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 WPV1 | cVDPV2
POLIO CASES IN AUGUST 2021

1 | **43**
 WPV1 | cVDPV2
POLIO CASES IN 2021

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 WPV1 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT
 SAMPLES IN AUGUST 2021

568,156
 CHILDREN VACCINATED IN AUGUST
 2021

2,382
 COMMUNITY MOBILIZERS
 IN AUGUST 2021

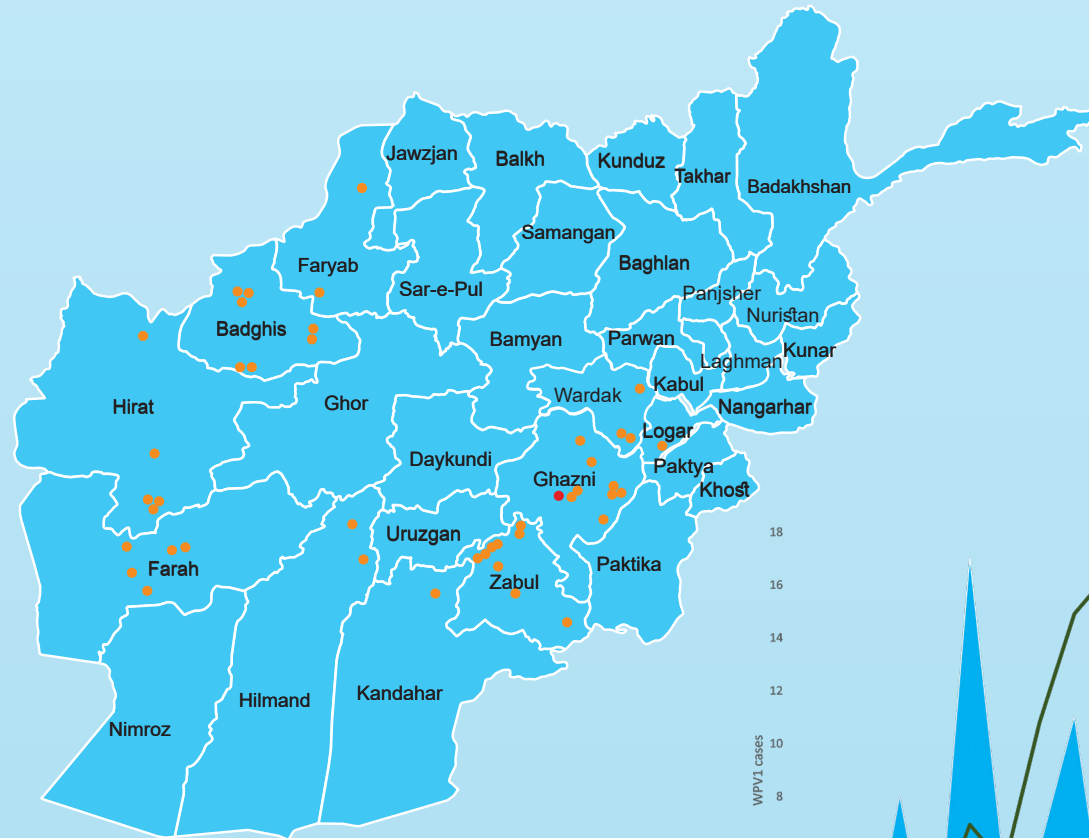
444
 FEMALE MOBILIZERS/VACCINATORS
 IN AUGUST 2021

397
 PERMANENT TRANSIT SITES IN
 AUGUST 2021

11
 CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION
 POINTS IN AUGUST 2021

POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN

August 2021

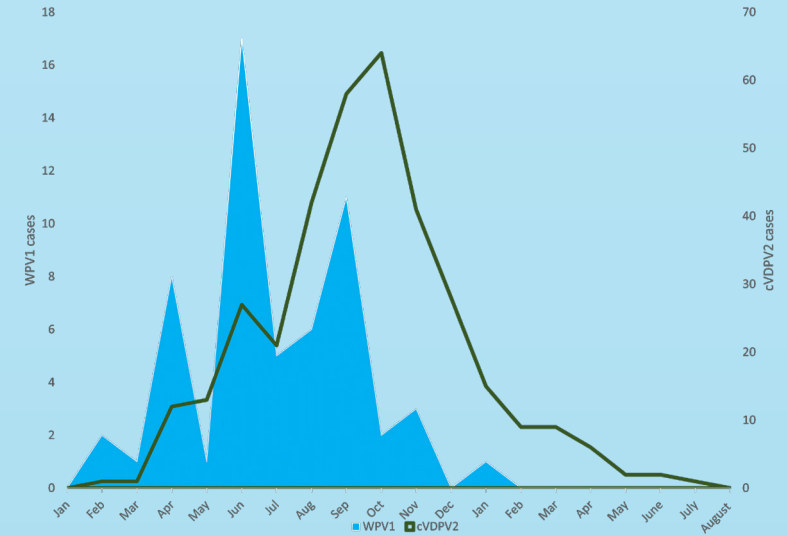


WPV1 and cVDPV2 cases in August 2021

- 0 cVDPV2 case
- 0 WPV1 case

Total WPV1 and cVDPV2 case in 2021

- 43 cVDPV2 cases in 2021
- 1 WPV1 case in 2021





POLIO TRANSMISSION

- No new Wild Poliovirus (WPV1) cases and no new cVDPV2 cases confirmed in August 2021



AFP / ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 298 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) - 127 females and 171 males - were reported in August 2021. A total of 2,690 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2021. Of these, 2,580 cases have been discarded as non-polio. About 63 cases are pending final classification
- The non-polio AFP rate remained above 10, stool adequacy stood above 89%, and non-polio enterovirus rate was 17-25 in all regions
- No new WPV1 and no new cVDPV2 positive environmental samples were confirmed in August 2021



COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 11 cross-border vaccination points, 43 cross-border teams and 397 permanent transit teams (PTTs) were operational in August 2021
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 522,797 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 45,359 children against polio in August 2021
- 256 children under 10 were given OPV in UNHCR repatriation centre and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in August 2021
- Between January to end of August 2021, 3,729 returnee children were vaccinated with OPV and 187 children with IPV, respectively
- 5,019 international travelers were vaccinated in August 2021 in compliance with IHR

PEI support to COVID-19 till end of August 2021

- 126,869 suspected cases of COVID-19 were reported by the polio surveillance team
- 161,265 health professionals, paramedics and nurses were trained on COVID-19 prevention
- 288,672 community and religious influencers were reached for support and training

Adapt, Stay, Deliver

“Poliovirus circulation does not stop during instability, it does not stop during emergencies. If anything, it makes children and families even more vulnerable by adding a layer of risk”, says a Polio Provincial Officer from Balkh province.

Despite risks and challenges due to the recent insecurity, the polio programme is staying and delivering for the children of Afghanistan. Our 315 staff and more than 70 000 polio health workers across the country remain firm in their resolve to eradicate polio. Their work ensures that critical polio activities continue while adapting to the rapidly changing situation [read more](#)



Key communication activities

- 7,733 caregivers were engaged on issues related to polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health promotion, and COVID-19 preventative measures across the southeast, west, and northeast regions
- 256,613 children under five were given polio vaccine drops, 29,758 children under two were given routine immunization and 31,829 women and girls received tetanus vaccine across the target health facilities
- 320 females were provided health education training on polio and routine immunization in the northeast region
- 439,562 females were reached with polio and mother and child health awareness messages by the female mobilizers/vaccinators (FMVs) through 40,981 face-to-face sessions in the southeast, west and south regions
- 1,520 individuals, including religious influencers, local authorities and community influencers were reached with awareness session in the south, southeast, east, west and northeast regions
- 76 hygiene kits, 217,600 soap bars, and 20,260 baby blankets were distributed to target health centres in the west, east, south, and northeast regions
- 930 children and adults received referrals by the Information Communication Network ICN (500 specifically made for routine immunization) in northeast region. 100% of the referrals were utilized
- 24 elderly female household members who have influence in decision making in families, were reached with health education messages on polio vaccination, routine immunization and ways to fight the poliovirus in the south region

Radio round tables	9	News reports	-	Social media post engagement	340
TV round tables	11	Total social media reach	3 Million	New followers	674,000



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