

## There's a Polio virus outbreak in PNG due to low immunization, but together we can stop it.

Free immunization for children under 10

**Participate in the next National Immunization Campaign in August/September 2025**

### NO CHILD CAN BE LEFT BEHIND IN THE FIGHT AGAINST POLIO

#### There's a Polio outbreak. Together we can stop it.

Papua New Guinea has been free from polio for years. Our children were safe from this dangerous disease. Now, polio has returned to some parts of our country. This is serious, but we can stop it together.



#### You are responsible for their future!

For a long time because PNG was Polio-free, fewer children received their immunization. This left many children unprotected. Now that Polio virus is active again, our children's lives are at risk. It's very important that every child gets protected immunized as soon as possible.

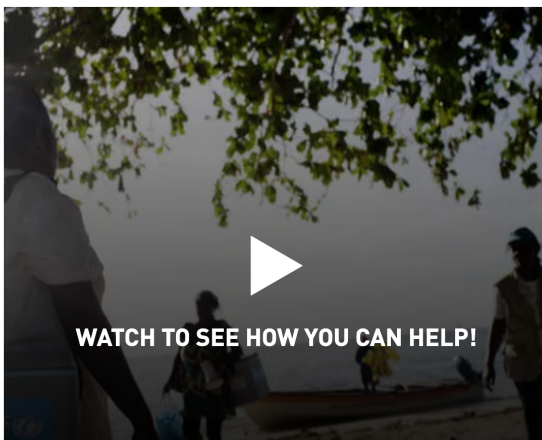


#### Why is there a Polio outbreak?

Polio virus spreads easily, especially amongst children who have not been fully immunized against polio and other childhood diseases.



### BE THE CHANGE. END POLIO.

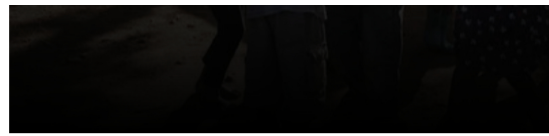






This video series highlights the incredible impact of individuals and communities in the fight against polio. See their stories, celebrate their efforts, and learn how you can help create a polio-free future. Together, we can make history.

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Easily download this page to access and share important information about polio eradication anytime, even without an internet connection. Share it with others in your community to help spread awareness and support the fight against polio.

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## Polio can cause lifelong paralysis

Sadly, the threat is real, Polio is a serious disease that attacks the nervous system. It can cause paralysis – meaning a child can lose the ability to move their arms or legs, sometimes permanently – and in some cases it can even cause death. This can make it difficult for children to walk, play, and live a full life. If you see sudden weakness of limbs in your children, take them to the nearest health facility immediately to get tested for Polio.

**The good news is that this can be easily prevented through immunization.**



## OUR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK!

The National Department of Health (NDoH) has analyzed the situation and confirmed that children under 10 years old are at the highest risk of getting sick from this polio outbreak.

**We must act now to protect them.**

## Your Child's Shield: Free Immunization Services

The only way to protect your child from Polio is through immunization. It's safe, effective, and free. Polio immunization has been used all over the world and has helped many countries eradicate it. Doctors, health workers, parents, and communities here in Papua New Guinea trust and recommend it.



**DON'T WAIT!**

We are asking all mothers and fathers in PNG to immunize all your children under 10 years old against Polio, irrespective of their previous immunization status. Even one missed vaccine can put your child at risk.



Take your children to the nearest health facility or to the health teams visiting your communities, now.



Schools going children will receive the vaccine in schools.



Confirm the finger mark is given and alert your neighbours to prepare their children.

**Please bring your child's health record book if you have one.**

If not, don't worry, your child can still be immunized.

For more information, visit the PNG Ministry of Health or [polioeradication.org](http://polioeradication.org).

### When to Get Your Child Immunized:

First round of the campaign in **Mainland PNG** will start in **August** whereas the **Niugini island provinces** will join the campaign in **September** during the second round

### MORE THAN JUST POLIO PROTECTION: A FULL PACKAGE OF CARE



#### ROUTINE IMMUNIZATIONS

Your under 2 years old child will get any other routine immunizations they might have missed, protecting them from other dangerous childhood diseases like measles, TB, tetanus, and diphtheria.



#### VITAMIN A SUPPLEMENTATION (6-59 MONTHS CHILD)

This essential vitamin helps boost your child's immune system, helping them fight off infections and stay healthy.



#### DEWORMING TABLETS (24-59 MONTHS CHILD)

These tablets help protect your child from intestinal worms, which can affect their growth and overall health.



### TAKE ACTION NOW:

#### Protect Your Child and Our Community

Every child immunized brings us closer to a polio-free Papua New Guinea. Your action today protects your child, your community, and our entire country.

**It's simple, it's safe, and it's free. We can stop Polio again.**

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please fill out this short form so we can improve our communications and help to protect every child in PNG.

Is polio a threat to children in your community? \*

- ☐ Yes, definitely
- ☐ Yes, probably
- ☐ No, probably not
- ☐ No, definitely not

Is polio vaccine safe for children? \*

- ☐ Not very safe
- ☐ Very safe
- ☐ Somewhat safe
- ☐ Not safe at all

Did your children receive polio drops in the last immunization campaign? \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ We did not have a campaign recently
- ☐ My children were not born then

Will you give polio drops to your children in the next polio campaign? \*

- ☐ Yes, definitely
- ☐ Yes, probably
- ☐ No, probably not
- ☐ No, definitely not

SUBMIT



The Polio Toolkit is a web-based hub for Social and Behavior Change (SBC) and Digital Community Engagement (DCE) resources, supporting polio eradication efforts. Managed by UNICEF as part of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), it provides evidence-based strategies to combat misinformation, boost vaccine confidence, and enhance community engagement. The toolkit also offers communication guidance for the rollout of nOPV2, ensuring effective outreach across digital and offline platforms.

