



Dear polio eradication supporter,

This month, India's Biological E officially achieved [WHO prequalification](#) as a full manufacturer of the novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2). This approval marks a major step forward in strengthening the global supply of this critical tool. Biological E is expected to produce 600 million doses of nOPV2 per year, strengthening global outbreak response capacity to help stop outbreaks of type 2 variant polio for good. This milestone will help protect children around the world, bringing us closer to a polio-free future.

The Power of Vaccines



At the [WHO Executive Board meeting](#), Member States reaffirmed their collective commitment to delivering a polio-free world. In his opening remarks, WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, highlighted the critical role of vaccines, noting that wild polio cases dropped from 99 cases in 2024 to 41 cases in 2025. Discussions also highlighted the renewed display of global solidarity seen at the December pledging moment in Abu Dhabi, hosted by the United Arab Emirates. Global partnership will continue to accelerate progress towards a polio-free future. [\[More\]](#)

POLIO IN NUMBERS

Wild Poliovirus in 2026 (2025)*

Global Total: 0 (3)

Circulating Variant (Vaccine Derived) Poliovirus in 2026 (2025)*

Global Total: 8 (1)

*Data as of 24 February 2026. Numbers in brackets represent data this time in 2025.

Breakdown by country
Polio this week

POLIO IN THE NEWS

CBS Sunday Morning: [How Safe is America from Polio](#)

The Guardian: [Influencers, misinformation and aid cuts: the fight to halt polio in Malawi.](#)

Associated Press: [Malawi vaccinates a new generation of children against polio, which still hasn't been eradicated.](#)

Japan Renews Support for Polio Eradication and Immunization



The Government of Japan, through the Japan International Cooperation Agency committed US\$ 6.3 million to advance polio eradication efforts and strengthen routine immunization across Afghanistan. This renewed partnership will help protect millions of children under five by supporting vaccine procurement, delivery, and community outreach efforts at a critical moment for the country's health system. [\[More\]](#)

Mobilizing 400 000 Polio Workers to Protect Children in Pakistan

During Pakistan's first national polio vaccination campaign of 2026, an extraordinary workforce of 400 000 WHO-trained polio workers went door-to-door across the country to reach 45 million children with lifesaving polio vaccines. During the campaign, vaccinators like Rabia, climbed mountains in remote areas, determined to protect children across the country. Learn about these heroic efforts. [\[More\]](#)



Photo of the Month

Polio vaccinator Zeenat administers polio drops during the first national campaign of 2026 in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. © WHO Pakistan/ H. Inam