

# 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 cases**  
compared to 2024

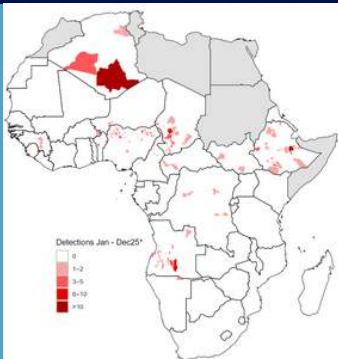
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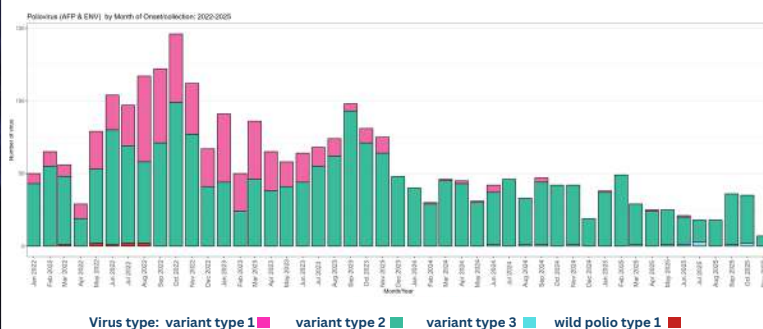
**Countries that**  
conducted vaccination  
campaigns

**17**

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



### Downward trend over the past years



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

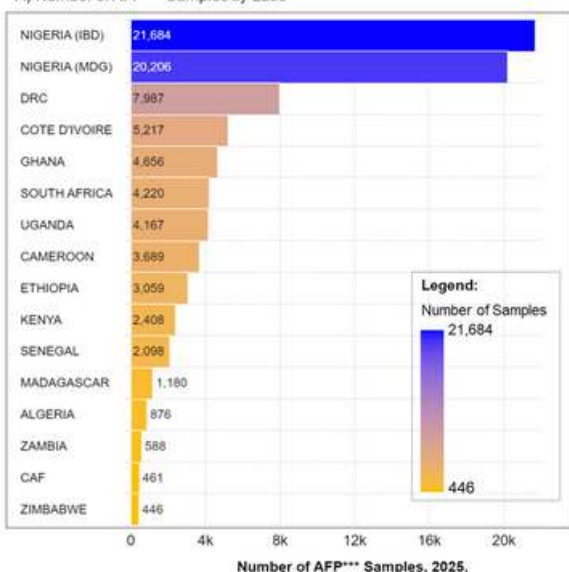
While pockets of circulating poliovirus type 2 persist, faster detection and quicker outbreak control show systems are working, and sustained support is vital to finish the job.

### 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.

### 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.