

Afghanistan Polio Snapshot

December 2024



A subnational vaccination campaign was held from 23–25 December. A total of 5.3 million children under 5 years of age were vaccinated with bOPV.

Permanent transit teams vaccinated 545,795 children against polio and cross-border teams vaccinated 89,839 children this month.

2,307 returnees and refugees were vaccinated with bOPV, including 1,594 returnees from Pakistan.

No new WPV1 case was reported this month. Thirteen WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in December: four from Kandahar, four from Hilmand and one from Zabul in the South, one each from Nangarhar and Laghman in the East, one from Badghis in the West and one from Baghlan in the North-East.

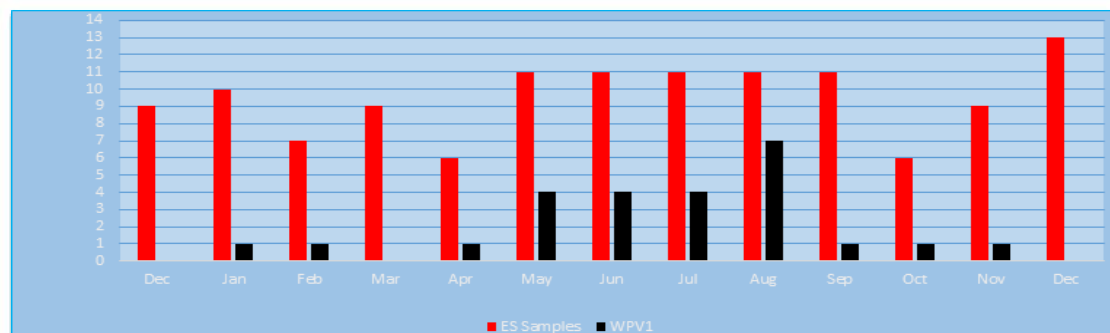
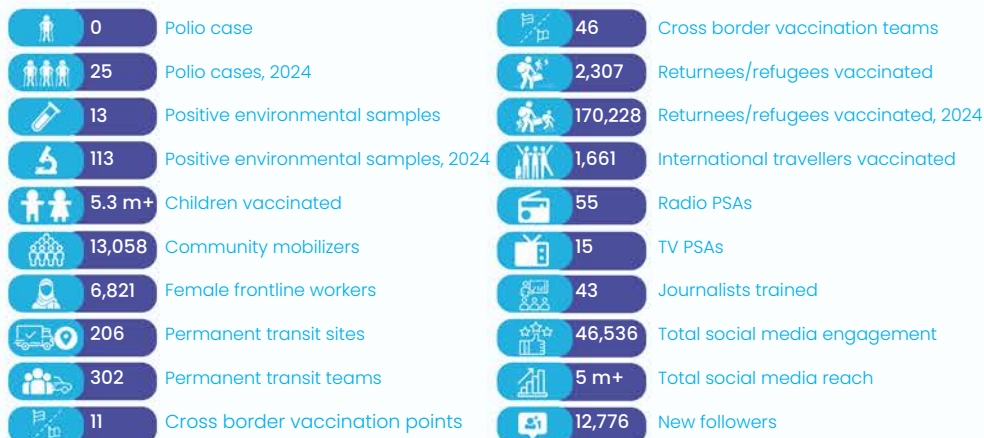
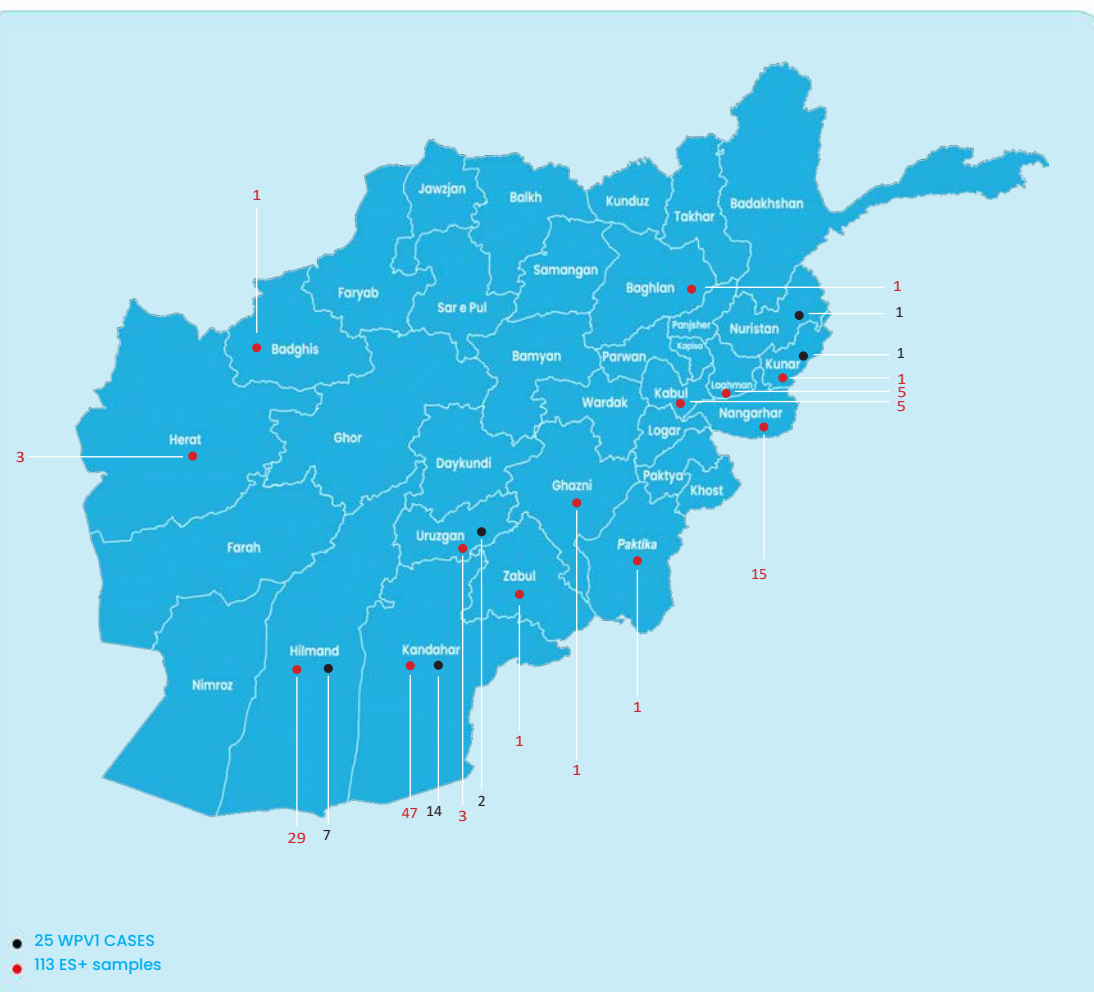
420 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in December: 197 girls and 223 boys. A total of 5,730 AFP cases have

been reported since the beginning of 2024. Of these, 5,486 cases have been discarded as non-polio AFP and 219 cases are pending final classification.

The non-polio AFP rate is 23%, 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%.

948,683 caregivers, including 933,804 women, engaged in polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health and COVID 19 awareness raising in the South, East, South-East, North and West. 12,905 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness across the country. 2,506 women in the South were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers.

217,287 soaps and 71,005 diapers were distributed to caregivers in the South region.



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