

# Nigeria

## Status: infected by WPV1 and cVDPV

Nigeria is affected by transmission of wild poliovirus type 1 and an ongoing circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus outbreak, continuing from 2014.

Nigeria was taken off the list of polio endemic countries in September 2015 because a year had passed with no reported cases of WPV1. Cases reported in August 2016 have a close genetic match with a case in Borno in 2011, indicating virus transmission has not been undetected since that time. WHO, with authorities across the region, is working to ascertain more clearly the extent and geographic location of the circulation, in order to inform a decision on Nigeria's endemic status.

[WHO Eradication Emergency Plan 2014 for Nigeria](#) [pdf]

WHO's International Travel and Health [recommends](#) that all travellers to polio-affected areas be fully vaccinated against polio. Returnees (and visitors for more than 4 weeks) from infected areas should receive an additional dose of OPV or inactivated poliovaccine (IPV) within 4 weeks to 12 months of travel.

## Polio this week in Nigeria

No new cases of wild poliovirus type one (WPV1) were reported in the past week. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2016 remains two, following confirmation of the cases from Borno last week.

The WPV1 poliovirus was isolated in two local government areas (LGA) of Borno; in Gwoza, in a child with acute flaccid paralysis (AFP), onset of paralysis on 13 July and close healthy contacts of that child; and in Jere from a close healthy contact of a child who had developed AFP symptoms on 4 July.

These are the first WPV1 detected in Nigeria since July 2014. Genetic sequencing of the isolated viruses suggest they are most closely linked to WPV1 last detected in Borno in 2011, indicating the strain has been circulating without detection since that time.

Emergency regional outbreak response is continuing, under the guidance of the Emergency Operations Committee, led by the Government of Nigeria and with support from WHO and GPEI partners and detailed field investigations are underway.

The outbreak response is being coordinated with neighbouring countries, and in the broader humanitarian emergency response context affecting the region. Similar approaches to outbreak response were successfully implemented in previous years in the Middle East and the Horn of Africa.

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