

Afghanistan Polio Snapshot

August 2024



A subnational vaccination campaign was held from 10-13 August. A total of 3.7 million children under 5 years of age were vaccinated with bOPV

11,340 returnees and refugees were vaccinated with OPV, including 10,678 returnees from Pakistan.

Four new WPV1 cases were reported this month: three from Kandahar and one from Hilmand in the South. Eleven WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in August: three from Kandahar and four from Hilmand in the South, one each from Nangarhar and Laghman in the East and one from Kabul in Central region.

456 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in August: 206 girls and 250 boys. A total of 3,863 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2024. Of these, 3,543 cases have been discarded as non-polio AFP and 301 cases are pending

final classification.

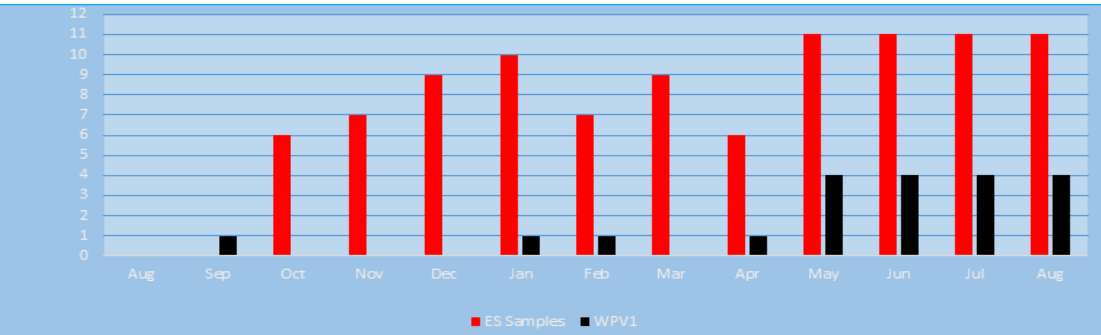
The non-polio AFP rate is 21, stool adequacy is 94% and the national non-polio enterovirus rate is 13%. In all regions, the non-polio AFP rate is above 21, stool adequacy above 95%, and the non-polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 9-16%.

900,709 caregivers, including 877,842 women, engaged in polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health and COVID 19 awareness raising in the South, East, South-East, North and West. 13,210 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness across the country. 2,506 women in the South were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers.

214,573 soaps and 61,409 diapers were distributed to caregivers in the South region.



4 Polio cases	65 Cross border vaccination teams
19 Polio cases, 2024	11,340 Returnees/refugees vaccinated
11 Positive environmental samples	81,868 Returnees/refugees vaccinated, 2024
71 Positive environmental samples, 2024	4,176 International travellers vaccinated
3.7m+ Children vaccinated	33 Radio PSAs
2,407 Community mobilizers	12 TV PSAs
2,921 Female frontline workers	43 Journalists trained
235 Permanent transit sites	37,460 Total social media engagement
326 Permanent transit teams	2.3m+ Total social media reach
12 Cross border vaccination points	2,564 New followers



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