

CELEBRATING
26 YEARS
WITHOUT POLIO
IN THE AMERICAS



30 years ago, polio paralyzed nearly 1000 children every day in 125 countries around the world, including countries of the Americas

1985

The countries of the Americas **set the goal** to eradicate polio in the Region



1991

The **last case** of polio in the Americas was detected in Peru



1994

After a documentation and verification process, the Region of the Americas was certified free of wild poliovirus



Wild poliovirus type 1 is still circulating in **3 countries**



Afghanistan



Pakistan



Nigeria

Until polio is eradicated **everywhere**, the populations of the Americas will continue to be at risk



Vaccines prevent polio!

WHAT YEAR DID YOUR COUNTRY REPORT ITS LAST CASE OF POLIO?

Antigua & Barbuda	1960	Guyana	1962
Argentina	1984	Haiti	1989
Bahamas	1978	Honduras	1989
Barbados	1967	Jamaica	1982
Belize	1981	Mexico	1990
Bolivia	1986	Nicaragua	1981
Brazil	1989	Panama	1972
Canada	1977	Paraguay	1985
Cayman Islands	1957	Peru	1991
Chile	1975	St. Kitts & Nevis	1960
Colombia	1991	St. Vincent & Grenadines	1977
Costa Rica	1973	Suriname	1980
Cuba	1962	Trinidad & Tobago	1972
Dominican Republic	1985	Turks & Caicos	1972
Ecuador	1990	United States	1979
El Salvador	1987	Uruguay	1978
Grenada	1955	Venezuela	1989
Guatemala	1990		

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