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WPV1 CASES IN JULY

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WPV1 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN JULY

1M

CHILDREN VACCINATED IN JULY

37,894

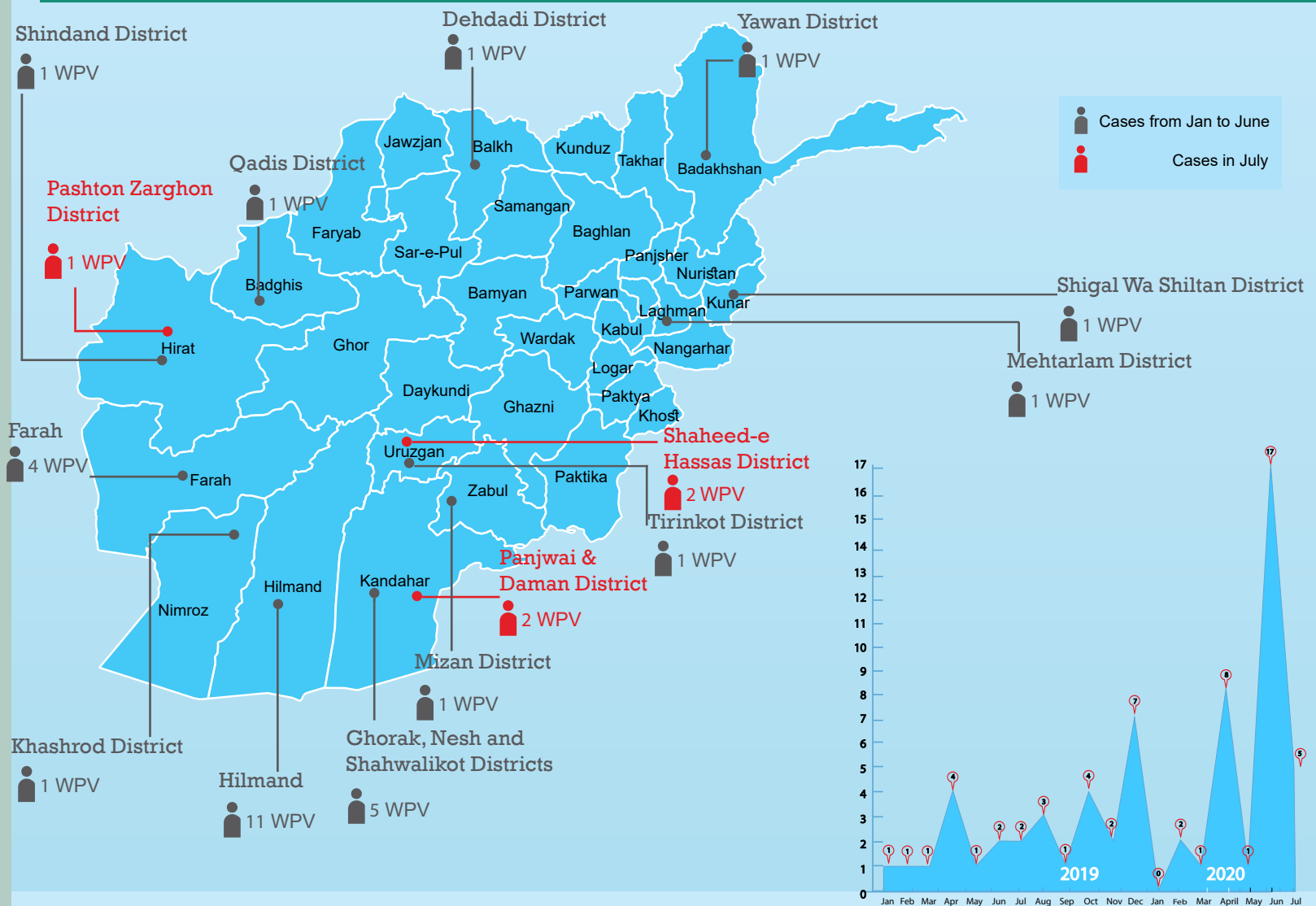
SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASES REPORTED UPTO JULY

35,896

TOTAL SURVEILLANCE NETWORK PERSONAL TRAINED IN DETECTING AND REPORTING COVID-19 CASES



POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN JULY 2020



Data as of 31 July 2020

WILD POLIOVIRUS CASE COUNT 2019-2020



POLIO TRANSMISSION

- Five cases of Wild Polio Virus (WPV1) were confirmed in July 2020 - 2 from Kandahar, 2 from Uruzgan, and 1 from Herat



AFP ENVIRONMENTAL & COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE

- 272 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (107 girls and 165 boys) were reported in July. All these cases are pending laboratory classification
- The non-polio AFP rate remained above 11, stool adequacy stood above 89%, and non-polio enterovirus rate ranged between 8-17% in all regions
- Seven new WPV1 positive environmental samples were confirmed in July

PEI support to COVID-19

Between Jan-Jul 2020:

- 37,894 suspected cases of COVID-19 were reported, of which 8,076 tested positive
- 3,666 government & NGO partners were trained
- 77,311 health professional (Including: paramedics/nurses) were trained
- 144,808 community & religious influencers were reached for training and support
- 5,429 coordination meetings were held with partners and communities



COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 285 children of less than 10 years of age received OPV at the Islamqala border of Herat province

SHIFTING FOCUS BACK TO POLIO WHILE CONTINUING COVID-19 SUPPORT

In July, the polio programme not only continued to support the COVID-19 response through surveillance and raising community awareness but also gradually shifted its focus back to polio campaign resumption.

A case response campaign in the east region was concluded in late July 2020, and a total of 1,055,048 children under the age of five years were successfully vaccinated. Strict COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures were observed by the teams involved in the delivery of the campaign.

As part of on-going support to the COVID-19 response, the programme also delivered essential medicines and health care supplies to 46 BPHS health facilities in AGE areas of the south and east regions, to serve 0.2 million people.

The ICN continued to support mother and child health referral services in polio high-risk areas of south and east Afghanistan. Some 46,134 mothers and children out of the 81,360 (56%) who were referred by the ICN in the south and east regions, utilized health services



Updates from the Field

- Some 3,597 community mobilizers and 545 female mobilizer vaccinators (FMVs) reached 883,406 households including 421,000 females with face-to-face messages on COVID-19 across the south, east and north east regions
- COVID-19 call centre in the west region answered 724 calls (including from 287 female callers) related to COVID-19 test results, symptoms, transmission, prevention measures and about the treatment center in the west region
- 669,944 soap bars were distributed in the west region. Of this, 350,000 soap bars along with 1,000 hygiene kits were distributed in the AGE areas, 200,000 soap bars and 3,500 hygiene kits were distributed through 175 health facilities and the rest directly to households in the west region
- In the south region, 75 local authorities' representative (Wakili Guzar) attended an orientation focusing on the polio situation, key messages and the partnership with Kandahar City Municipality. The meeting was attended by the City's Mayor and the EOC's leadership
- In the east region, 100,324 caregivers including 52,633 females received polio orientation ahead of the polio case response campaign
- In the west region, 4,905 females attended 5,894 integrated health education sessions and 3,898 children received routine immunization
- A total of 33,307 children received routine immunization through ICN efforts in July 2020
- Polio messages on the Polio Free Afghanistan facebook page were viewed 2.3 million times. Most asked questions and comments were focused on polio campaign resumption. These questions were mostly from users from Kabul, Kandahar and Herat



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