

# Afghanistan Polio Snapshot

May 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 29 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 May. Three WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported this month: one each from Kandahar, Hilmand and Uruzgan in the South.

A national vaccination campaign was held from 26–29 May. A total of 12 million+ children under 5 years of age were

vaccinated with bOPV.

Afghanistan continues with a sensitive poliovirus surveillance system, achieving all global surveillance targets. 522 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported in May: 250 girls and 272 boys. A total of 2,735 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2025. Of these, 2,422 cases have been discarded as non-polio AFP and 311 cases are pending final classification. The non-polio AFP rate is 23 and stool adequacy is 98%.

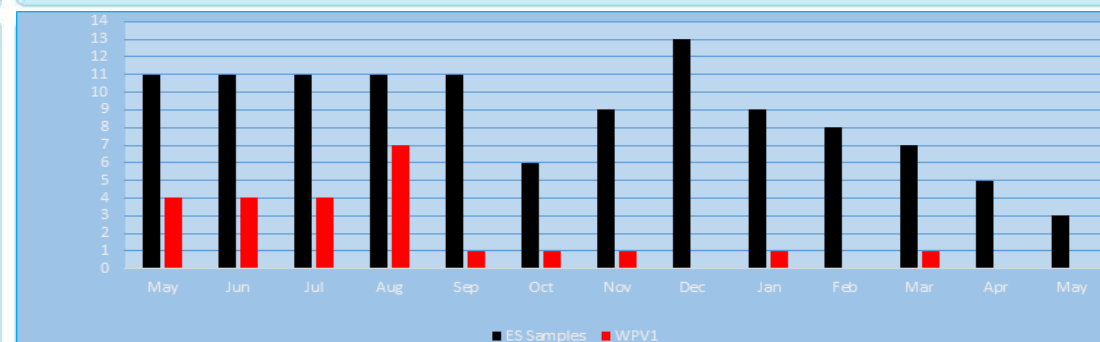
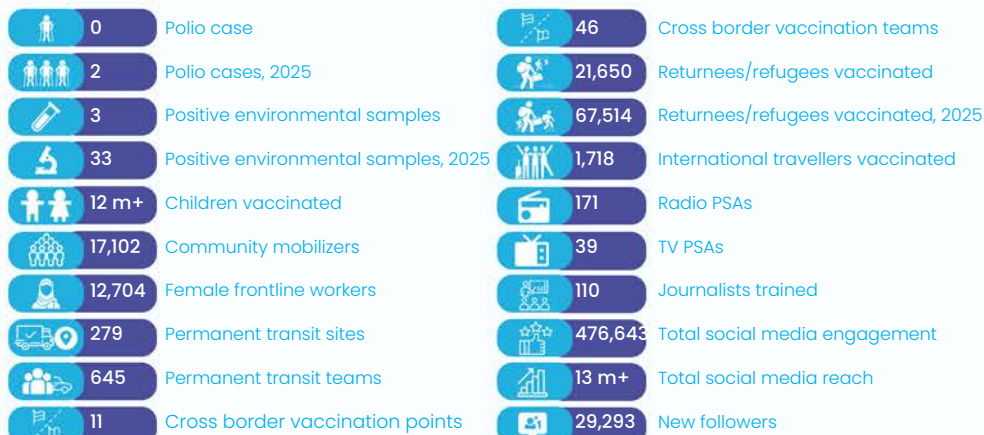
884,054 caregivers, including 854,830 women, were engaged in polio awareness-raising activities across the country. Additionally, 12,278 community influencers facilitated sessions on polio awareness. 2,499 women in the South were reached with polio awareness messaging by Female Communication Engagement Officers.

216,142 soaps and 67,285 diapers were distributed to caregivers in Kandahar in the South region.



Province	Case	ES+
Badghis	1	
Kandahar		13
Hilmand	1	13
Laghman		1
Kabul		2
Nangarhar		1
Zabol		2
Uruzgan		1

● 33 ES+ SAMPLES  
● 2 WPV1 CASES



WILD POLIOVIRUS CASES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES 2024-2025