

Afghanistan Polio Snapshot

October 2024



A subnational vaccination campaign was held from 28–30 October. A total of 6.2 million children under 5 years of age were vaccinated with bOPV.

Permanent transit teams vaccinated 720,557 children against polio and cross-border teams vaccinated 100,383 children this month.

9,237 returnees and refugees were vaccinated with bOPV, including 7,942 returnees from Pakistan.

One new WPV1 case was reported from Uruzgan in the South this month. Six WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in October: four from Kandahar and one from Hilmand in the South, and one from Herat in the West region.

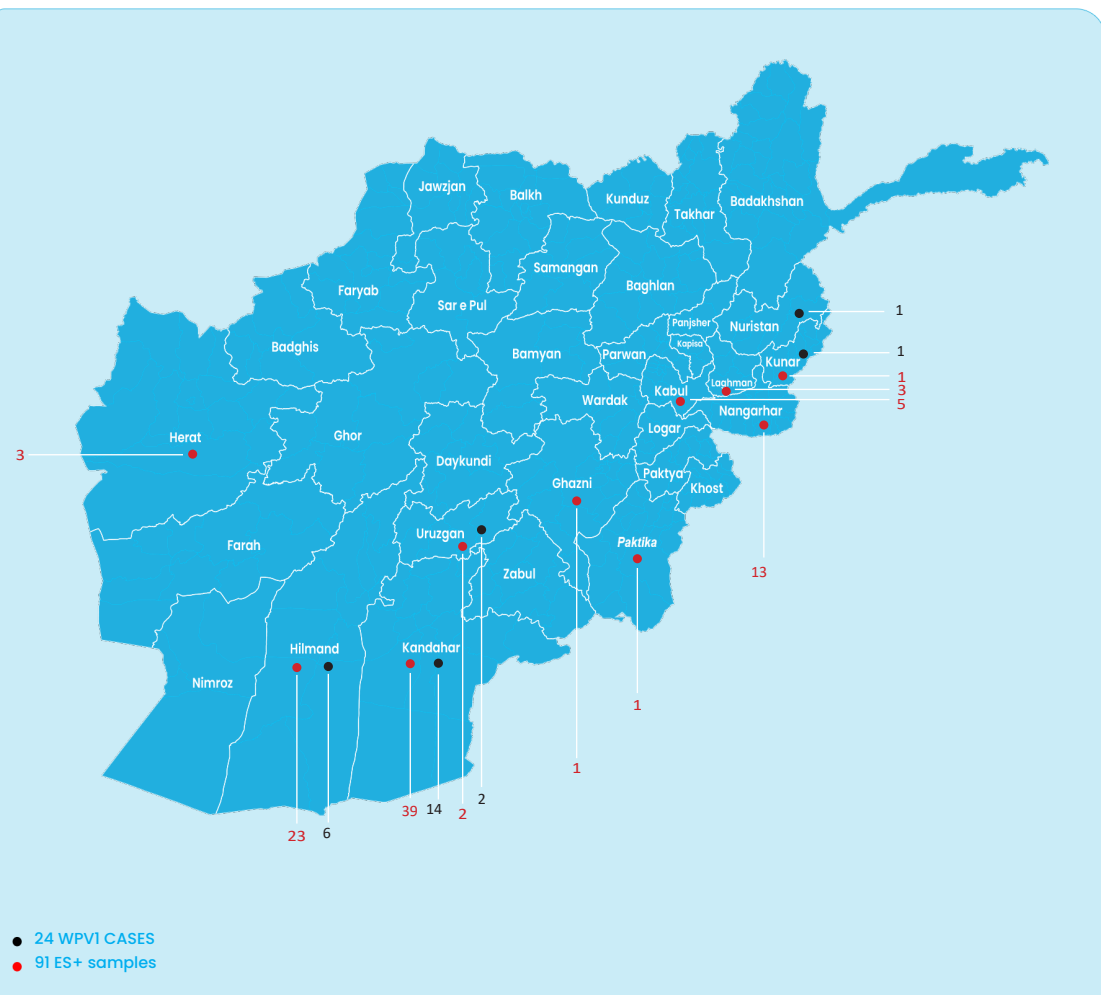
434 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in October: 199 girls and 235 boys. A total of 4,682 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning

of 2024. Of these, 4,366 cases have been discarded as non-polio AFP and 293 cases are pending final classification.

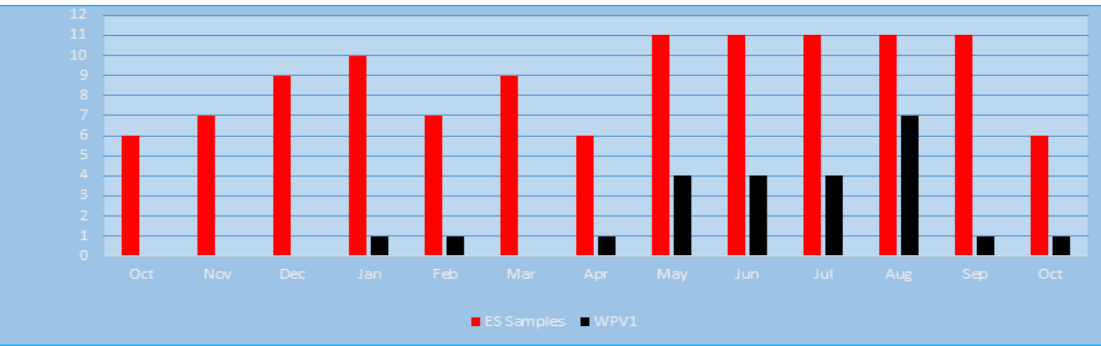
The non-polio AFP rate is 23%, stool adequacy is 94% and the national non-polio enterovirus rate is 14%. In all regions, the non-polio AFP rate is above 15%, stool adequacy above 92%, and the non-polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 9–17%.

963,089 caregivers, including 950,143 women, engaged in polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health and COVID 19 awareness raising in the South, East, South-East, North and West. 19,767 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness across the country. 2,630 women in the South were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers.

225,403 soaps, 60,769 diapers and 511 caps were distributed to caregivers in the South region.



1 Polio case	46 Cross border vaccination teams
24 Polio cases, 2024	9,237 Returnees/refugees vaccinated
6 Positive environmental samples	157,028 Returnees/refugees vaccinated, 2024
91 Positive environmental samples, 2024	2,267 International travellers vaccinated
6.2 m+ Children vaccinated	0 Radio PSAs
10,007 Community mobilizers	0 TV PSAs
9,787 Female frontline workers	40 Journalists trained
260 Permanent transit sites	28,423 Total social media engagement
260 Permanent transit teams	6 m+ Total social media reach
11 Cross border vaccination points	18,538 New followers



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