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Dr. Margaret Chan, elected Director-General of the World Health Organization, took office on January 4, 2007. In her speech on this occasion, Dr. Chan stated her strong commitment to the joint goal of polio eradication.

On her first day in the office, Dr. Chan sent out a letter of appreciation to all participants in the joint effort to eradicate poliomyelitis globally. We are reproducing it below.

*Dear Colleagues,*

*As I planned my work for my first day as Director-General of the World Health Organization, I wanted one of my first acts to be an expression of sincere appreciation to you for your efforts in eradicating polio.*

*As you know, polio eradication has been a top priority for WHO since 1988. I want to assure you that this will continue to be the case until we finish the job.*

*When preparing to assume office, I thoroughly reviewed the work towards a polio-free world. With just 4 parts of 4 countries now remaining polio endemic, and the availability of potent new tools such as the monovalent oral polio vaccines, I am convinced that that a polio-free world can be attained. I will be working with the remaining polio-infected countries, the Regional Directors and our partners to ensure an unprecedented effort on polio eradication over the next 24 months.*

*Success in this endeavour will require steadfast commitment by all of us and particularly by those such as yourself- in both polio-infected and polio-free areas – who are working with such devotion at the forefront of this global effort. You will have my full support.*

*Today, on my first day as WHO Director-General, please allow me to again express my sincere gratitude for the role you are playing in protecting the children of this world from a terrible disease. Your ongoing commitment will ensure that no child ever again know the pain of polio-paralysis*

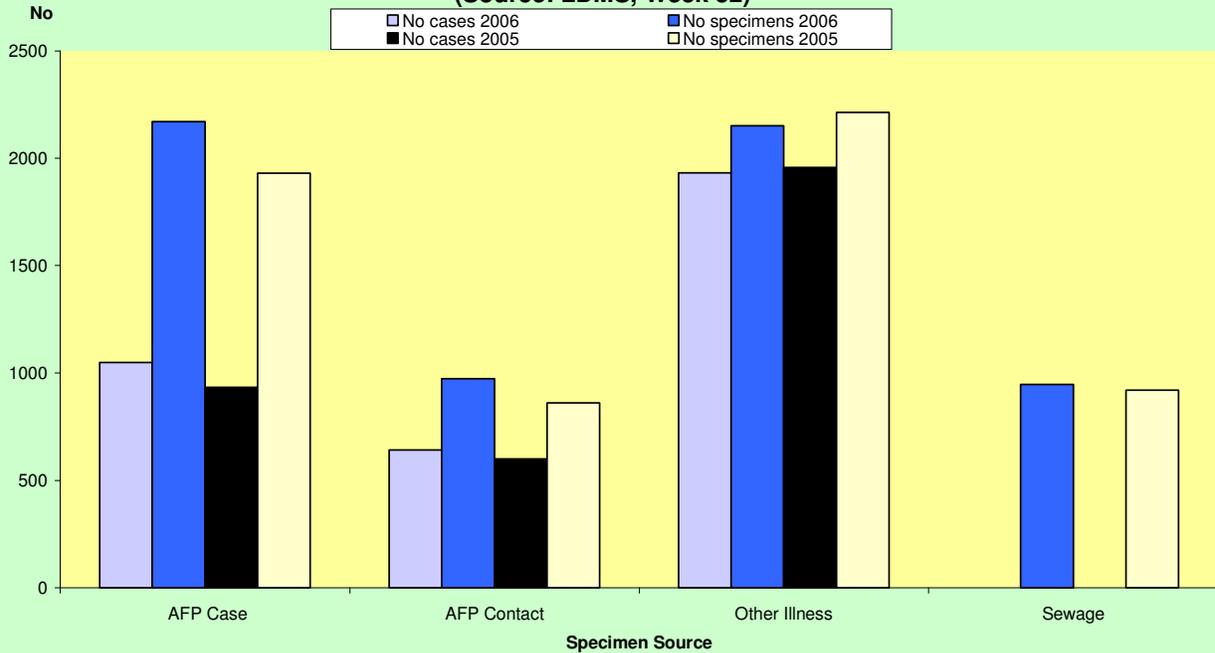
*With sincere thanks,*

*Dr Margaret Chan  
Director-General*

# POLIO LABORATORY DATA

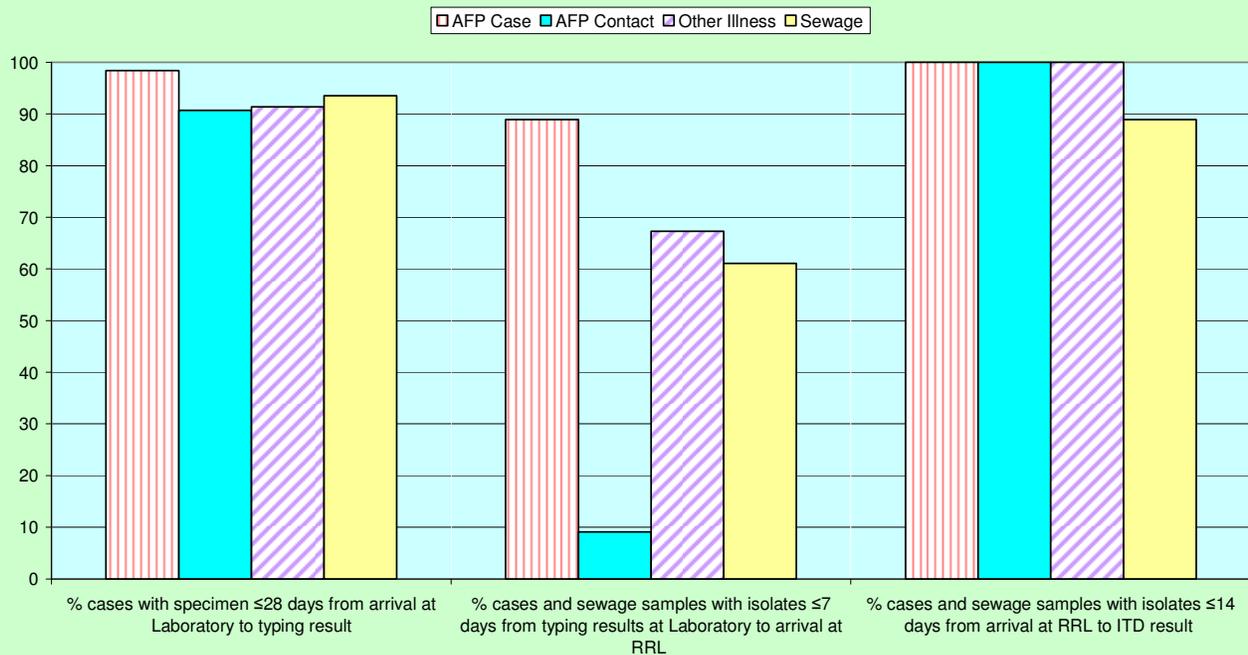
Cases and specimens processed in the Polio Laboratory Network, by source and year, 2005-2006

(Source: LDMS, Week 52)



Performance indicators, Polio Laboratory Network, 2006

(Source: LDMS, Week 52)



**Table 1. AFP/Polio Weekly Reporting  
European Region 2006 (all countries)**

	Polio compatible cases	% Completeness of reporting	Week of last report	Method of reporting	Country using "priority"
Albania	0	98%	51	email	yes
Andorra*	0	100%	52	direct web entry	-
Armenia	0	90%	48	email	yes
Austria	0	100%	52	direct web entry	yes
Azerbaijan	0	61%	52	email	yes
Belarus	0	100%	52	direct web entry	yes
Belgium	0	100%	52	direct web entry	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	80%	46	email	partial
Bulgaria	0	94%	48	direct web entry	yes
Croatia*	0	92%	52	direct web entry	yes
Cyprus	0	100%	52	direct web entry	yes
Czech Republic	0	88%	50	email	
Denmark	0	0%		DNR	-
Estonia	0	98%	52	direct web entry	yes
Finland	0	0%		DNR	-
France	0	0%		DNR	-
Georgia	0	94%	52	email	yes
Germany	0	100%	52	email	yes
Greece	0	98%	51	direct web entry	partial
Hungary	0	96%	52	direct web entry	yes
Iceland	0	0%		DNR	-
Ireland	0	94%	51	direct web entry	yes
Israel	0	92%	52	email	yes
Italy	0	98%	52	direct web entry	yes
Kazakstan	0	55%	52	email	yes
Kyrgyzstan	0	51%	50	email	yes
Latvia	0	94%	52	direct web entry	yes
Lithuania	0	98%	51	direct web entry	yes
Luxembourg	0	0%		DNR	-
Malta*	0	92%	52	email	yes
Monaco	0	0%		DNR	-
Montenegro	0	7%	52		
Netherlands	0	0%		DNR	-
Norway	0	92%	52	direct web entry	yes
Poland	0	90%	52	direct web entry	yes
Portugal	0	69%	37	email	partial
Republic of Moldova	0	92%	51	direct web entry	yes
Romania	0	59%	52	email	partial
Russian Federation	0	94%	51	direct web entry	yes
San Marino	0	0%		DNR	-
Serbia	0	96%	52	email	partial
Slovak Republic	0	90%	52	direct web entry	yes
Slovenia*	0	86%	47	direct web entry	-
Spain	0	100%	52	direct web entry	yes
Sweden	0	65%	34	DNR	-
Switzerland	0	100%	52	direct web entry	yes
Tajikistan	0	88%	52	email	yes
T.F.Y.R.Macedonia	0	86%	52	email	no
Turkey	0	100%	52	email	yes
Turkmenistan	0	92%	52	email	yes
Ukraine	0	84%	52	email	yes
United Kingdom	0	0%		DNR	-
Uzbekistan	0	78%	52	email	yes
<b>Average/Totals</b>		90%			

Shaded country name indicates country classified as endemic / recently endemic by the Regional Certification Commission in 1996

\* No AFP cases reported to WHO Regional Office for Europe

DNR-do not report AFP surveillance data

**TABLE 2. AFP Reporting - European Region,  
2005-2006 Countries with AFP surveillance**

Country	2005			2006					
	non-Polio AFP rate*	% with 2 stool spec.**	Surveillance index***	No. of AFP cases	No. of cases pending §	No. of cases priority pending §§	non-Polio AFP rate*	% with 2 stool spec.**	Surveillance index***
Albania	0.91	100%	0.91	3	0	0	0.36	100%	0.36
Andorra	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Armenia	1.16	100%	1	6	6	6	1	67%	0.67
Austria	0.25	33%	0.16	9	0	0	0.72	67%	0.48
Azerbaijan	1.28	92%	0.92	18	0	0	0.86	94%	0.81
Belarus	3.96	93%	0.95	41	3	1	2.87	88%	0.88
Belgium	0.24	0%	0.06	6	0	0	0.35	17%	0.06
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.45	100%	0.45	3	2	0	0.47	100%	0.47
Bulgaria	2.63	96%	1	19	1	0	1.83	84%	0.84
Croatia	0.12	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Cyprus	0	20%	0	3	0	0	1.83	67%	1
Czech Republic	0.94	93%	0.94	15	0	1	1.03	80%	1
Estonia	0	0%	0	1	0	0	0.51	100%	0.51
Georgia	0.9	88%	0.78	9	0	1	1.11	100%	1
Germany	0.6	42%	0.33	70	0	1	0.53	45%	0.29
Greece	1.26	37%	0.58	20	0	0	1.26	75%	0.75
Hungary	1.26	37%	0.68	14	2	0	0.9	36%	0.51
Ireland	0.6	20%	0.36	9	1	0	1.06	22%	0.56
Israel	0.98	33%	0.33	19	0	0	0.95	6%	0.53
Italy	0.91	76%	0.74	53	10	2	0.65	64%	0.44
Kazakhstan	1.33	94%	0.94	49	3	1	1.47	96%	0.98
Kyrgyzstan	2.26	97%	1	26	4	0	1.52	96%	1
Latvia	0.62	100%	0.62	3	0	0	0.92	100%	0.92
Lithuania	1.19	86%	1	11	0	0	2	55%	0.91
Malta	2.73	100%	1	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Montenegro	0	0%	0	2	0	0	1.58	100%	1
Norway	1.4	17%	0.33	11	0	0	1.22	18%	0.73
Poland	0.49	61%	0.35	65	3	1	1.06	58%	0.69
Portugal	0.24	50%	0.12	4	0	0	0.24	75%	0.24
Republic of Moldova	0.86	71%	0.86	6	0	0	0.81	83%	0.68
Romania	0.78	85%	0.75	40	7	0	1.22	82%	0.88
Russian Federation	1.76	90%	0.91	456	105	28	2.11	90%	0.92
Serbia	1	89%	0.89	24	2	0	1.27	88%	0.96
Slovakia	0.54	40%	0.43	2	0	0	0.23	100%	0.23
Slovenia	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Spain	0.77	56%	0.58	41	2	0	0.66	44%	0.4
Switzerland	0.64	0%	0	10	0	0	0.76	11%	0.17
Tajikistan	1.22	100%	1	21	13	0	0.83	100%	0.83
T.F.Y.R.Macedonia	2.42	100%	1	3	0	0	0.77	100%	0.77
Turkey	0.93	82%	0.77	190	10	10	0.89	85%	0.77
Turkmenistan	1.57	96%	1	19	1	0	1.25	95%	0.95
Ukraine	1.88	95%	0.96	126	2	3	1.9	94%	0.95
Uzbekistan	1.31	98%	0.98	100	1	0	1.15	99%	0.99
<b>Average/Totals</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>0.86</b>	1527	178	55	1.16	81%	1
<b>Recently Endemic</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>0.92</b>	1101	156	49	1.4	91%	0.93

\*Annualized rate per 100 000 children under the age of 15. **Bold** = meeting WHO target of 1.0.

\*\*Two stool specimens collected at least 24 hours apart within 14 days of onset of paralysis and adequately shipped to the laboratory. **Bold** = meeting WHO target of 80%.

\*\*\*Index = non-polio AFP rate up to 1.0 x (% 1 adequate specimens), **Bold** = 0.8

§ Total number of AFP cases pending final classification 90 days after Date of onset.

§§ Number of AFP cases assigned a priority coding and pending.

All indicators are calculated year to date unless specified otherwise.

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