



Dear polio eradication supporter,

From the front lines to the laboratory, polio champions put their best foot forward to help move the needle on polio eradication. Everyday citizens in Pakistan advocated for routine immunization in their communities, a new polio vaccine showed promising results in first in-human trials and a business analyst shed light on what it takes to keep the GPEI's budget running smoothly.

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Wild Poliovirus in Numbers



Data as of 26 June 2019, compared to the same point in 2018.

Total for 2018: Global 33, Afghanistan 21, Pakistan 12, Nigeria 0



Vaccine advocates mobilize in Pakistan

Vaccine champions across Pakistan are encouraging neighbours, friends and family members to vaccinate their children against deadly diseases like polio. From religious leaders to grandmothers, read about the people going the extra mile to educate their communities about the life-saving power of vaccines. [\[More\]](#)



Research underway on new polio vaccine

To test a new vaccine – known as the [novel oral polio vaccine](#) (nOPV) – 30 volunteers lived for one month at a special [container park](#) named “Poliopolis” at the University of Antwerp. Results from this initial trial were just released, and further testing is ongoing. Learn more about how, if further trials are successful, this vaccine could ultimately be used to protect children from polio without the same risk of vaccine-derived poliovirus in under-immunized populations. [\[More\]](#)



Breaking down the GPEI budget

Not all polio champions are found on the front lines: some work behind the scenes to keep other crucial elements of the polio programme running smoothly. Check out the newest Coffee with Polio Experts to hear Ticky Esoh Ebongue, a WHO Polio Eradication Business Analyst, explain how the GPEI maintains a transparent budget that funds disease surveillance in some 70 countries and vaccination for over 400 million children worldwide each year. [\[More\]](#)

CIRCULATING VACCINE DERIVED POLIOVIRUS CASES 2019*

Angola: 1 (0)
 Democratic Republic of the Congo: 5 (7)
 Ethiopia: 1 (0)
 Indonesia: 0 (1)
 Mozambique: 0 (0)
 Niger: 1 (0)
 Nigeria: 9 (1)
 Papua New Guinea: 0 (1)
 Somalia: 3 (3)

More information:
[Polio this week](#)

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 Total for 2018: Global 103 - DRC 20, Indonesia 1, Mozambique 1, Niger 9, Nigeria 34, PNG 26, Somalia 12.

FUNDING UPDATE

New Zealand disbursed 2 million New Zealand dollars to WHO to support the 2018/2019 cVDPV outbreak response in Papua New Guinea. This funding is in addition to global funds pledged in 2017 through Rotary International.

UNICEF is grateful to the **United Nations Foundation** for contributing US\$ 1 490 239 to support vaccine procurement in Pakistan, which will support critical vaccine purchase, delivery and supply to vaccinate Pakistani children.

Rotary announced US\$ 100 million in grants to WHO and Unicef for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria as well as countries in the African and Eastern Mediterranean region. These funds are part of Rotary's 2017 pledge of US\$ 450 million

UNICEF would like to thank **EasyJet** for its recent contribution of US\$ 632 376. These funds were raised from EasyJet's onboard collection for polio eradication and will go to the purchase of vaccines for children around the world.

POLIO IN THE NEWS

[Forbes](#): Why Bill Gates partners with Rotary to eradicate polio

[Reuters](#): UK announces \$215 million food, water and medical help for Afghanistan

[The National](#): Bill Gates and Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed review project to fight disease

Picture of the Month



Farwa, a mother in Punjab, Pakistan, says that her duty as a parent is to make sure her son is vaccinated so he does not fall prey to diseases like polio. © WHO Pakistan/S.Kashif

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