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POLIO CASES IN MARCH 2023

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**6** WPV1 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT  
SAMPLES IN MARCH 2023

**9,763,816** CHILDREN VACCINATED IN  
MARCH 2023

**7,681** COMMUNITY MOBILIZERS  
IN MARCH 2023

**10,619** FEMALE FRONTLINE WORKERS IN  
MARCH 2023

**531** PERMANENT TRANSIT SITES IN  
MARCH 2023

**12** CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION  
POINTS IN MARCH 2023

# POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN

March 2023

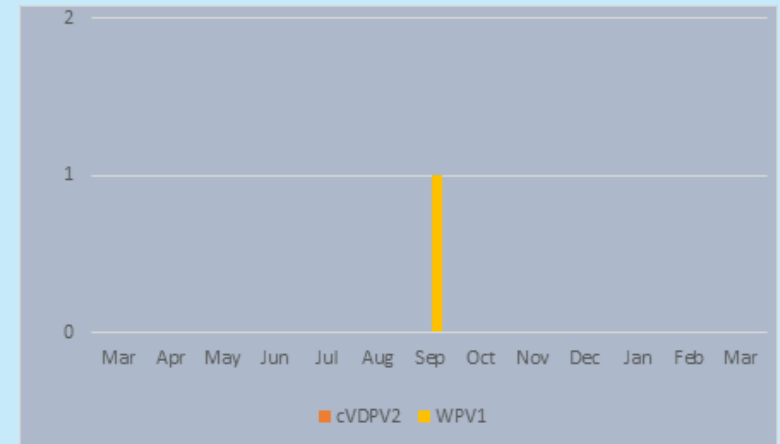


**WPV1 and cVDPV2 cases in March 2023**

- 0 cVDPV2 cases
- 0 WPV1 cases

**Total WPV1 and cVDPV2 cases in 2023**

- 0 cVDPV2 cases in 2023
- 0 WPV1 cases in 2023



WILD POLIOVIRUS AND cVDPV2 CASE COUNT 2022-2023

Data as of 31 March 2023



## POLIO TRANSMISSION

- Six new WPV1 samples were reported from the East: one from Kunar province and five from Nangarhar province.



## AFP / ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 243 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in March: 125 girls and 118 boys. A total of 1,365 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2023. Of these, 1,067 cases have been discarded as non-polio, 298 cases are pending final classification.
- The non-polio AFP rate is 31, stool adequacy is above 95%, and national non-polio enterovirus rate is above 7%.
- In all regions, non-polio AFP rate is above 18, stool adequacy above 89%, and non polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 6-10% in 2023.



## SUPPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- A National immunization Day (NID) vaccination campaign was held from 13-16 March. 9,763,816 children were vaccinated with bOPV.



## COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 12 cross-border vaccination points, 46 cross-border teams and 531 permanent transit sites were operational in March.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 789,727 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 338,502 children against polio this month.
- 2,175 children under 10 were given OPV in UNHCR repatriation centres and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in March.
- From January 1st 2023 to date, 7,965 returnee children were vaccinated with OPV.
- 2,117 international travelers were vaccinated this month in compliance with International Health Regulations.

## Teams from Afghanistan and Pakistan's polio programmes meet to enhance coordination in eradicating polio

With a razor sharp focus on the polio end game, polio programmes in Afghanistan and Pakistan came together in Islamabad from 29-30 March 2023 to strengthen coordination between the two programmes, particularly among the three corridors: southern, central and northern.

While coordination between the two countries is ongoing, the in-person corridor meeting allowed the teams to come together to discuss challenges and identify areas of priority for the programme on surveillance, campaign synchronization and social and behavior change communication.



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### Key communication activities

- 748,236 caregivers, including 375,979 women, engaged on polio, routine immunization, maternal and child health and COVID 19 in the South, East, South-East, North and West regions
- 70,588 community influencers facilitated 190,315 sessions on polio awareness across the country.
- 1,373 women in South region reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers
- 166,580 soap bars and 37,828 polio-branded baby blankets provided to households in the Central, West, South, East and South-East regions to promote hygiene and polio eradication efforts.

Radio PSAs	65	Journalist trained	73	Total social media reach	73,730,454
TV PSAs	7	Total social media engagement	1,301,615	New followers	138,719



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