

Afghanistan Polio Snapshot

September 2024



There was no campaign in September.

Permanent transit teams vaccinated 712,574 children against polio and cross-border teams vaccinated 129,035 children this month.

12,429 returnees and refugees were vaccinated with OPV, including 11,719 returnees from Pakistan.

One new WPV1 case was reported from Hilmand in the South this month. Eleven WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in September: five from Kandahar and four from Hilmand in the South, and one from Nangarhar in the East and one from Kabul in Central region.

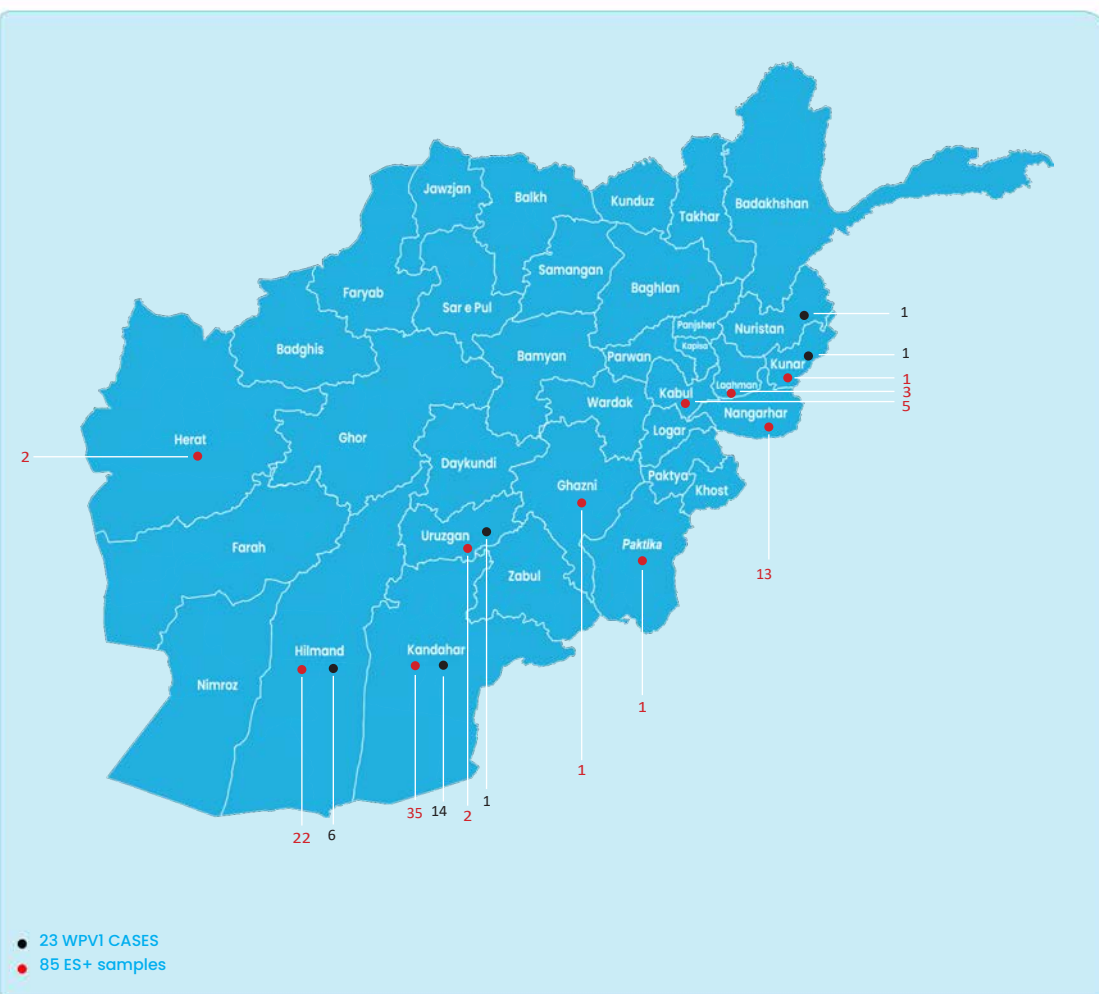
495 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in September: 232 girls and 263 boys. A total of 4,563 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2024. Of these, 4,316 cases have been discarded as non-polio

AFP and 224 cases are pending final classification.

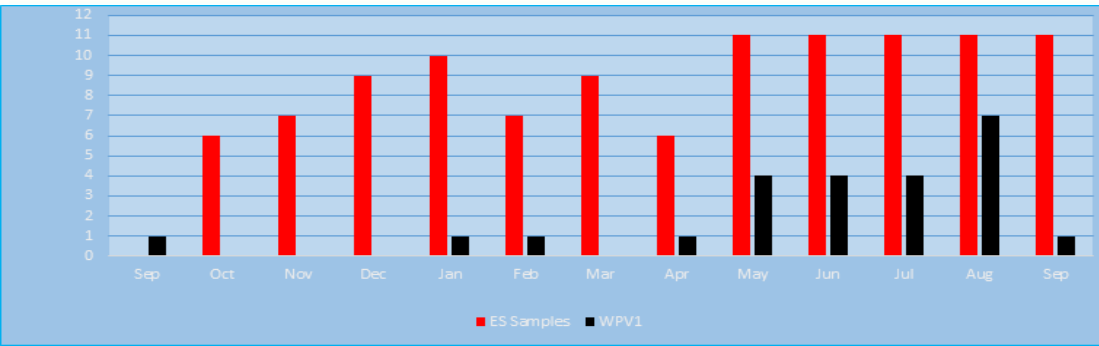
The non-polio AFP rate is 22%, stool adequacy is 95% and the national non-polio enterovirus rate is 14%. In all regions, the non-polio AFP rate is above 15%, stool adequacy above 92%, and the non-polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 9-17%.

984,166 caregivers, including 972,019 women, engaged in polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health and COVID 19 awareness raising in the South, East, South-East, North and West. 16,508 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness across the country. 2,383 women in the South were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers.

511 caps were distributed to caregivers in the South region.



1 Polio case	60 Cross border vaccination teams
23 Polio cases, 2024	12,429 Returnees/refugees vaccinated
11 Positive environmental samples	150,027 Returnees/refugees vaccinated, 2024
85 Positive environmental samples, 2024	1,978 International travellers vaccinated
0.8m+ Children vaccinated	0 Radio PSAs
10,352 Community mobilizers	0 TV PSAs
630 Female frontline workers	0 Journalists trained
235 Permanent transit sites	20,810 Total social media engagement
287 Permanent transit teams	2.8m+ Total social media reach
12 Cross border vaccination points	9,511 New followers



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