

Afghanistan Polio Snapshot

March 2024



There was no campaign in March.

Permanent transit teams vaccinated 660,419 children against polio and cross-border teams vaccinated 51,655 children this month.

8,351 returnees and refugees were vaccinated with OPV, including 6,537 returnees from Pakistan.

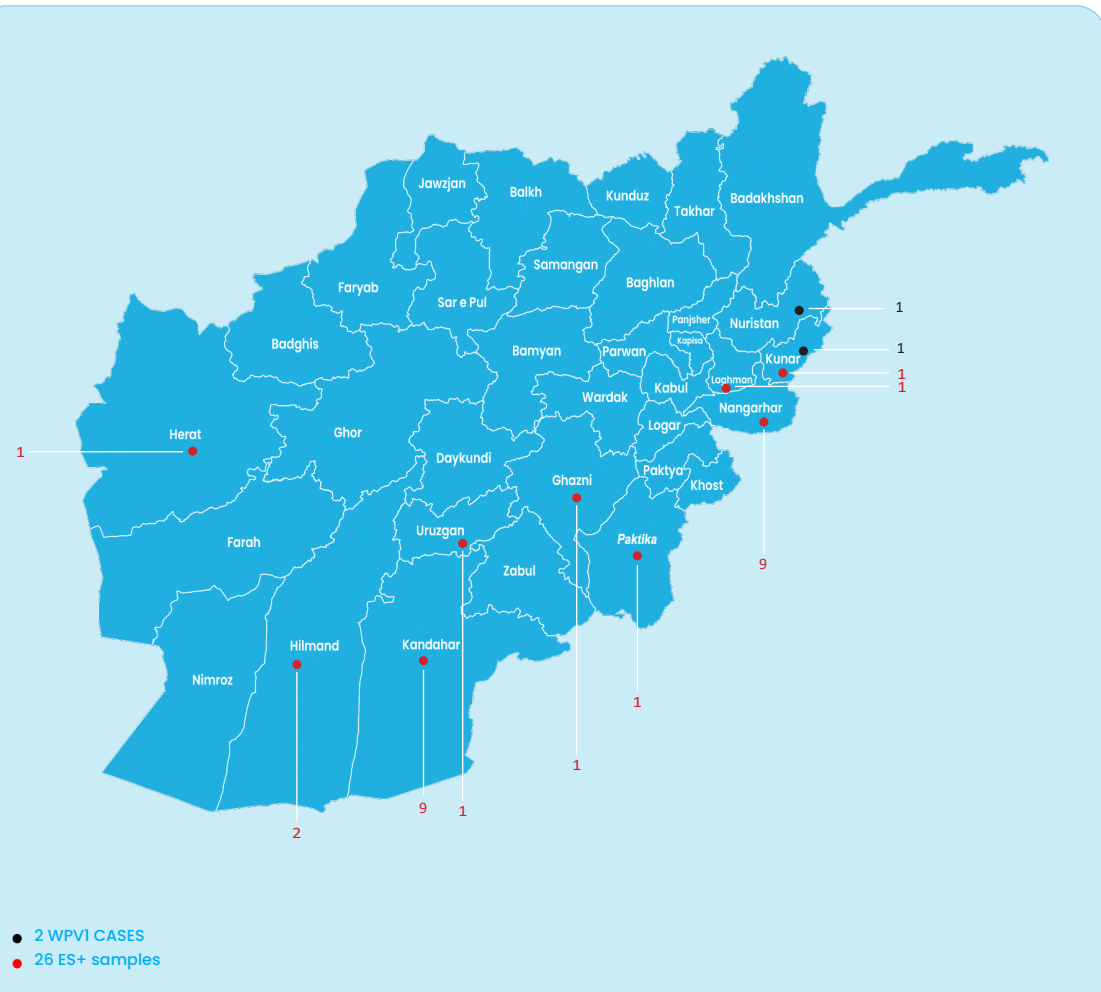
No new WPVI case was reported this month. Nine WPVI positive environmental samples were reported in March: one each from Nangarhar and Laghman in the East, four from Kandahar and one from Hilmand in the South, one from Herat in the West and one from Paktia in the South-East.

491 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in March: 226 girls and 265 boys. A total of 1,366 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2024. Of these, 1,224 cases have been discarded as non-polio AFP and 120 cases are pending final classification.

The non-polio AFP rate is 10, stool adequacy is 96% and the national non-polio enterovirus rate is 4%. In all regions, the non-polio AFP rate is above 6, stool adequacy above 94%, and the non-polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 3-6%.

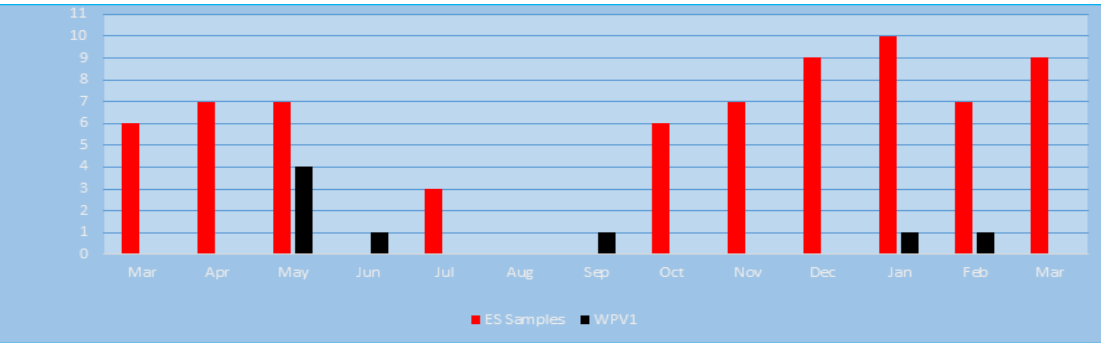
905,375 caregivers, including 889,327 women, engaged in polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health and COVID 19 awareness raising in the South, East, South-East, North and West. 10,864 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness across the country. 3,797 women in the South were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers.

4,034 soap bars were provided to households in the South to promote hygiene and polio eradication efforts.



● 2 WPVI CASES
● 26 ES+ samples

0 Polio case	65 Cross border vaccination teams
2 Polio cases, 2024	8,361 Returnees/refugees vaccinated
9 Positive environmental samples	44,864 Returnees/refugees vaccinated, 2024
26 Positive environmental samples, 2024	1,551 International travellers vaccinated
0.7 m+ Children vaccinated	0 Radio PSAs
0 Community mobilizers	0 TV PSAs
634 Female frontline workers	15 Journalists trained
256 Permanent transit sites	50,721 Total social media engagement
384 Permanent transit teams	1.6 m+ Total social media reach
12 Cross border vaccination points	16,957 New followers



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