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 WPV1 | cVDPV2  
**POLIO CASES IN APRIL 2023**

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**7**  
 WPV1 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL  
 SAMPLES IN APRIL 2023

**1,372,436**  
 CHILDREN VACCINATED IN  
 APRIL 2023

**752**  
 COMMUNITY MOBILIZERS  
 IN APRIL 2023

**1,864**  
 FEMALE FRONTLINE WORKERS IN  
 APRIL 2023

**294**  
 PERMANENT TRANSIT SITES IN  
 APRIL 2023

**10**  
 CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION  
 POINTS IN APRIL 2023

# POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN

April 2023

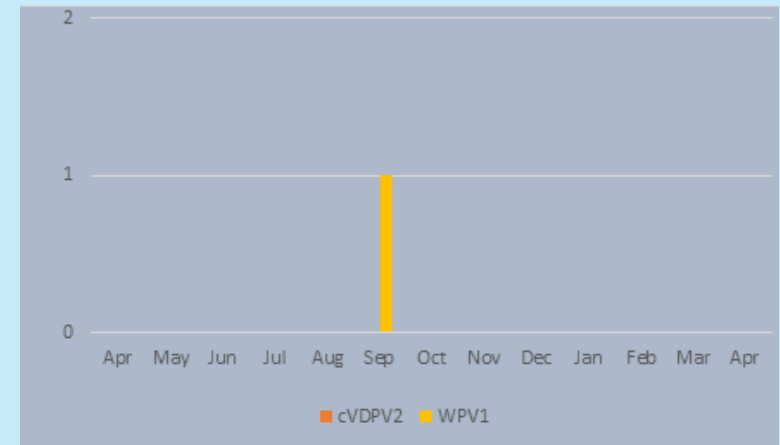


**WPV1 and cVDPV2 cases in April 2023**

- 0 cVDPV2 cases
- 0 WPV1 cases

**Total WPV1 and cVDPV2 cases in 2023**

- 0 cVDPV2 cases in 2023
- 0 WPV1 cases in 2023



WILD POLIOVIRUS AND cVDPV2 CASE COUNT 2022-2023

Data as of 31 April 2023



## POLIO TRANSMISSION

- Seven new WPV1 samples were reported from Nangarhar province in the East.



## AFP / ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 315 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in April: 127 girls and 188 boys. A total of 1,775 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2023. Of these, 1,507 cases have been discarded as non-polio, 268 cases are pending final classification.
- The non-polio AFP rate is 19, stool adequacy is above 95%, and national non-polio enterovirus rate is above 9%.
- In all regions, non-polio AFP rate is above 14, stool adequacy above 89%, and non polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 7-13% in 2023.



## SUPPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- An intensification campaign was held from 3-6 April. 1,372,436 children were vaccinated with bOPV.



## COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 10 cross-border vaccination points, 59 cross-border teams and 294 permanent transit sites were operational in April.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 648,976 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 88,044 children against polio this month.
- 1,160 children under 10 were given OPV in UNHCR repatriation centres and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in April.
- From January 1st 2023 to date, 10,890 returnee children were vaccinated with OPV.
- 1,584 international travelers were vaccinated this month in compliance with International Health Regulations.

## WHO conducts surveillance training for polio staff



With surveillance underpinning the polio eradication initiative in Afghanistan, WHO is conducting a series of refresher trainings for field surveillance officers including Regional, Provincial and District Polio Officers, Regional Technical Officers, and Regional and Provincial Coordinators across the country in April and May.

Surveillance for Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) is one of the key strategies of polio eradication. Complemented by the environmental surveillance system, AFP surveillance is the ongoing process of identifying AFP cases in children, reporting and investigating cases, and testing stool samples in accredited laboratories. AFP surveillance data is essential for planning vaccination activities, allocating resources, programme monitoring and evaluation, ensuring decisions are evidence based and, finally, for achieving polio free certification.

The aim of the training is to further build the capacity of staff in both AFP and environmental surveillance and includes detailed demonstrations of a neurological examination by member of the Expert Review Committee, enabling participants to see each step of the examination process.

Training also covers investigation and timely reporting of AFP, SOPs for collection of environmental samples, surveillance data and integrated disease surveillance.

Enhancing the technical knowledge and skills of first line surveillance staff will enable them to escalate their training to AFP focal points and the 46,000+ reporting volunteers that make up the AFP surveillance network across the country.

The refresher sessions began with staff from Central region in April, followed by the South-East region in Gardez, before moving to other regions.

### Key communication activities

- 817,622 caregivers, including 457,520 women, engaged on polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health and COVID 19 in the South, East, South-East, North and West regions
- 17,089 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness across the country.
- 1,978 women in South region were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers
- 18,428 soap bars and 1,571 polio-branded baby blankets provided to households in the Central, West, South, East and West regions to promote hygiene and polio eradication efforts.

Radio PSAs	54	Journalists trained	35	Total social media reach	77,467,197
TV PSAs	3	Total social media engagement	459,609	New followers	148,384



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