



Dear polio eradication supporter,

This month the polio programme reflects on the state of eradication efforts across Nigeria, showcasing both progress made and remaining challenges to be overcome. Individuals working across the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – from a community mobilizer to a programme manager – weigh in on what’s being done to ensure a polio-free future for Nigeria and for all of Africa.

Mobilizing communities to protect kids from polio



Makoko is a floating water world on the coast of Lagos, Nigeria. © UNICEF/Peter Idowu

In Makoko, a sprawling river town in Nigeria, Peter Idowu helps health workers navigate complex waterways, language barriers and vaccine refusals to protect local children against polio. Read more about Peter’s role as one

of the 20 000 community mobilizers in Nigeria – the last polio-endemic country in Africa – working to assure parents of the safety and lifesaving benefits of the polio vaccine. [\[More\]](#)

G20 leaders continue historical support for a polio-free world



Leaders at the G20 Osaka Summit 2019 © G20

G20 Leaders met in Osaka, Japan, to discuss major challenges facing the world, including the ongoing fight to end polio. The G20 Osaka Leaders’ Declaration “reaffirmed commitment to eradicate polio,” with a powerful global health

agenda promoted by the Japanese Presidency. The G20 political support will help promote financing and implementation of the GPEI Endgame Strategy 2019-2023. [\[More\]](#)

POLIO IN NUMBERS

Wild poliovirus in 2019 (2018)*

Global Total:	56 (13)
- Afghanistan	11 (10)
- Pakistan	45 (3)
- Nigeria	0 (0)

Total WPV for 2018: Global 33 – Afghanistan 21, Pakistan 12, Nigeria 0

Circulating Vaccine Derived Poliovirus cVDPV in 2019 (2018)*

Global Total:	43 (15)
Angola	3 (0)
Central African Republic	4 (0)
China	1 (0)
Democratic Republic of the Congo	15 (7)
Ethiopia	1 (0)
Ghana	1 (0)
Indonesia	0 (0)
Mozambique	0 (0)
Myanmar	2 (0)
Niger	1 (0)
Nigeria	12 (2)
Papua New Guinea	0 (1)
Somalia (type2)	3 (2)
Somalia (type3)	0 (3)

Total cVDPV for 2018: Global 103 – DR Congo 20, Indonesia 1, Mozambique 1, Niger 9, Nigeria 34, PNG 26, Somalia 12.

More information: [Polio this week](#)

POLIO IN THE NEWS

[Nikkei Asian Review](#): Japan can lead developing nations in lifting health standards

[The Hill](#): Funding the fight against polio

[BBC](#): Is Nigeria about to be declared polio-free?

Breaking down what it takes to kick the virus out of Nigeria



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Tackling polio in the most populous country in Africa is an ambitious project. Check out the newest Coffee with Polio Experts episode with WHO Nigeria

Programme Manager, Yared Yehualashet, to learn about Nigeria's history of implementing innovative solutions and what the country is doing now to overcome remaining challenges to polio eradication. [\[More\]](#)

FUNDING UPDATE

Luxembourg disbursed €500 000 to WHO as part of the final tranche of its multi-year commitment. This follows a recent GPEI partnership visit to discuss the program's progress with key officials.

UNICEF would like to thank **Rotary International** for its continuing support and specifically for the May International Polio Plus Committee (IPPC) award totaling US\$ 24.5 million, which will go towards funding vaccines and polio eradication activities in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The UAE Pakistan Assistance Program has disbursed an additional US\$ 8.1 million to WHO, bringing its total support in 2019 to US\$ 15.5 million. These funds are part of the US\$ 30 million pledged by the **Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi** in 2017 at the Rotary Convention. These funds will support polio campaign operations to reach over 14 million children with the polio vaccine.

Picture of the Month



To reach every child, health workers in Makoko, Nigeria take any available opportunity to vaccinate children against polio – even on boats as families ferry across the village. © UNICEF/Peter Idowu

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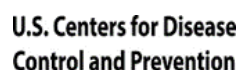
Do you know of a polio frontline worker, innovator or advocate who deserves recognition on the global stage?
[Nominate](#) your "unsung hero" of polio eradication for a REACH Award by **Sunday, 4 August 2019**.



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