug.2015



- **Monthly monitoring** of surveillance performance indicators
- Conducting **external and internal surveillance reviews**
- Expansion of **environmental surveillance**
- **Collecting stool specimens from contacts** of AFP / VDPV cases
- Expanding network of **community surveillance informants**
- **Additional searching of AFP cases during polio SIAs** and outbreak responses
- In **security compromised areas**, using **local innovations** (Nigeria lessons) and community informants to improve detection of cases
- **GPS / GIS technology** tracking of active case search visits in health facilities with geo-coordinates

Emerging challenges of insecurity and transportation of stool specimens from Ebola affected countries to “national” and reference laboratories

Prioritizing establishment & expansion of environmental surveillance in AFR, 2012 - 2016

A. Established in 5 out of 7 **priority** countries

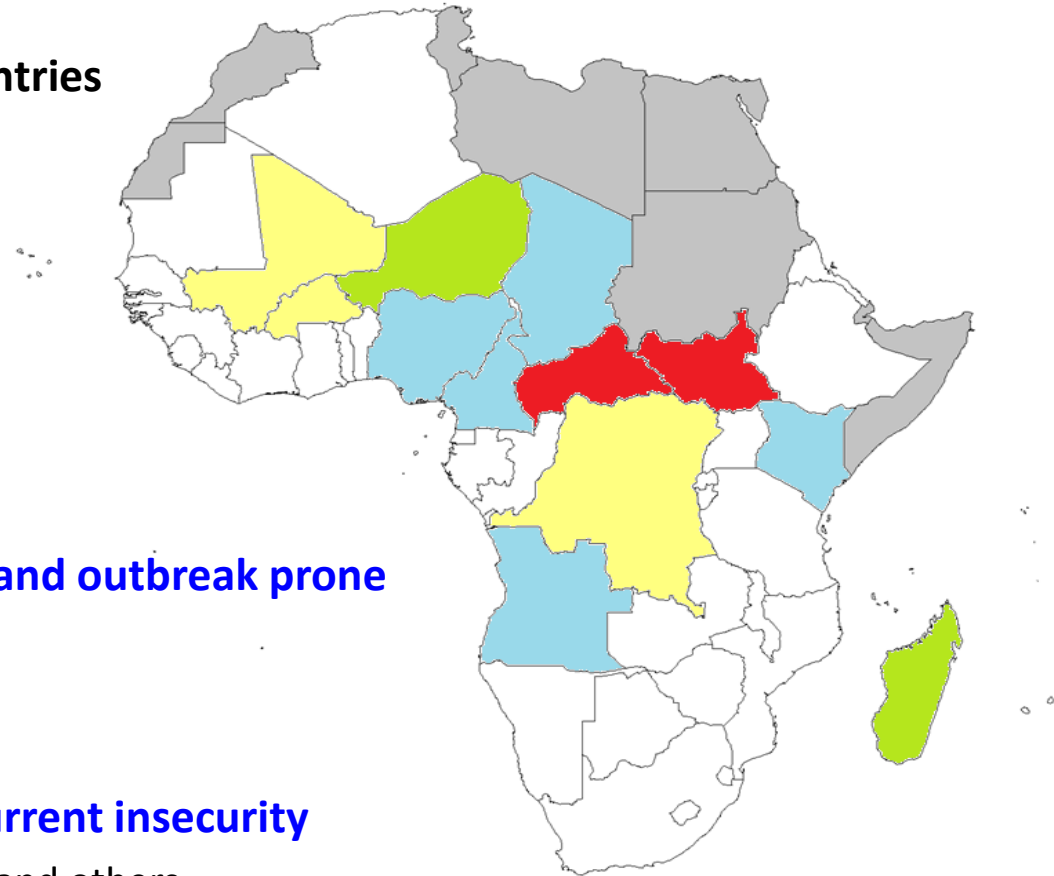
- Nigeria,
- Angola,
- Cameroun,
- Chad and
- Madagascar
- Kenya





B. Continued expansion plan in **cVDPV and outbreak prone** countries in 2015

- DR Congo, Mali and **Burkina Faso**

C. 2016 expansion plan in areas with **current insecurity**

- Central African Republic, South Sudan and others



-  Established ES system
-  ES under implementation
-  ES expansion plan for 2015
-  ES expansion plan for 2016

Responses to recent cVDPV / VDPV in AFRO countries

A. Guinea / Mali (onset 20 July 2015)

- Aggressively timely response within 14 days (> 3 million children) with subsequent rounds planned as per GPEI guidelines
- Cross-border synchronization done with 50% of Guinea



House to house vaccination in Mali, Sep 2015

B. Madagascar (onset 7 July 2015)

- Improved government ownership with Polio Outbreak Control cell chaired weekly by Minister of Health
- 2 nationwide rounds already conducted, one with increased age-group (<15 years)



Minister of Health in Madagascar chairing the Polio Outbreak Control Cell, Sept 2015

C. Nigeria (Onset 16 May 2015)

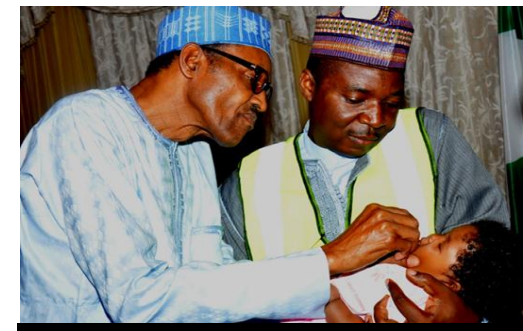
- 3 timely and high quality responses conducted

D. DR Congo (Onset 18 July 2015)

- First response within 14 days of confirmation on 28– 30 September 2015

E. South Sudan (Onset 19 April 2015)

- Responses not geographically completed due to insecurity



President Buhari of Nigeria vaccinating her grand-daughter in July 2015

Meetings on Strengthening AFP surveillance, Polio SIAs Quality and Outbreak Response Preparedness in priority African Countries, August 2015

Joint GPEI workshop of Central and West African countries, Brazzaville, 18 – 19 August 2015



Central: Cameroun, Central Africa Republic & Gabon

West: Mali, Niger, Liberia & Sierra Leone

- ✓ Consolidated approach planning
- ✓ Funding from partners (BMGF, CDC, UNICEF & WHO) for implementation of the plans

Next workshops: Madagascar & South Sudan

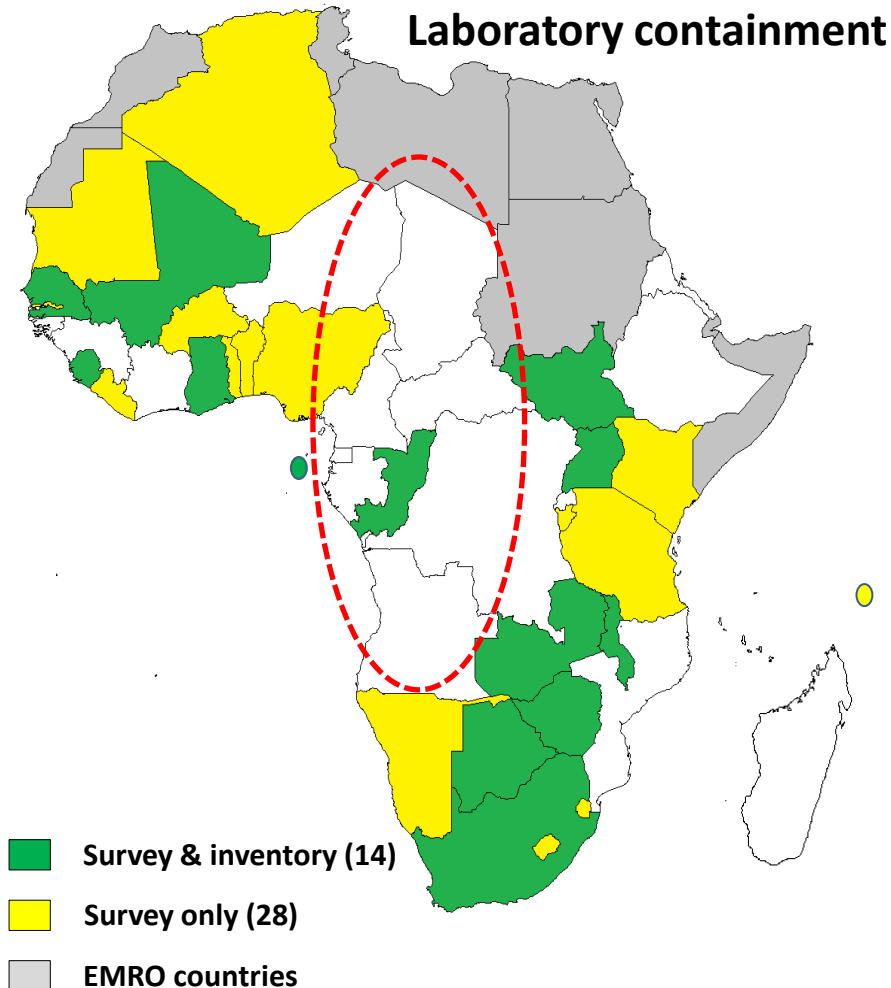
Regional Director's Meeting with the polio priority countries, Brazzaville, 27 – 28 August 2015

Countries: Angola, Chad, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Nigeria and South Sudan, Horn of Africa Coordination

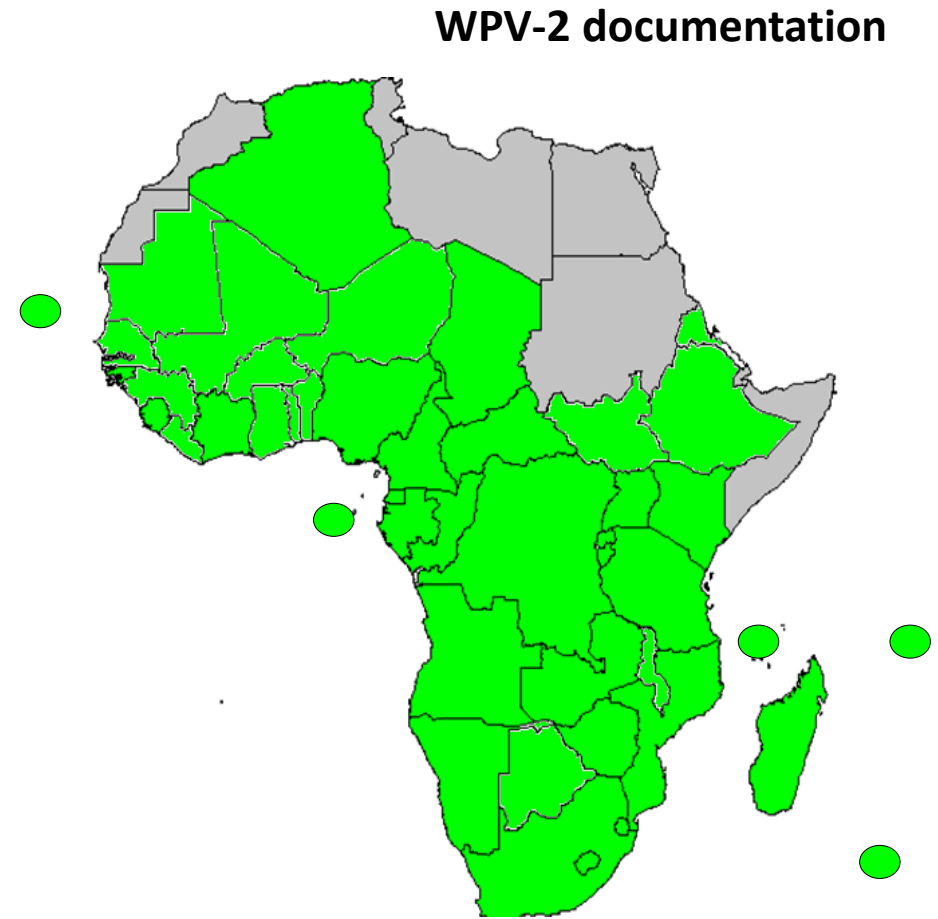
Participants: WHO Representatives and EPI Team Leaders

Focus: Evaluation of performance in all 4 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Objectives

Status of Phase -1 laboratory containment of WPV / VDPV; and submission of official documentation by countries of WPV-2 interruption, AFRO, September 2015



- Countries in Central Africa are lagging behind in laboratory containment (surveys and inventory)
- AFRO and partners to deploy consultants in October 2015 to accelerate containment activities



All countries in AFRO submitted official documentation on interruption of WPV-2 to the Global Certification Commission meeting of September 2015 where **wild poliovirus type 2 was declared to have been eradicated worldwide on 20 September 2015**

Major Activities for Polio Legacy Planning, AFRO, 2015

AFR Regional Inter - Cluster Polio Legacy Working Group formed	Jun-15
AFRO members of Global Polio Legacy Committee meeting with AFRO Inter- Cluster Working Group	Jul-15
Global partners legacy team, WHO/HQ, AFRO members of Global Polio Legacy & Inter- Cluster Working Group meeting	Aug-15
Global partners legacy team, AFRO Directors and WHO Representatives from 6 priority countries meeting	Aug-15
Development of polio legacy work-plans through Dec. 2016	Aug-15
Polio Legacy Side Event at the next AFRO Regional Committee of Health Ministers	4th Qtr 2015
Polio legacy discussions at African Ministerial Conference on Immunization	4th Qtr 2015
TFI Working Group on country ownership of polio legacy	Dec-15

Maintaining the Polio Eradication & Endgame Strategy gains in the African Region

A. Technical support

- Maintain **surveillance** in insecurity areas and Ebola affected countries
- Conduct timely **VDPV / cVDPV outbreak responses** and high **quality polio SIAs**
- Accelerate readiness for global **withdrawal of type 2, containment, certification and polio legacy planning**
- Strengthen delivery of **routine immunization services**, including accelerating IPV introduction

B. Managerial

- Institutionalizing **accountability framework** to enhance staff performance
- Mobilizing adequate **financial resources** to sustain program performance
- With planned **discontinuity of surge capacity and reduction in polio-funded human resource, strategically deploying staff / consultants** to sustain surveillance and other remaining challenges
- Continue **monitoring** implementation and progress through **AFRO Quarterly Polio Review Meetings** so that the African Region does not delay global initiatives' milestones

Thank you