Global Overview – Status of Polio Eradication

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Children paralysed by polio: 2018–2021 (as at 18 May 2021)

**Wild polio virus (WPV)**

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**Number of confirmed WPV cases in 2020 & 2021 in the same time period (1 Jan – 5 May)**

**Circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Virus (cVDPV)**

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Polio Eradication Strategy 2022–2026

A transformative new strategy to end polio for good

**GOAL 1:** Permanently interrupt all poliovirus transmission in the endemic countries

**GOAL 2:** Stop cVDPV transmission and prevent outbreaks in polio-free regions

Adopting an emergency posture while generating greater accountability and national ownership of eradication efforts to eliminate wild polio and end all cVDPV outbreaks
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Innovative tools and tactics

• Improved management and operations of vaccination campaigns
• Integrating polio activities with delivery of other essential services, including routine immunization
• Broadening use of the novel oral polio vaccine type 2
• Centring gender equity efforts
• Partnering with communities
• Monitoring and evaluation and risk management
• Fit for purpose GPEI management structure
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**Indicative cost**

**Indicative cost for five years:** US$ 5.1 billion
(includes an incremental increase of $3.5 billion over the current strategy)

**Key cost drivers**

- Supplementary Immunization activities (primarily in endemic countries)
- Surveillance
- Campaign quality enhancements through operational innovations
- Response to cVDPV outbreaks in countries
- Integrated campaigns
- Staffing

Detailed operational budget will be developed following further elaboration of the new strategy
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