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Event Updates: **13 August 2019 to 14 August 2019**

Event Updated	Country	Hazard	Disease	Event Description	IHR Assessment
2019-08-14	Benin	Infectious	Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP)	<p>On 6 of August, a case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) has been reported from Benin. The virus was isolated from an acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) case in Kalalé district north-eastern Benin, Borgou Department, bordering Nigeria. None area of this district had previously participated in mOPV2 vaccination campaign. The case is a thirty months old girl who had onset of paralysis on 30 June 2019. She is a zero dose for routine immunization, however her mother said that she received 2-3 doses of bOPV during the mass campaign. Two stool specimens were collected on 10 and 11 July. The isolated virus has undergone 29 nucleotide changes from Sabin 2 and is genetically linked to a cVDPV2 in Jigawa, Nigeria, which has started in 2018. This same strain has spread across Nigeria, and internationally to the Republic of Niger, Cameroon and Ghana. According to Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), the last indigenous wild poliovirus was reported in October 2000 and the country has never reported any case of cVDPV2 before.</p> <p>WHO does not recommend any restriction on travel and/or trade to Benin based on the information available for the current polio outbreak.</p>	Public Health Risk
2019-08-13	Myanmar	Infectious	Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP)	<p>On 23 June 2019, vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (VDPV1) were isolated from a two years old child with acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) with onset of paralysis on 22 May 2019 from Kayin State in Myanmar. Subsequently, from the same state, on 11 July 2019, a genetically linked VDPV1 was isolated from a 5-year 6-month-old child with AFP with date of onset of paralysis on 14 June; it was consequently classified as circulating VDPV1 (cVDPV1) on 12 July 2019. On 25 July 2019, cVDPV1 was also isolated from a third AFP case from</p>	Public Health Risk



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				<p>the same township in the Kayin State with date of onset of paralysis on 23 May 2019. In addition, the virus has also been isolated from seven healthy community contacts. These linked viruses have 25 to 31 nucleotide changes from Sabin 1. All cases and contacts are from Hpa-pun township of Kayin state in Myanmar.</p> <p>WHO does not recommend any restriction on travel and/or trade to Myanmar based on the available information for the current polio outbreak.</p>	
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*A **public health risk** is something that is (or is likely to be) hazardous to human **health** or could contribute to a disease or an infectious condition in humans.

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