# Polio eradication and Endgame Strategic plan: Global perspective

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## Historical perspective

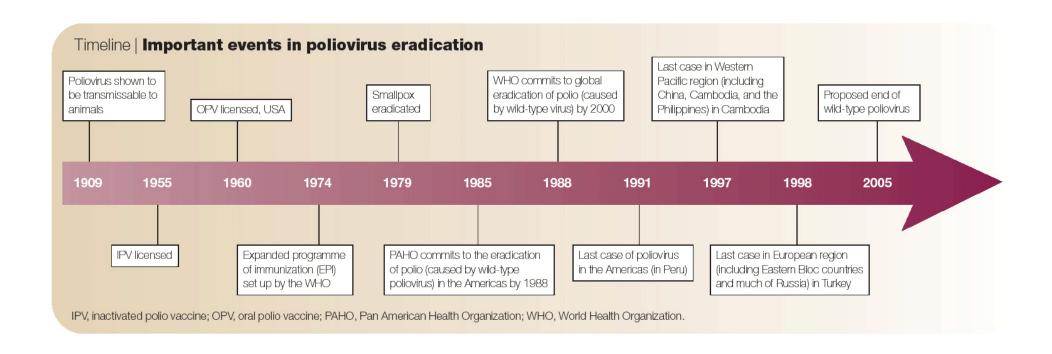
- Egyptian carvings
- 1789 First clinical account by British physician Dr. Michael Underwood
- First polio epidemic in the U.S. in 1894
- 1900s widespread epidemics in Europe
- Peak paralyzed and killed up to 500 0000 per year
- March of Dimes 1938











#### Global eradication

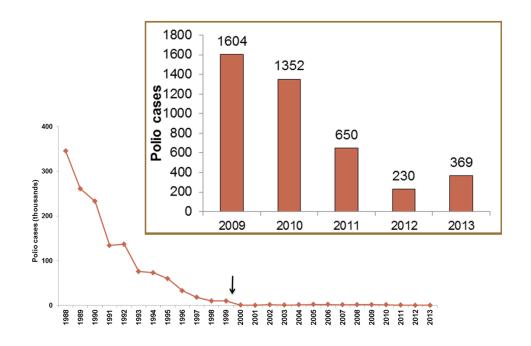
 "the worldwide absence of a specific disease agent in nature as a result of deliberate control efforts that may be discontinued where the agent is judged no longer to present a significant risk from extrinsic sources."

# POLIO AS A CANDIDATE FOR ERADICATION

- 4 key criteria
- Humans are required to maintain the pathogen.
- Sensitive and specific diagnostic tools are available.
- Effective intervention to terminate human-tohuman transmission.
- Proof of principle (ie, elimination of transmission in a large geographic area).

#### Global Polio Eradication Initiative

- Eradication efforts 1988
  - 350,000 persons paralyzed
  - Targeted 2000
- More than 99% reduction
  - 3/6 WHO regions polio free
  - One of the 3 WPV serotypes been eradicated
  - Still a few hundred cases of WPV-related paralysis each year
  - Endemic countries and countries re-infected via importations



### Three major deadlines missed

Interruption of transmission by 2000

Certification of eradication in 2005

Interruption of transmission by 2012

#### STRATEGIES THUS FAR

- Ongoing strengthening of routine immunization coverage
- Continued supplementary immunization activities (SIAs)
- Extensive surveillance to find the virus
- Mopping up efforts in areas with continued transmission

# The POLIO endgame

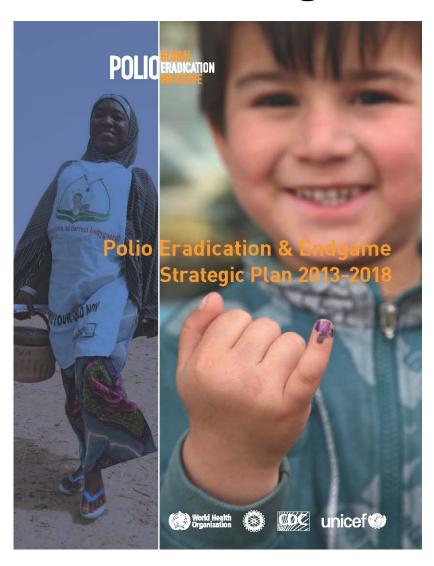


WHO, UNICEF, Rotary International and the CDC + others

Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)

AIMS TO WIPE OUT THE LAST CASES OF POLIO FROM ALL CAUSES BY 2018

# The Polio Eradication & Endgame Strategic Plan 2013-2018



The Plan differs from previous eradication plans

"complete the eradication and containment of all wild, vaccine-related, and Sabin polioviruses such that no child ever again suffers paralytic poliomyelitis."

# What does it mean for the world to be polio-free?

- Complete interruption of transmission and elimination of all polio disease
  - Wild polioviruses
  - Vaccine-derived polioviruses (VDPVs)
  - Vaccine-associated paralytic poliomyelitis (VAPP)
- Eradication & Endgame Strategic Plan 2013-2018
   refers to both wild and vaccine-derived polioviruses

#### **Eradication**

Plan refers to wild virus

#### Endgame

 Plan refers to management of VDPVs and VAPP

### The Plan has four objectives

- Detect and interrupt all poliovirus transmission
- Strengthen immunization systems, withdraw oral polio vaccines (OPV), and introduce inactivated polio vaccine (IPV)
- Contain poliovirus and certify interruption of transmission
- Plan polio's legacy

Endgame Major Objectives

Last wild polio case Last OPV2 use Certification

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Virus detection & interruption

Wild virus interruption

Outbreak response (esp. cVDPVs)

RI strengthening & OPV withdrawal

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OPV2 withdrawal

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## Wild virus interruption

 Stop all wild poliovirus transmission by the end of 2014

 Stop new outbreaks due to a cVDPV within 120 days of confirmation of the index case Geographic focus

- -Endemic countries
- Countries at highest risk of importation in Africa
- Countries with persistent cVDPV or a history of cVDPV emergence

#### **Activities**

Enhancing global poliovirus surveillance

 Improving OPV campaign quality to reach children in the remaining endemic and persistent cVDPV countries

Rapid outbreak response

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# Immunization systems strengthening and OPV withdrawal

- Hasten the interruption of all poliovirus transmission
- Build a stronger system for the delivery of other lifesaving vaccines.
- All 145 countries that currently use OPV in EPIs, as well as the GAVI Alliance and immunization partners
  - 3 polio endemic countries plus 7 high risk of WPV outbreaks and recurrent cVDPV emergence
  - Angola, Chad, DRC, Ethiopia, India, Somalia and South Sudan

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#### Containment and certification

Certify all regions of the world polio-free

 Ensure that all poliovirus stocks are safely contained by 2018

 International consensus on long-term biocontainment requirements for polioviruses.

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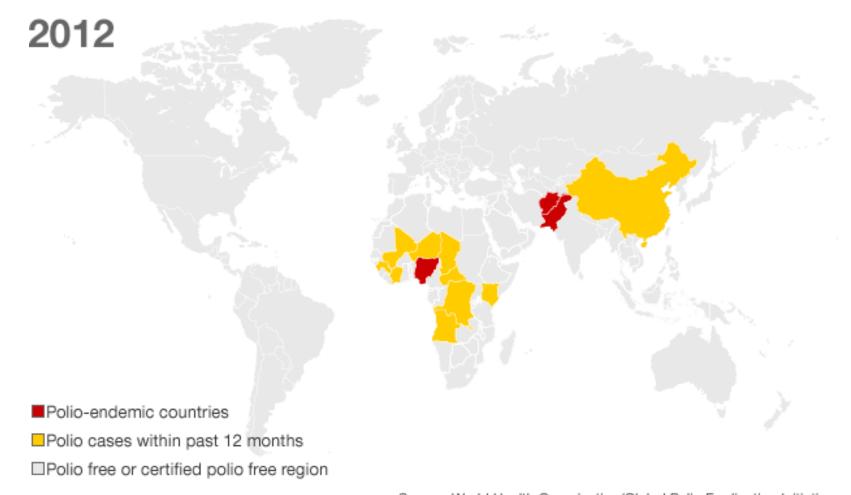
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## Legacy planning

- World remains permanently polio-free
- Investment in polio eradication provides public health dividends for years to come.
- Mainstreaming long-term polio functions
- Leveraging lessons for other major health initiatives
- Transitioning the polio infrastructure as appropriate

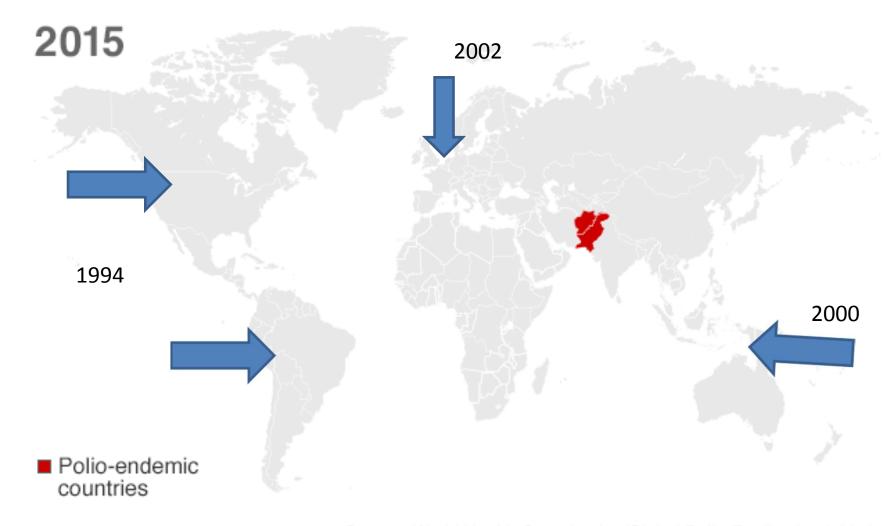


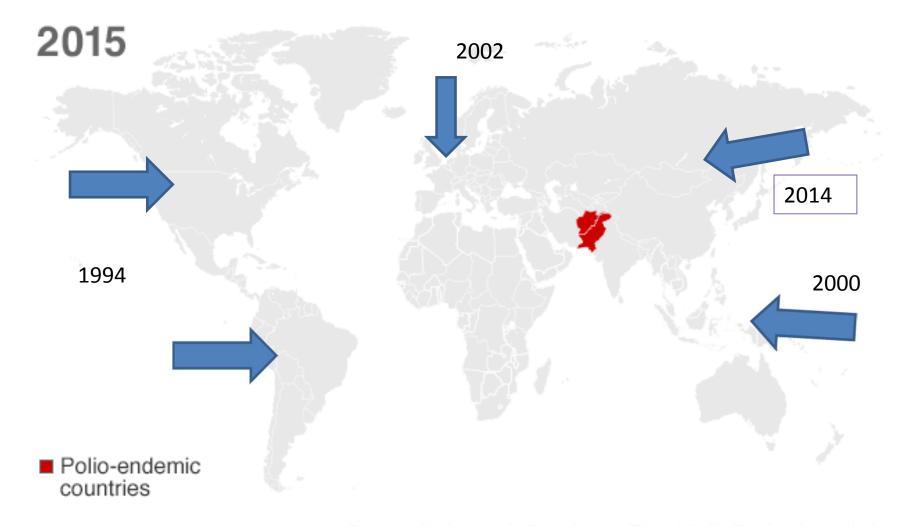


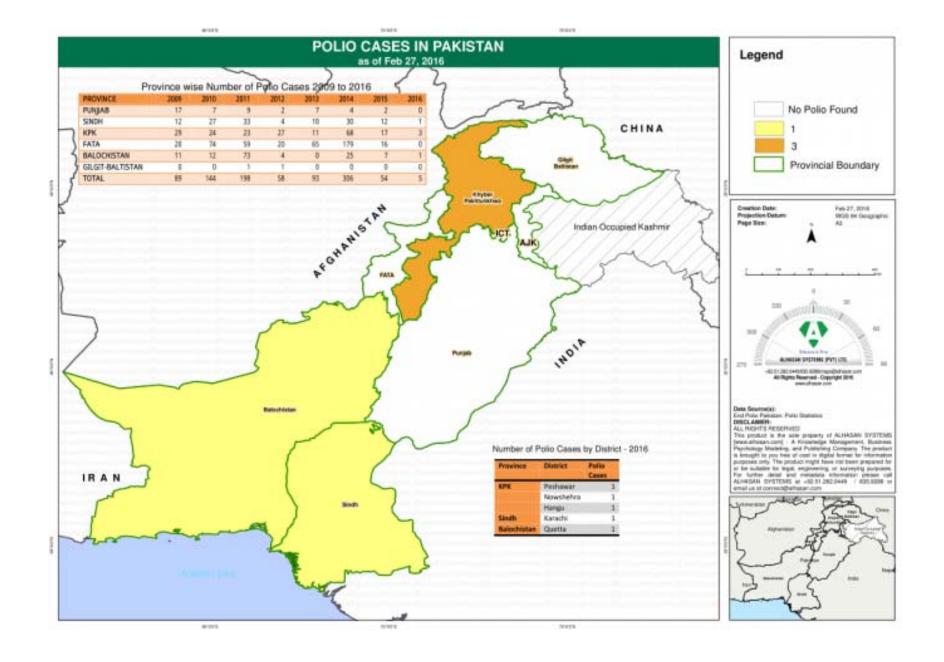












#### The battle against polio in Pakistan

Efforts to stamp out the crippling disease have been badly affected by deadly attacks against health workers



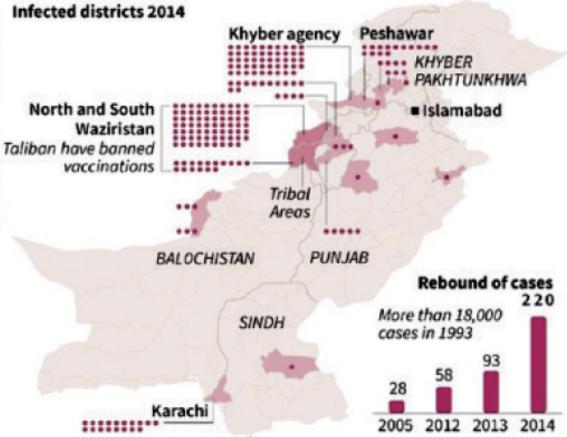
#### Vaccination workers killed since December 2012

Vaccinators: at least 30

Police and security: nearly 30

350,000 young Pakistanis have missed out on vaccinations this year

Source: EndPolioPakistan



## 'global public good'

- GPEI personnel and its infrastructure
  - Other priority health interventions
  - Surveillance of epidemic-prone diseases
  - Humanitarian response to natural disasters and other crises.
- Beyond ending polio
  - Transition lessons of the polio programme
  - Delivering additional public health dividends

