

April 2017

POLIO GLOBAL ERADICATION INITIATIVE

NEWS

Dear polio eradication supporter,

World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, highlighted what can be achieved by reaching every child with lifesaving vaccines - including against polio. This month, dedicated vaccinators and traditional healers helped to deliver vaccines to children across Nigeria and the broader Lake Chad region. Pakistan and Afghanistan are making progress in immunization coverage and inter-country coordination.

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WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK HIGHLIGHTS PROGRESS



World Immunization Week this year provided an opportunity to recognize the commitment of [parents](#), [vaccinators](#), Governments, partners and donors to protect children everywhere from polio and other diseases, [even in the most remote locations](#).

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DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES IN NIGERIA

At the end of April, more than 74 million children in Nigeria and the broader Lake Chad basin received lifesaving polio drops. This was made possible thanks to support from [traditional leaders](#) and [many other individuals](#), Nigeria, one of the most remote regions of the country. [\[Read more\]](#)



A mother waits to get her daughter vaccinated against polio in an internally displaced persons camp in Monguno, northern Nigeria. © UNICEF/R.Curtis

Drop to Zero: Global Polio Event in June

At the [Rotary Convention](#) in Atlanta, Georgia, global leaders will come together to pledge resources achieve a polio-free world.

SAGE

The [Strategic Advisory Group of Experts](#) (SAGE) on immunization met 25-27 April to discuss the status of polio eradication, the appropriate vaccines and their usage and supply. They will issue their report next month.

[\[See more\]](#)

Polio Eradication Animations

New animations from the WHO highlight the global scope of the [polio surveillance system](#), how they [respond to a polio outbreak](#) and efforts to [reach every last child](#) with vaccines.

POLIO IN NUMBERS

Wild poliovirus in 2017

- Global Total: 5 (12) ↓
- Global WPV1: 5 (12) ↓
- Global WPV3: 0 (0)

Endemic: 5 (12) ↓

- Afghanistan: 3 (4) ↓
- Pakistan: 2 (8) ↓
- Nigeria: 0 (0)

Data as of 25 April 2017. Numbers in brackets represent data at this time in 2016.

[Current case map](#)

IMPROVED COVERAGE AND COORDINATION IN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN

The Pakistan and Afghanistan Technical Advisory Groups (TAG) met in March to review country-specific progress toward polio eradication and to address remaining challenges. The TAGs commended the Pakistan and Afghanistan teams for their improved immunization coverage and inter-country coordination, encouraging them to increase this cooperation and to focus on reaching high-risk mobile populations. [\[Read more\]](#)



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POLIO IN THE NEWS

[New Mail:](#) Why we are hopeful about improving health in Africa

[Science:](#) Hunger amplifies infectious diseases for millions fleeing the violence of Boko Haram

[VOA:](#) Nearly 5M children in war-torn Yemen get polio vaccine

FUNDING UPDATES

As part of its long term multi-year commitment to the global effort to eradicate polio, **Luxembourg** disbursed €500 000 to the World Health Organization.

UNICEF received US\$ 129 000 from its **Hong Kong National Committee**. The new funds will support UNICEF's efforts to reach every last child with the polio vaccine.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

