

Highlights of Polio Fax Bulletin No. 1147 for Week 39 2020

I. Salient features

1. Polio eradication teams at the Regional and Country levels are contributing into COVID19 Response, particularly in areas of surveillance (field and laboratory), data analysis, communications and coordination.
2. Wild Poliovirus Type-1 (WPV1): 1 new case from Pakistan & 13 new positive environmental samples, 2 from Afghanistan and 11 from Pakistan
3. Vaccine Derived Poliovirus (VDPV):
 - cVDPV1: No new cases reported this week.
 - cVDPV2: 3 new cVDPV2 cases all from Pakistan & 8 new cVDPV2 positive environmental samples, 1 from Afghanistan and 7 from Pakistan.

Advance notification: 2 new WPV1 cases and 8 new cVDPV2 cases all from Afghanistan – details will be shared in next bulletin.

II. Wild Poliovirus Transmission

Endemic countries (Pakistan & Afghanistan): Total WPV1 cases in 2020 to date is 121 (47 from Afghanistan and 74 from Pakistan). This compares with 94 cases in 2019 in the same period (19 from Afghanistan and 75 from Pakistan).

- a. *Human samples:* one new WPV1 positive case from Pakistan.

Afghanistan: In 2020, 47 WPV1 cases have been reported so far: 16 cases from Kandahar province; 9 from Hilmand province; four each from Farah and Uruzgan provinces; three from Zabul province; two each from Herat and Khost provinces; and one each from Nimroz, Laghman, Kunar, Badakhshan, Balkh, Badghis and Paktika provinces. *The most recent case has onset of paralysis on 24 August 2020.*

Pakistan: One new WPV1 case reported this week from Bahawalpur district, Punjab province, with date of onset 5 September 2020. The case is of an 8-month old male child. The child reportedly received 2 OPV doses from supplementary immunization activities (SIAs) and none from routine.

In 2020 to date, **74 WPV1** cases are reported, 22 cases each from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Sindh provinces, 20 from Balochistan province and 10 from Punjab province. ***The most recent case has onset of paralysis on 5 September 2020.***

- b. *Environmental samples:* 13 new WPV1 positive environmental samples, 2 from Afghanistan and 11 from Pakistan.

Afghanistan: In 2020 to date, there are 29 WPV1 positive environmental samples including three combined (WPV1 and cVDPV2) with most recent sample collected on 6 September 2020.

Pakistan: In 2020 to date, there are 340 WPV1 positive environmental samples including 39 combined (WPV1 and cVDPV2) and 3 combined (WPV1 and aVDPV2) with most recent positive sample collected on 15 September 2020.

III.

Vaccine Derived Polioviruses (VDPVs): Total cVDPV2 cases in 2020 to date is 170 (79 from Afghanistan, 64 from Pakistan, 4 from Somalia and 23 from Sudan). This compares with 9 cases in 2019 in the same period (6 from Pakistan and 3 from Somalia).

Afghanistan: No new VDPV cases reported, but one positive environmental sample was reported this week.

Human samples:

In 2020 to date, there are 79 cVDPV2 cases; 44 reported from Nangarhar province, 12 from Laghman province, 8 from Kunar province, 3 from Kabul province, 2 each from Nuristan, Nimroz and Khost

provinces and one each from Badakhsan, Farah, Paktya, Jawzian, Hilmand and Kandahar provinces and with **most recent case's onset on 8 August 2020**.

Environment: In 2020 to date, 76 cVDPV2 positive environmental samples including 3 combined (WPV1 and cVDPV2) were reported: 36 from Jalalabad, 9 from Batikot, 3 from Behsud districts, Nangarhar province, 8 from Kabul district, Kabul province, 4 from Asadabad and 8 from Kandahar districts, Kandahar province; 3 from Lashkargah district, Hilmand province; 2 each from Khost (Matun) district, Khost province and Mehtarlam (Gumeen) district, Laghman province and 1 from Gardez district, Paktya province,; with **most recent collection on 4 August 2020**.

NB: One aVDPV3 has been reported from Ghazni district, Ghazni province, with date of onset 23 June 2020. It is not related with any reported VDPV3 viruses. Further investigations are underway to classify the case.

Pakistan: Three new cVDPV2 cases and 7 new positive environmental samples reported this week.

Human samples: The three new cVDPV2 cases are reported from Sindh province, two from Khiorangi and one from Khinazim towns. The dates of onset of the cVDPV2 cases vary between 4-13 August 2020.

In 2020 to date, there are 64 cVDPV2 cases reported. Cases include 42 from KP province, 11 from Punjab province, 10 from Sindh province and 1 from Balochistan province, with most recent case's onset on 18 August 2020. In addition to 5 aVDPV2 cases all from Punjab province, with most recent case's onset on 23 August 2020.

Environment: In 2020, there are 51 positive environmental samples for cVDPV2 so far (including 39 combined WPV1 and cVDPV2), the most recent sample collected on 12 August 2020. Also, there are five aVDPV2 isolates detected in the environment samples, which include three combined (WPV1 + aVDPV2). The most recent aVDPV2 positive environmental sample was collected on 10 April 2020.

SOMALIA: No new cVDPV cases or positive environmental samples were reported this week.

In 2020 to date: Four cVDPV2 cases reported from Abdul Aziz, Shibus, Dharkenley and Daynile districts, Banadir province, with **most recent date of onset 31 July 2020**. Also, there are 20 cVDPV2 positive environmental samples reported, the most recent collected on 29 July 2020.

SUDAN: No new VDPV cases or positive environmental samples reported this week.

In 2020 to date, 23 cVDPV2 cases reported. **The most recent case has onset of paralysis on 18 August 2020.**

A total of eight environmental samples have been positive for cVDPV2 so far, all from Khartoum with most recent collection on 9 August 2020.

YEMEN: No new VDPV cases.

In 2020 to date, 14 cVDPV1 cases are reported. All cases are from Saadah province, 5 from Kitaf Wa Buga district, 3 each from Sahar and Al Safrah districts, and one each from Sageen, Saadh City and Majz districts. The dates of onset vary between 31 January to 5 June 2020.

IV. Surveillance performance indicators

In 2020, 13 out of 22 member states are meeting the global target of both key surveillance indicators, namely non polio AFP rate of 2 per 100,000 children aged below 15 years and percent AFP cases with adequate specimen 80% and above.

- Morocco and Tunisia are missing both indicators as their non-polio AFP rates are 1.0 and 1.3 and their percentage of AFP cases with adequate stool specimens is 67.6% and 63.0%, respectively.
- Djibouti, Jordan, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates have a non-polio AFP rate of 1.1, 0.9, 1.4, 0.7, 0.6, 1.4 and 1.6 respectively.

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Figure 1: Non Polio AFP Rate and Wild Virus in EMR 01/01/2020 - 27/09/2020

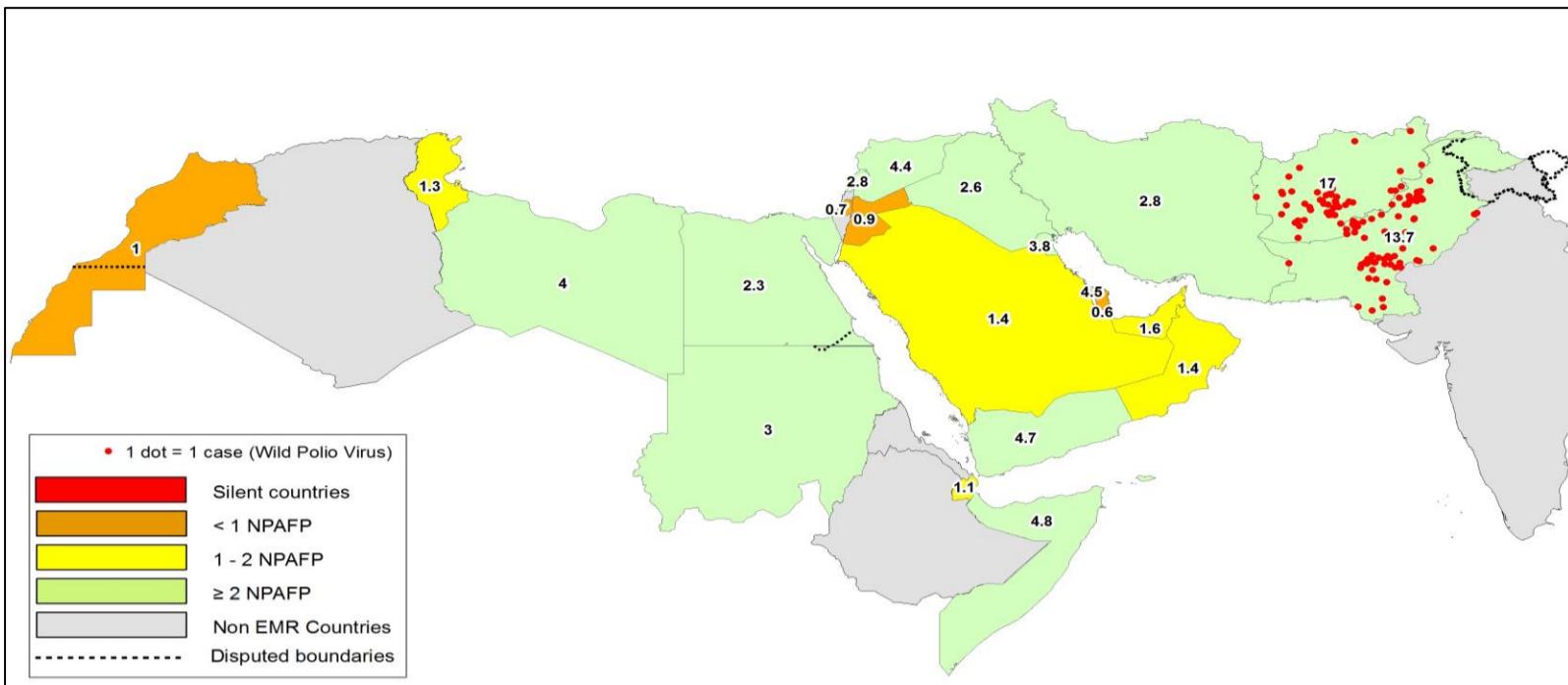


Figure 2: Percent of AFP cases with Adequate Samples & Compatible Cases in EMR 01/01/2020 - 27/09/2020

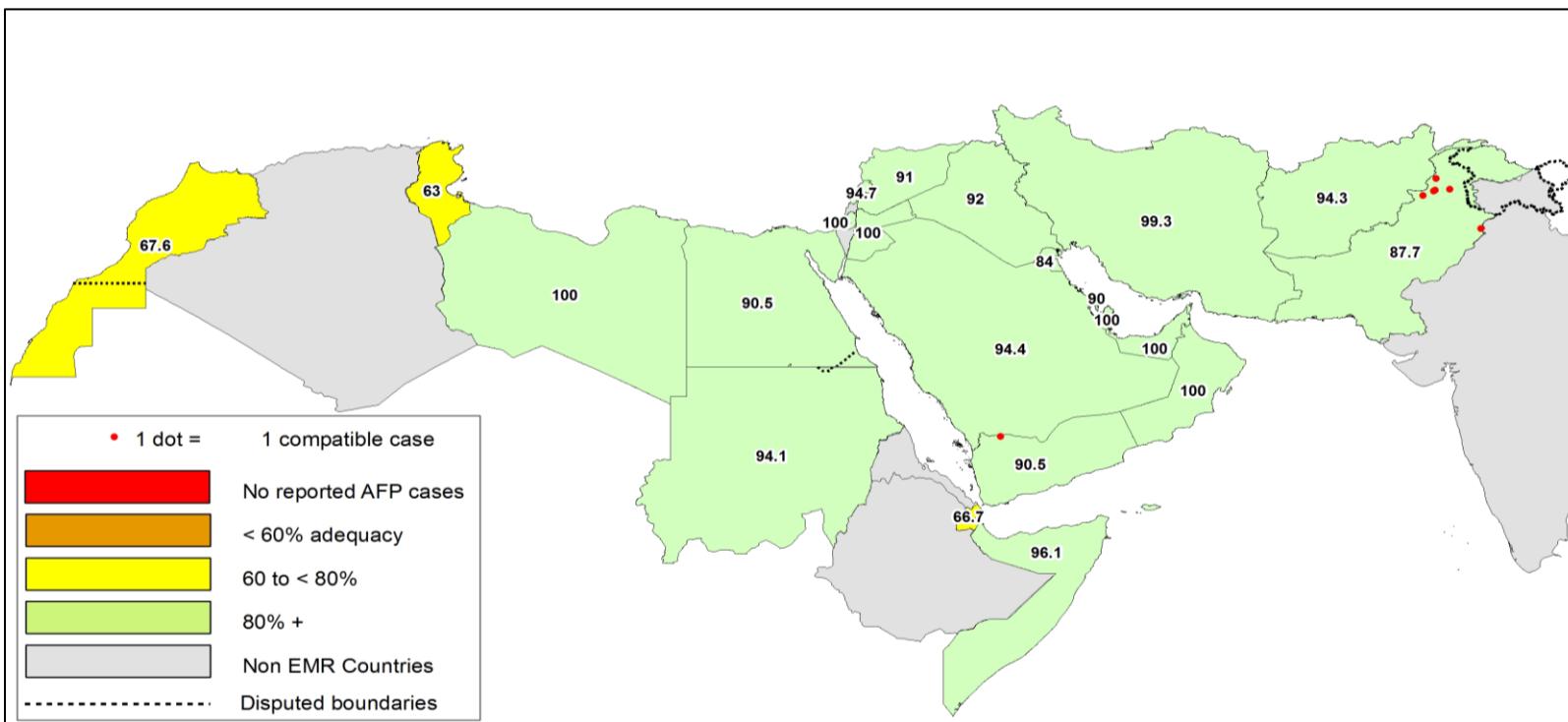


Table 8: Wild polio cases by country and date of onset of paralysis in EMR, 2019 - 2020

Year	COUNTRY	Count	First Case	Last Case
2020	AFG	47	4-Jan-20	24-Aug-20
	PAK	74	1-Jan-20	5-Sep-20
2020 Total		121	1-Jan-20	5-Sep-20
2019	AFG	29	4-Jan-19	7-Dec-19
	PAK	147	15-Jan-19	31-Dec-19
2019 Total		176	4-Jan-19	31-Dec-19

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Figure 3: Non Polio AFP rate by Province in Afghanistan & by District in Pakistan 01/01/2020 - 27/09/2020

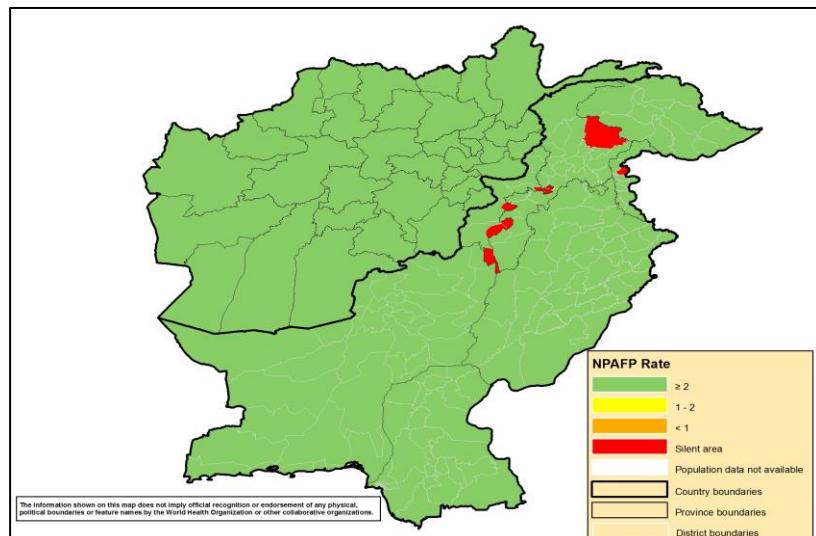


Figure 4: Percent of AFP cases with Adequate Samples in Afghanistan by Province & Pakistan by District 01/01/2020 - 27/09/2020

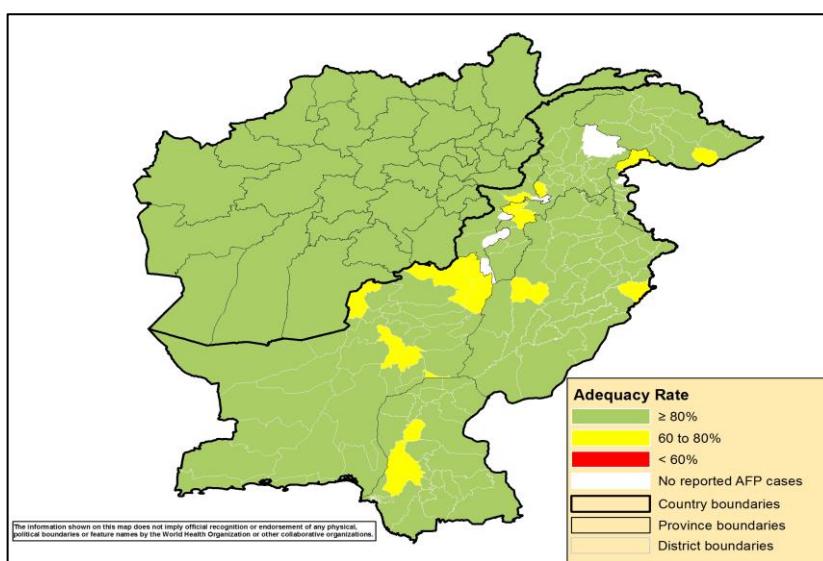
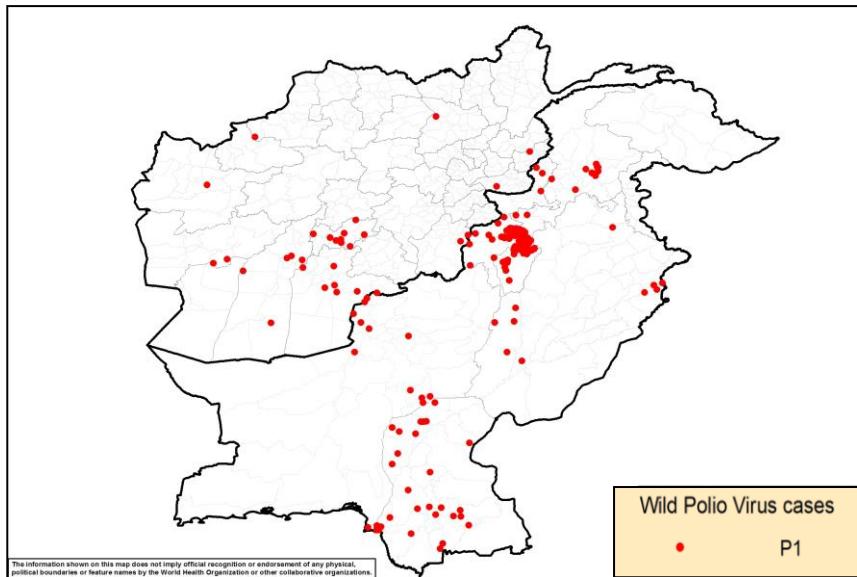
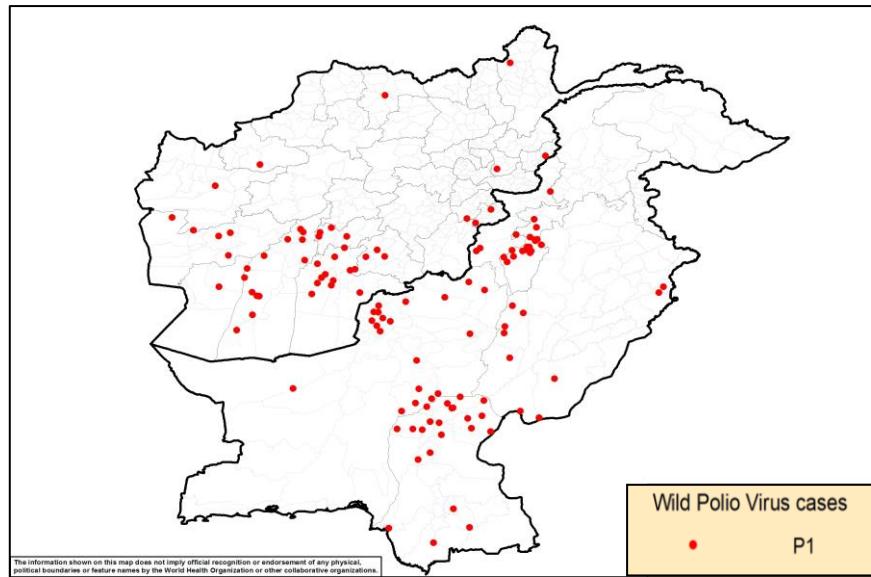


Figure 5: Wild Virus Cases by Type & District in Afghanistan & Pakistan

5(a) 01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019



5(b) 01/01/2020 - 27/09/2020



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Table 11: Circulating VDPV2 cases and date of onset of paralysis in EMR countries by provinces 2019-2020

COUNTRY	YEAR	PROVINCE	Count	First Case	Last Case
SOM	SUD	BANADIR	4	18-Jun-20	31-Jul-20
		SOUTH DARFUR	2	7-Mar-20	29-Apr-20
		EAST DARFUR	3	12-May-20	24-Jul-20
		KHARTOUM	1	3-Aug-20	3-Aug-20
		KASSALA	3	28-Jul-20	31-Jul-20
		GEZIRA	1	9-Jul-20	9-Jul-20
		RIVER NILE	3	29-Jun-20	18-Aug-20
		RED SEA	4	29-Apr-20	16-Aug-20
		WEST DARFUR	1	19-May-20	19-May-20
		BLUE NILE	2	7-Aug-20	17-Aug-20
AFG	AFG	WHITE NILE	1	15-Jun-20	15-Jun-20
		GEDARIF	2	1-Apr-20	5-Jul-20
		FARAH	1	1-Jun-20	1-Jun-20
		KANDAHAR	1	4-Aug-20	4-Aug-20
		HILMAND	1	1-Aug-20	1-Aug-20
		JAWZIAN	1	4-Aug-20	4-Aug-20
		KABUL	3	6-Jul-20	8-Feb-20
		NURISTAN	2	21-Jun-20	13-Jul-20
		NIMROZ	2	6-Jul-20	8-Aug-20
		KHOST	2	5-Jul-20	10-Jul-20
PAK	PAK	PAKYA	1	18-Jun-20	18-Jun-20
		BADAKHSAN	1	23-Apr-20	23-Apr-20
		LAGHMAN	12	20-May-20	20-Jul-20
		KUNAR	8	6-Apr-20	11-Jul-20
		NANGARHAR	44	5-Feb-20	29-Jul-20
PAK	PAK	SINDH	10	2-May-20	18-Aug-20
		BALOCHISTAN	1	29-Feb-20	29-Feb-20
		PUNJAB	11	5-Feb-20	13-Aug-20
		KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA	42	2-Jan-20	24-May-20
		Total 2020	170	2-Jan-20	18-Aug-20
PAK	2019	PUNJAB	1	22-Nov-19	22-Nov-19
		KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA	16	4-Sep-19	28-Dec-19
		ISLAMABAD	1	11-Sep-19	11-Sep-19
		GILGIT BALISTAN	4	7-Jul-19	28-Aug-19
		BARI	1	8-May-19	8-May-19
SOM	SOM	TOGDHER	1	21-Apr-19	21-Apr-19
		SOOL	1	15-Mar-19	15-Mar-19
		Total 2019	25	15-Mar-19	28-Dec-19

Advance notification of 8 new cVDPV2 cases from Afghanistan with onset in July / August 2020

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