

# Afghanistan Polio Snapshot

February 2024



A subnational vaccination campaign was held in the East, North-East, South, South-East and some high risk districts of the Central and West regions during February. A total of 8,544,851 children under 5 years of age were vaccinated with bOPV.

11,552 returnees and refugees were vaccinated with OPV, including 8,436 returnees from Pakistan.

One WPV1 case was reported from Nuristan province in the East this month. Six WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in February: two from Nangarhar in the East, three from Kandahar and one from Uruzgan in the South.

393 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in February: 183 girls and 210 boys. A total of 883 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2024. Of these, 255 cases have been discarded as non-polio AFP and 628 cases are pending final

classification.

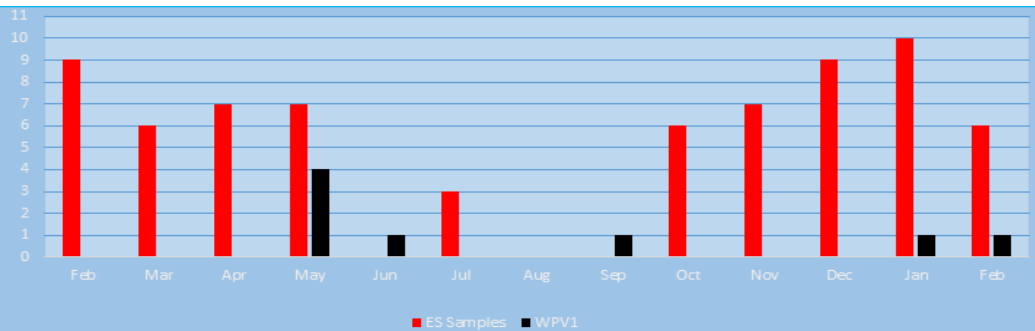
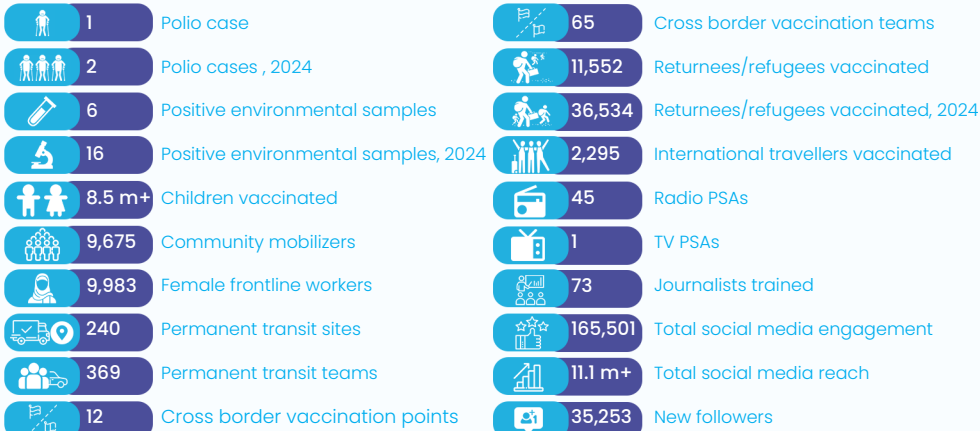
The non-polio AFP rate is 11, stool adequacy is 96% and the national non-polio enterovirus rate is 14%. In all regions, the non-polio AFP rate is above 3, stool adequacy above 91%, and the non-polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 0-10%.

709,406 caregivers, including 694,986 women, engaged in polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health and COVID 19 awareness raising in the South, East, South-East, North and West. 14,804 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness across the country. 1,936 women in the South were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers.

197,551 soap bars and 54,618 polio branded baby blankets were provided to households in the South to promote hygiene and polio eradication efforts.



● 2 WPV1 CASES  
● 16 ES+ samples



WILD POLIOVIRUS CASES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES 2023-2024