

# Afghanistan Polio Snapshot

June 2025

The South and East regions of Afghanistan remain areas endemic for poliovirus transmission. In the East, progress continues toward stopping transmission with the last case reported in February 2024. However, the outbreak in the South continues. Since the beginning of 2025, one WPV1 case and 35 positive environmental samples have been reported from the region. Limitation in campaign modality has led to low vaccination coverage, which remains a significant bottleneck. The Polio Programme is trying to utilize contingency strategy to fill the immunity gaps in the south. The rest of Afghanistan remains free from established polio transmission.

No new WPV1 case was reported in June. eight WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported this month: three from Kandahar and three from Hilmand in the South, one from Herat in the West and one from Nangarhar in the East.

Permanent transit teams vaccinated 586,898 children against polio and cross-border teams vaccinated 107,819 children this month.

Afghanistan continues with a sensitive poliovirus surveillance system, achieving all global surveillance targets. 489 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in June: 223 girls and 266 boys. A total of 3,660 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2025. Of these, 3,001 cases have been discarded as non-polio AFP and 357 cases are pending final classification. The non-polio AFP rate is 27 and stool adequacy is 97%.

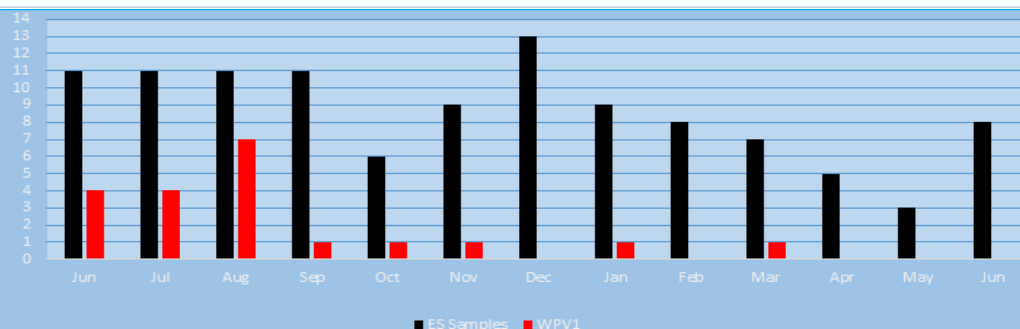
789,105 caregivers, including 775,245 women, were engaged in polio awareness-raising activities across the country. Additionally, 8,612 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness.



Province	Case	ES+
Badghis	1	
Kandahar		16
Hilmand	1	16
Laghman		1
Kabul		2
Nangarhar		2
Zabul		2
Uruzgan		1
Herat		1

● 41 ES+ SAMPLES  
● 2 WPV1 CASES

0	Polio case	36	Cross border vaccination teams
2	Polio cases, 2025	83,166	Returnees/refugees vaccinated
8	Positive environmental samples	218,827	Returnees/refugees vaccinated, 2025
41	Positive environmental samples, 2025	1,184	International travellers vaccinated
777,883	Children vaccinated	0	Radio PSAs
0	Community mobilizers	0	TV PSAs
522	Female frontline workers	110	Journalists trained
313	Permanent transit sites	161,989	Total social media engagement
341	Permanent transit teams	15 m+	Total social media reach
12	Cross border vaccination points	29,293	New followers



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