

Polio Eradication in Africa

A year in review

2025 impact figures

Total
polio detections
(Human cases and environmental samples)

249

Children protected
with at least 1 dose of the
polio vaccine

+200 M

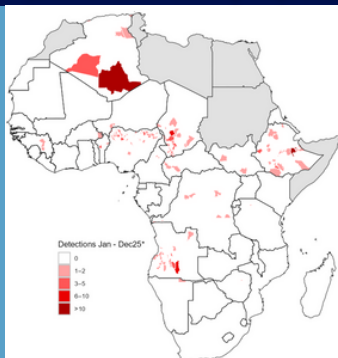
Decrease in detections
compared to 2024

50%

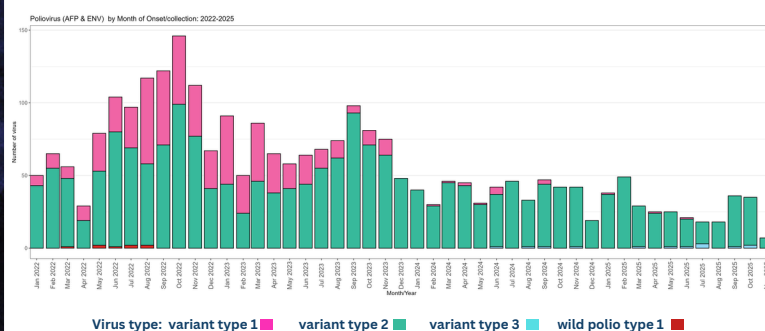
Countries that
conducted vaccination
campaigns

17

Africa's highest-burden polio reporting areas (District-Level density map, 2025)



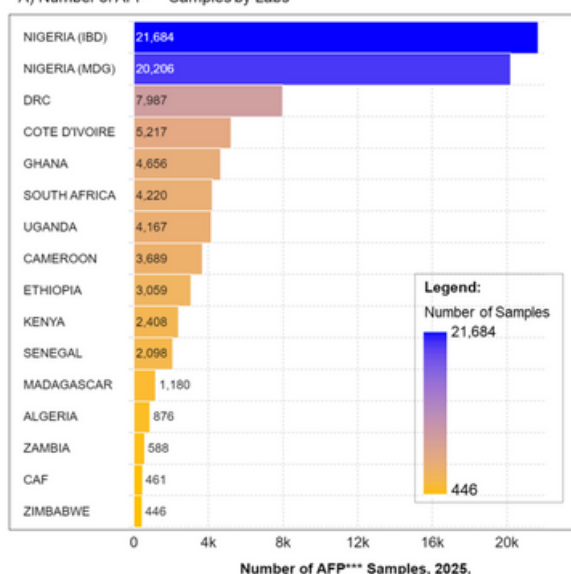
Downward trend over the past years



Workload analysis: samples processed in 2025

Workload analysis (n=82,942)
Number of AFP, Contact, and Community children samples analyzed, 2025***

A) Number of AFP*** Samples by Labs



Africa's labs handled a heavy sample load in 2025, especially in Nigeria and the DRC, showing strong surveillance capacity. Sustaining this demand will require continued support.

Polio detections have fluctuated, with peaks in 2023-24 but encouraging recent declines.

While pockets of circulating poliovirus type 2 persist, faster detection and quicker outbreak control show systems are working, and sustained support is vital to finish the job.

Success stories



13 African countries synchronized cross-border polio vaccination across the Sahel, Lake Chad Basin and Horn of Africa, reaching nearly 200 M children.



Madagascar stopped variant poliovirus type 1 outbreak.



Upgraded labs in Kenya, Madagascar, Côte d'Ivoire and Zimbabwe improved capacity for fast, coordinated outbreak response.