

Afghanistan Polio Snapshot

April 2024



A national vaccination campaign was held in all provinces of Afghanistan from 29 April to 2 May. A total of 11,922,350 children under 5 years of age were vaccinated with bOPV.

8,391 returnees and refugees were vaccinated with OPV, including 7,505 returnees from Pakistan.

One WPV1 case was reported from Kandahar province in the South this month. Six WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in April: one from Nangarhar in the East, three from Kandahar and one from Hilmand in the South, and one from Kabul in the Central.

225 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in April: 98 girls and 127 boys. A total of 1,591 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2024. Of these, 1,224 cases have been discarded as non-polio AFP and 345 cases are pending final classification.

The non-polio AFP rate is 10, stool adequacy is 96% and the national non-polio enterovirus rate is 14%. In all regions, the non-polio AFP rate is above 6, stool adequacy above 94%, and the non-polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 6-11%.

681,932 caregivers, including 673,773 women, engaged in polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health and COVID 19 awareness raising in the South, East, South-East, North and West. 13,488 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness across the country. 3,810 women in the South were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers.

193,744 soap bars were provided to households in the South to promote hygiene and polio eradication efforts.

