

## Sample Talking Points:

- New wild poliovirus cases in (COUNTRY) are a stark reminder that as long as polio exists anywhere, outbreaks will continue to happen.
- We are prepared for outbreaks and have proven strategies to quickly stop the spread of the virus.
  - As has been shown with previous outbreaks, most recently in the Middle East and Horn of Africa, the polio program is prepared to respond quickly and stop the spread of disease in a matter of months.
- As we work towards polio eradication, all countries must maintain strong disease surveillance and ensure all children are vaccinated, particularly in hard-to-reach and underserved areas.

## Sample Q&A:

**Does the new case in (COUNTRY) mean eradication progress is sliding?**

- No. The polio program is always prepared for outbreaks, because as long as polio exists anywhere in the world, there is always a risk of new cases appearing in polio-free areas.
- *[If cases are not in the Middle East of Horn of Africa]* As has been shown with previous outbreaks, including most recently in the Middle East and Horn of Africa, the polio program is prepared to respond quickly and stop the spread of disease in a matter of months.
- Significant global progress against polio in recent years demonstrates that the resources, political will, technical and scientific knowhow, and infrastructure for eradication are largely in place.