

# Afghanistan Polio Snapshot

December 2023



A subnational vaccination campaign was held in the East, North-East, South, South-East and some high risk districts of the Central and West regions during December. A total of 7,878,650 children under 5 years of age were vaccinated with bOPV. An additional 1,213,717 children aged between 5-10 years were also vaccinated in the East region as recommended by TAG.

63,575 returnees and refugees were vaccinated with OPV in December, including 59,850 returnees from Pakistan. From 1 January 2023 to 31 December, 409,522 children have been vaccinated with OPV.

No new WPV1 case was reported this month. Nine WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in December: three from Nangarhar and one from Kunar in the East, three from Kandahar and one each from Hilmand and Uruzgan in the South.

436 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in December: 189 girls and 247 boys. A total of 5,829 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning

of 2023. Of these, 5,608 cases have been discarded as non-polio and 215 cases are pending final classification.

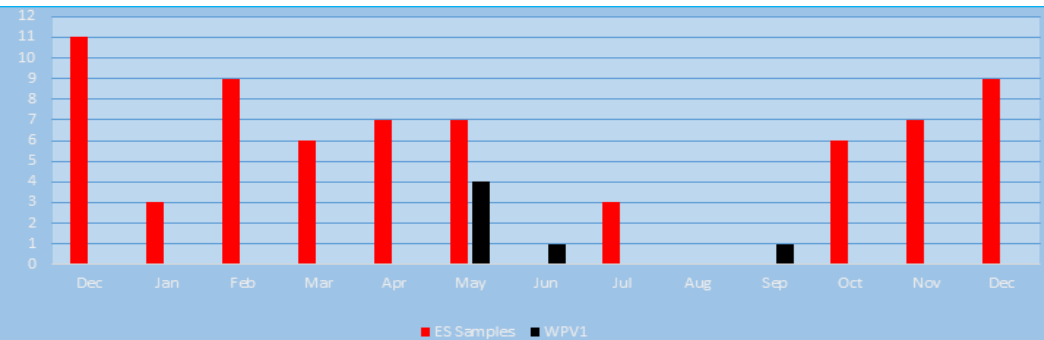
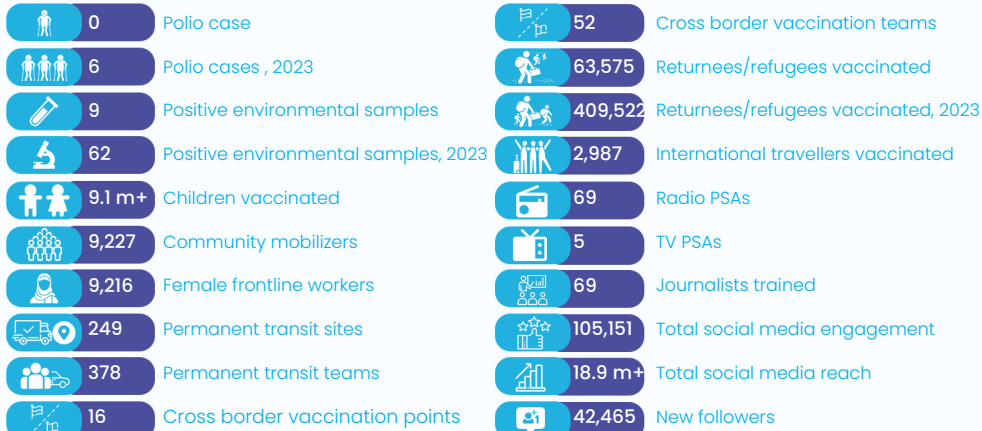
The non-polio AFP rate is 24, stool adequacy is 94%, and national non-polio enterovirus rate is 14%. In all regions, non-polio AFP rate is above 16, stool adequacy above 91%, and non polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 12-17% in 2023.

564,714 caregivers, including 547,880 women, engaged in polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health, and COVID 19 awareness raising in the South, East, South-East, North and West. 18,856 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness across the country. 4,570 women in the South region were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers.

315,810 soap bars and 2,700 polio branded baby blankets were provided to households in the South and North regions to promote hygiene and polio eradication efforts.



● WPV1 CASES  
● ES+ samples



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