

POLIO NEWS



Dear polio eradication supporter,
The UK announced £100 million in additional funding for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), building on a series of generous commitments from global leaders, donors and affected country governments, totalling more than US\$1.3 billion since June. These funds will allow health workers to continue to go to every house in every village in all conditions in order to vaccinate the hardest-to-reach children and end polio once and for all.

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Wild Poliovirus in Numbers



Data as of 29 August 2017, compared to the same point in 2016.



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UK commits £100 million to support polio eradication efforts

On 4 August, the UK Secretary of State for International Development Priti Patel announced £100 million in new funding to the GPEI, reaffirming the UK's commitment to ending polio. British aid has represented 10% of contributions to the GPEI over the last 30 years alongside [contributions from British Rotarians](#), and their latest contribution will protect 45 million children from polio. As Secretary Patel stated: "As long as just one case exists in the world, children everywhere are still at risk." [\[Read more\]](#)



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What is microplanning?

Achieving the goal of reaching every child with polio vaccines is complex. Enter the microplan – a comprehensive map detailing how many children live in a community and how to reach them. This information is then used to calculate the amount of vaccine needed and to direct vaccination efforts in order to protect every child from polio. [\[Read more\]](#)



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Inaccessibility: Environmental and geographical factors

One of the biggest challenges faced by polio vaccinators is that the most vulnerable children are often also the hardest to reach. Inaccessibility can stem from a range of factors, including environmental barriers such as flooded rivers, lack of roads and remote settlements. The polio programme draws on its experience reaching inaccessible children to ensure that no child is missed.

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The remarkable impact of frontline workers

57-year-old Khalida rides a four-wheeler motorbike throughout Karachi, Pakistan, to build knowledge and trust in polio vaccines. [\[Read more\]](#)

Mobile Mullahs ride across Pakistan

[Mullah Rashid](#) is one of the many religious leaders in Pakistan working to educate communities about the importance of polio vaccination. [\[Read more\]](#)

Protecting the polio-free world

As we draw closer to achieving eradication, the GPEI is developing a Post-Certification Strategy to define the global technical standards needed to keep the world polio-free.

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“Eradication Within Reach”

The 2016 GPEI Annual Report summarizes progress over the past year toward stopping transmission and the Endgame, as well as transition planning and financing of the polio programme. [\[Read more\]](#)

Circulating vaccine derived poliovirus type 2 cases 2017*

- Democratic Republic of the Congo: 8 (0)
- Syria: 39 (0)

*Data as of 30 August 2017, compared to the same point in 2016.

POLIO IN THE NEWS

The Guardian: [UK pledges £100m to global efforts to eradicate polio](#)

AP: [UN completes first round of Syria polio vaccination campaign](#)

FUNDING UPDATES

The Pakistan Assistance Program of the **United Arab Emirates** has provided an additional US\$ 9.34 million for immunization activities in the highest risk districts of Pakistan, bringing total support to US\$ 18.74 million in 2017.

As part of its long commitment to the global effort to eradicate polio, **Germany** disbursed €7 314 600 to the World Health Organization to support critical polio eradication activities in Nigeria.

Liechtenstein contributed 25 000 Swiss francs to the World Health Organization for polio eradication operations worldwide.

Picture of the Month



Khalida's role as a polio vaccination supervisor has been critical to help reach more children in Karachi, Pakistan. © WHO Pakistan

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