Strong campaigns halt polio in Tajikistan
In response to an outbreak of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) in the past year, Tajikistan set out to vaccinate children across the country against polio. After three rounds of immunization that reached 99% of children under six with novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2), no cases of polio have been detected in the country. See why these positive results demonstrate the importance of coordinating high-quality vaccination campaigns in order to stop outbreaks. [More]

Polio, measles and a campaign making history
Built into one of the largest vaccination campaigns in history against measles and rubella, Pakistan also aims to protect children under five against poliovirus in an integrated effort launched this past month. By incorporating polio activities into other essential health programs, the Pakistan government is working with Gavi, UNICEF, WHO and other partners to mobilize nearly 400 000 health workers and ensure that communities across the country are safe from these vaccine-preventable diseases. [More]
Teamwork to take on polio in Lagos

Nigeria was the last country in Africa to eliminate wild polio, but today community mobilizers are teaming up to stop another persistent foe: cVDPV2. By organizing across every level of Lagos’ communities, health workers and social mobilizers have traveled door-to-door to ensure that every child is protected against paralysis. They hope to share a message of zero tolerance on polio, setting an example for other communities in Nigeria and beyond. [More]

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WHO met recently with Luxembourg and the UK to discuss the new Eradication Strategy, especially progress in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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A health worker marks children’s pinkies in Tajikistan after administering polio vaccine. No polio cases have been detected in the country since the third round of its vaccination campaign. © GPEI