

# 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**

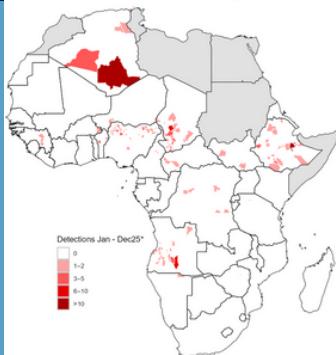
**Decrease in detections**  
compared to 2024

**50%**

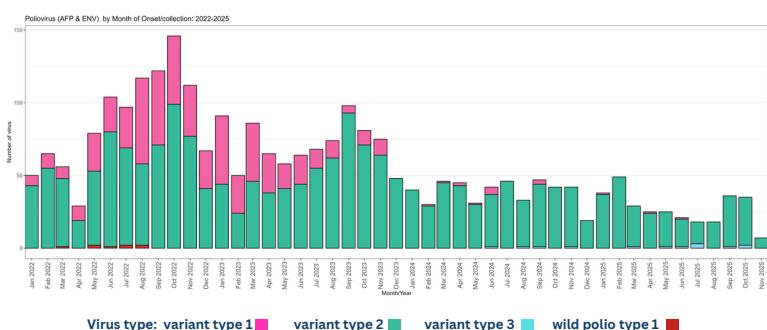
**Countries that**  
conducted vaccination  
campaigns

**17**

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



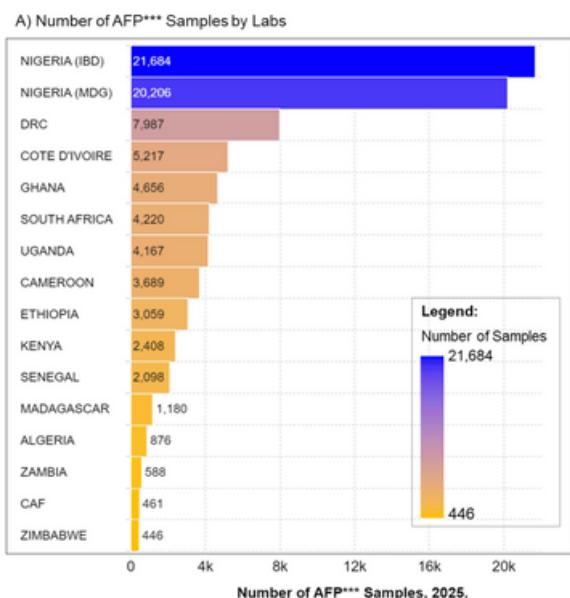
#### Downward trend over the past years



#### Workload analysis: samples processed in 2025

##### Workload analysis (n=82,942)

Number of AFP, Contact, and Community children samples analyzed, 2025\*\*\*



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.