

POLIO NEWS



Dear polio eradication supporter,

This month, global leaders expressed their commitment to polio eradication at the G20 summit in Germany – the first time polio was included on the meeting’s agenda. This comes at an important time as we enter the high season for polio transmission in the polio endemic countries and the programme plans for what will happen to the polio eradication infrastructure once eradication has been achieved.

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Wild Poliovirus in Numbers



Data as of 26 July 2017, compared to the same point in 2016.



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G20 leaders commit to end polio

At the G20 Summit in Hamburg, Germany, global leaders [acknowledged](#) the importance of polio eradication efforts, committing to “strive to fully eradicate polio.” Under the leadership of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, global health was included on the G20 agenda for the first time in its history. This high-level commitment to polio eradication will be key to ensuring that the necessary financial resources to achieve eradication are urgently mobilized. [\[Read more\]](#)



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Last campaign before 2017 high season in Pakistan

Thanks to the efforts of over 250 000 health workers, 38 million children under the age of five have been vaccinated against polio in Pakistan during the 2016 - 2017 low season for poliovirus transmission. Pakistan stands well-prepared to face the challenges posed by the high season for polio transmission, linked to higher temperatures and heavy rainfall. [\[Read more\]](#)



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Report released on polio transition planning

The Transition Independent Monitoring Board, a group established to consider the priorities, plans, risks and opportunities facing the world as eradication draws closer, released its first report in July with an initial analysis of the polio transition planning process.

[\[Read more\]](#)

Art for eradication

Artists in Afghanistan are creating murals in public spaces to promote positive messages about polio vaccination. [\[video\]](#)

Health requirements for travellers during Hajj

Saudi Arabia has issued health requirements, including polio vaccinations, for travellers making the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. [\[Read more\]](#)

Stopping polio outbreak in Syria

A diverse group ranging from vaccinators to ice cream factories is working swiftly to end the circulating vaccine derived polio outbreak in Syria. [\[Read more\]](#)

Spotlight on Afghanistan and Pakistan

In these monthly snapshots, find out the key activities that were taken in [Afghanistan](#) and [Pakistan](#) to end polio in June.

Circulating vaccine derived poliovirus type 2 cases 2017*

- Democratic Republic of the Congo: 4 (0)
- Syria: 27 (0)

*Data as of 26 July 2017, compared to the same point in 2016.

POLIO IN THE NEWS

The Times: [This could be the year that we eradicate one of the world's worst diseases](#)

STAT News: [Emergency polio vaccinations considered in Raqqa following new report of paralysis](#)

FUNDING UPDATES

As part of its long term commitment to the global effort to eradicate polio, the **US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** disbursed US\$ 15.9 million to the World Health Organization.

Norway provided 50 million Norwegian krone to WHO for polio eradication as part of its overall annual contribution to the agency.

The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** gave a US\$ 37.5 million contribution to UNICEF to support critical polio eradication activities in Afghanistan, Pakistan and worldwide.

Rotary International contributed US\$ 17.5 million to UNICEF for key polio eradication activities in Afghanistan and Pakistan, India, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Picture of the Month



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Polio Transmission High and Low Season, Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan



From June to September, higher temperatures and heavy rainfall makes it easier for the poliovirus to spread.

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