

October - December 2016  

Afghanistan Polio Update

AT A GLANCE:

- 2 new WPV2 cases reported in Afghanistan (Kabul and Herat) in 2016
- Total of 11 environmental sampling locations identified in 2016
- Over 1.4 million children targeted for immunisation in the districts of Herat, Kabul and Kandahar
- Local district health authorities identified 10 sites
- Environmental samples from 10 sites returned to WHO from environmental sampling locations identified in 2016
- Environmental sample from 10 sites from Herat and Kabul returned to WHO
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POLIO TRANSMISSION:

Four wild poliovirus (WPV) cases were reported by Polio Cases in 2016 (the regional reference laboratory (RRL) in the fourth quarter of 2016, all from Herat and Kabul provinces in the southern region. The total number of Polio Cases in Afghanistan is 4 in 2016: 20 cases are from F2016a, four from Kabul, one from Kandahar and one from Herat. One WPV1 case reported in 2016 from F2016a, classified as WPV1c.

WPV1 transmission is linked to small geographical areas of rural and market provinces in southern and southern regions, as well as northern parts of Kandahar and Herat provinces in the southern region. There are currently four WPV1 infected districts, including Fingir, Herat, Herat, Herat and Herat.

No new environmental samples positive for WPV1 (WPV1) have been reported in 2016, the last WPV1 positive being from Kandahar in December 2015. This is the longest ever period without positive environmental samples since sampling started in 2010.

Transmission in Herat District:

- Located in one of the 32 very high-risk districts (VHRD), sharing a border with Pakistan with large areas of the district being under anti-government (AGU) control.
- Located in a low urban area in Herat and has a low population.
- Four GDNV sites and one WPV1-GPV campaign conducted since the start of the first case.
- The number of permanent health facilities and other health facilities has increased.
- Continuous dialogue at the community level has resulted in further coverage in campaigns.
- Supported from the national level has been identified with permanent presence of one national level staff from WHO and Herat's national Polio Emergency Operations Centre (NPOC).





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