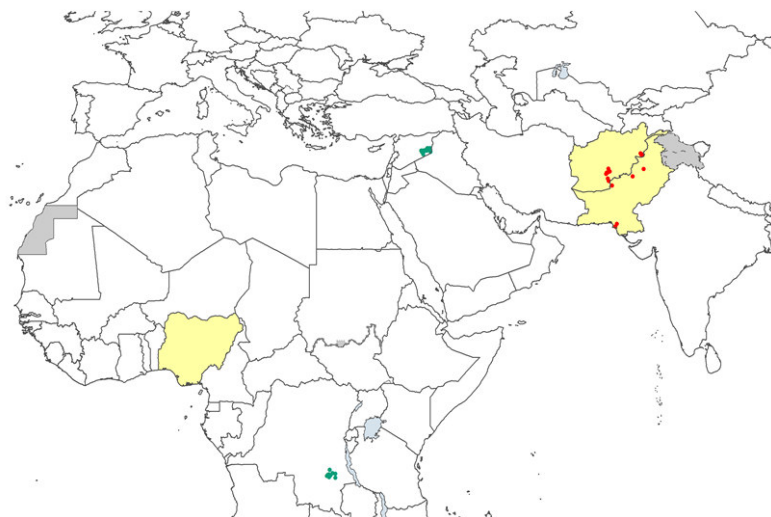


## *Rotary PolioPlus – February 2018*

- **2017 – a year in review:**
  - 2017 brought the world closer than ever to being polio-free
  - Click [here](#) to read a short, concise review of PolioPlus in 2017, as well as an overview of the remaining challenges that must be overcome in 2018
- **Polio in Pakistan – tracking down every last virus:**
  - Pakistan is one of the last remaining bastions in the global fight against polio
  - The country is closer than ever to being polio-free, and is leaving no stone unturned to track down every last virus
  - Read [here](#) on the incredible efforts being undertaken to protect children among mobile populations – one of the last remaining reservoirs of the virus in the country.
- **Tackling outbreaks in Syria and DR Congo:**
  - In 2017, new outbreaks of a rare strain of poliovirus called ‘vaccine-derived poliovirus’ emerged in Syria and DR Congo.
  - Outbreak response in both countries is on the verge of stopping these outbreaks again, which is great news.
  - But what exactly is a ‘vaccine-derived poliovirus’? Click [here](#) for a short video explanation by Dr Carolyn Sein, expert on the matter at the World Health Organization...
- **Polio in 2018... on the verge of success? Polio cases in the last 6 months:**



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## *PolioPlus – Key points*

- Polio is a devastating disease, which paralyses children for life.
- There is no cure for polio – but a simple and effective vaccine protects a child for life.
- In 1985, Rotary started a worldwide movement to ensure that every child is vaccinated against polio.
- At that time, every year more than 350,000 children were paralysed by the disease, in more than 125 countries.
- In 2016, only 37 cases were reported, from just 3 countries: Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan.
- The world has never been closer to being polio-free. But if we do not succeed, polio will come roaring back. Within 10 years, 200,000 children will again be paralysed all over the world - every single year!
- Please help us eradicate polio once and for all. For just CHF0.60, you can protect a child for life against this terrible disease.



*Together, let's achieve something historic!  
Let's make sure that no child will ever again be paralysed by polio.*

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