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. [Read more]

**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]

**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]

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]
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]