

WPV1 | cVDPV2

POLIO CASES IN 2023

WPV1 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES IN JULY 2023

👬 3,012,598

CHILDREN VACCINATED IN JULY 2023

COMMUNITY MOBILIZERS IN JULY 2023

FEMALE FRONTLINE WORKERS IN

JULY 2023

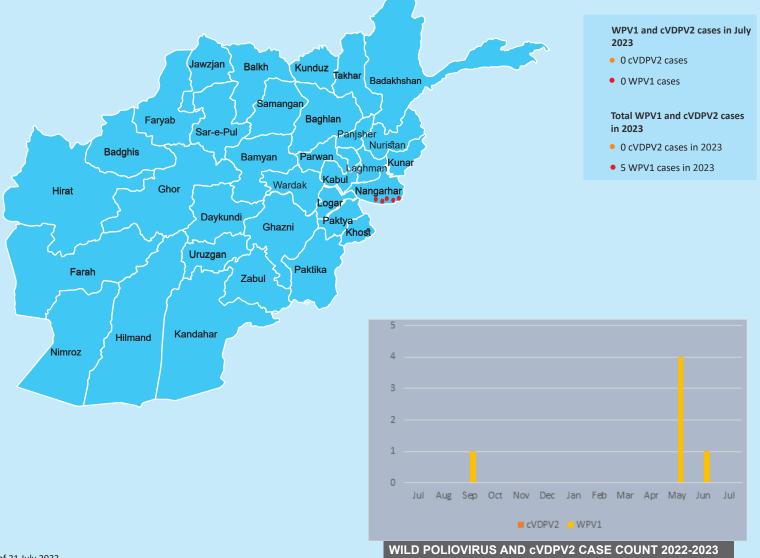
₩A 243

PERMANENT TRANSIT SITES IN JULY 2023

CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS IN JULY 2023



POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN July 2023



Data as of 31 July 2023



POLIO TRANSMISSION

- No new WPV1 case was reported this month.
- Three WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in this month.

AFP / ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 425 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in July: 182 girls and 243 boys. A total of 3,246 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2023. Of these, 2,990 cases have been discarded as non-polio, 251 cases are pending final classification.
- The non-polio AFP rate is 22, stool adequacy is 94%, and national non-polio enterovirus rate is 11%.
- In all regions, non-polio AFP rate is above 16, stool adequacy above 89%, and non polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 7-17% in 2023.

SUPPLEMENTARY VACCINATION

• An intensification campaign was held in July in the East and South regions. 3,012,598 children were vaccinated with bOPV.

COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 12 cross-border vaccination points, 46 cross-border teams and 243 permanent transit sites were operational in July.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 759,422 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 139,701 children against polio this month.
- 3,225 children under 10 were given OPV in UNHCR repatriation centres and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in July.
- From January 1st 2023 to date, 22,266 returnee children were vaccinated with OPV.
- 5,023 international travelers were vaccinated this month in compliance with International Health Regulations.

Refresher AFP surveillance training conducted for polio staff in southern region of Afghanistan



Surveillance staff from WHO's Polio Eradication Programme conducted a comprehensive three-day refresher training on Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) and environmental surveillance in the southern region of Afghanistan in July. The training targeted field officers including Regional, Provincial and District Polio Officers, as well as Regional Technical Officers, and Regional and Provincial Coordinators.

The aim of the training was to enhance participants' knowledge and skills in both AFP and environmental surveillance, ensuring the timely detection, investigation, and reporting of AFP cases and appropriate collection of environmental samples from sites within the southern region.

The training included a demonstration of a practical neurological examination conducted by a member of the Expert Review Committee, aimed to bolster staff's proficiency in the examination process for AFP cases.

Both AFP and environmental surveillance play pivotal role within the Polio Eradication Programme, allowing for the early detection and reporting of poliovirus both in human cases as well as the environment. The training in the South formed part of ongoing refresher training for all field staff across the country.

Key communication activities

- 868,057 caregivers, including 551,041 women, engaged on polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health and COVID 19 in the South, East, South-East, North and West regions.
- 14,296 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness across the country.
- 2,304 women in the South region were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers
- 176,208 soap bars and 7,548 polio-branded baby blankets provided to households in the South and South-East regions to promote hygiene and polio eradication efforts.

Radio PSAs	23	Journalists trained	33	Total social media reach	66,772,755
TV PSAs	1	Total social media engagement	466,959	New followers	141,690



UNICEF Dr Shamsher Ali Khan shaakhan@unicef.org

WHO Dr Irfan Elahi Akbar akbari@who.int ٠

/WHOAfghanistan /poliofreeafghanistan /afghanistanunicef



www.unicef.org/afghanistan www.emro.who.int/polio



