

Afghanistan Polio Snapshot

January 2024



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 January. A total of 7,611,220 children under 5 years of age were vaccinated with bOPV.

18,708 returnees and refugees were vaccinated with OPV, including 17,847 returnees from Pakistan.

One WPV1 case was reported from Kunar province in East this month. Ten WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in January: four from Nangarhar and one from Kunar in the East, three from Kandahar and one Hilmand in the South, and one from Ghazni in the South-East.

440 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in January: 194 girls and 246 boys. A total of 498 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2024. Of these, 255 cases have been discarded as non-polio AFP and 243 cases are

pending final classification.

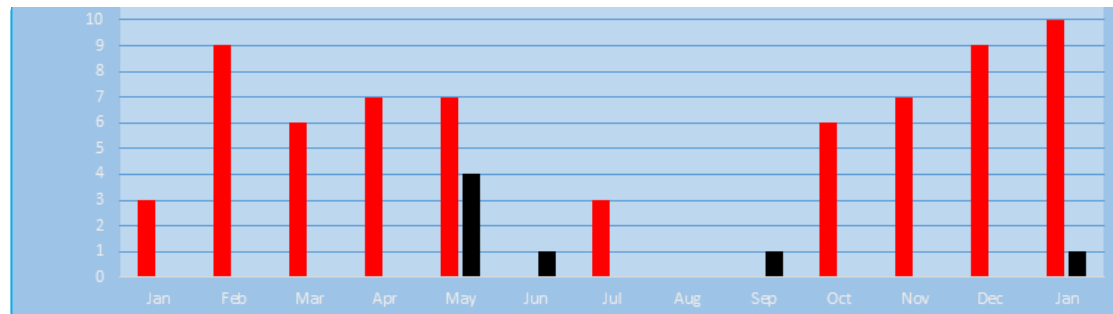
The non-polio AFP rate is 26, stool adequacy is 94% and the national non-polio enterovirus rate is 14%. In all regions, the non-polio AFP rate is above 17, stool adequacy above 91%, and the non-polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 13-17%.

949,913 caregivers, including 916,964 women, engaged in polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health and COVID 19 awareness raising in the South, East, South-East, North and West. 15,442 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness across the country. 4,359 women in the South were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers.

204,210 soap bars, 11,104 polio branded caps and 19,248 polio branded scarves were provided to households in the South to promote hygiene and polio eradication efforts.



1 Polio case	48 Cross border vaccination teams
1 Polio cases, 2024	18,708 Returnees/refugees vaccinated
10 Positive environmental samples	18,708 Returnees/refugees vaccinated, 2024
10 Positive environmental samples, 2024	3,007 International travellers vaccinated
7.6 m+ Children vaccinated	52 Radio PSAs
9,673 Community mobilizers	5 TV PSAs
10,221 Female frontline workers	39 Journalists trained
240 Permanent transit sites	46,023 Total social media engagement
378 Permanent transit teams	1.5 m+ Total social media reach
15 Cross border vaccination points	42,650 New followers



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