

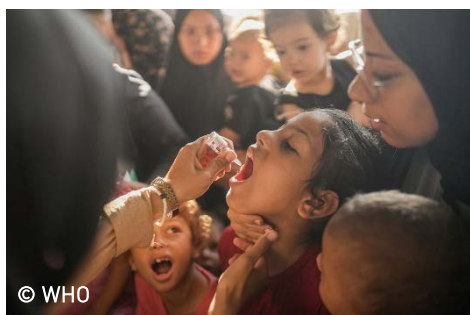


Dear polio eradication supporter,

It is with great sadness we acknowledge the sudden and tragic passing of [Mr Aidan O’Leary](#), Director for Polio Eradication at WHO. Aidan was an inspiring leader, who was constantly striving to make the world a better place. His remarkable optimism and commitment to helping others was invaluable, as he tirelessly led polio eradication efforts across the world. We will continue to honor his legacy, by keeping up the fight, to realize his dream of a polio-free world. Our condolences are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time.



Polio vaccination campaigns begin in Gaza



Following the recent environmental detections and paralytic case of variant polio in Gaza, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine

Refugees are coordinating a vaccination campaign with the Palestinian Ministry of Health to prevent further transmission of the disease. An agreement has been reached for three separate, zoned three-day pauses in fighting in Gaza to allow for the vaccination of 640 000 children against polio. The vaccination campaign launched last weekend, and on day one, 513 teams reached 86 683 children with polio vaccines across 143 sites. While this campaign will provide some protection, the risk of an outbreak spreading is extremely high if the devastation to Gaza’s infrastructure caused by the ongoing conflict continues. [\[More\]](#)

Why this father of a polio survivor is a vaccine advocate



In south-eastern Afghanistan Lalgul’s son Ghafar was paralyzed by polio at just one and a half years old. As Ghafar struggles with mobility and faces bullying at school, Lalgul reflects on his regret for not

vaccinating his son. Now, he advocates tirelessly for polio

POLIO IN NUMBERS

Wild Poliovirus in 2024 (2023)*

Global Total: 33 (7)

Circulating Vaccine Derived Poliovirus in 2024 (2023)*

Global Total: 146 (232)

*Data as of 27 August July 2024. Numbers in brackets represent data at this time in 2023.

Breakdown by country
[Polio this week](#)

POLIO IN THE NEWS

Reuters: [As polio reemerges in Gaza, a mother fears for her child's health](#)

Associated Press: [Aid groups in Gaza aim to avert a polio outbreak with a surge of vaccinations](#)

The New York Times: [Why Relief Agencies Are Rushing Polio Vaccines to Gaza](#)

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vaccination in his village, urging others to protect their children from the devastating disease. Read the full story of Lalgul's incredible advocacy [here](#).

BioE's nOPV2 granted WHO Prequalification



In a significant step towards a polio-free world, India-based vaccine manufacturer Biological E received World Health Organization Pre-qualification for their novel oral polio vaccine, nOPV2. Joining Bio Farma as the second supplier of this next-generation vaccine, Biological E will help ensure there is a consistent supply of nOPV2, playing a critical role in stopping outbreaks and protecting millions of children from the devastating effects of variant type 2 poliovirus. Read the announcement on [BioE's website](#).

POLIO IN THE NEWS

The Washington Post: [Disease was spreading in Gaza. Now there's polio in the sewage.](#)

Al Jazeera: [Q&A: Uncovering Pakistan's fight against polio](#)

The Telegraph: [Israel agrees to pause in fighting for Gaza polio vaccination campaign, WHO says](#)

BBC: [Gaza polio vaccine rollout starts well, UN says](#)

The Guardian: [Children receive polio vaccination in Gaza as inoculation campaign begins – video](#)

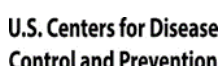
DONOR UPDATES

UNICEF and WHO extend their gratitude to His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the **United Arab Emirates**, for the generous new pledge of US\$ 5 million to support the polio response efforts in Gaza and for the additional contribution of US\$ 19 million to ensure that other countries globally are able to conduct polio vaccination campaigns to protect their children and contribute to a polio-free world.

WHO would also like to thank the Government of the **United Arab Emirates** for its contribution of US\$ 6.3 million to the **UAE Pakistan Assistance Programme (UAE PAP)** to support polio vaccination campaigns in Pakistan. With this funding, UAE PAP's total contribution in 2024 is more than US\$ 10 million.

UNICEF and WHO would like to extend their gratitude to the **European Investment Bank (EIB)** for the contribution of €169 million, of which €67.6 million will support vaccine procurement and €101.4 million will support outbreak response activities in countries. This is the second disbursement of an innovative financing partnership with the EIB, the **European Commission** and the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** that aims to invest €500 million in support of the GPEI.

UNICEF acknowledges the **United States Agency for International Development (USAID)** for their continued support and contribution of US\$ 2.3 million to global polio eradication efforts. This longstanding partnership has significantly contributed to polio eradication and broader immunization and health achievements globally.



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Remembering Mr Aidan O'Leary, a true humanitarian and champion of polio eradication. ©WHO



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