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A week after the Middle East declared a polio emergency in the region, mass vaccination against polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases under way

Geneva, New York, 8 November – The largest-ever consolidated immunization response in the Middle East is under way to stop a polio outbreak, aiming to vaccinate over 20 million children in seven countries and territories repeatedly.

Emergency immunization campaigns in and around Syria to prevent transmission of polio and other preventable diseases have vaccinated more than 650 000 children in Syria, including 116 000 in the highly-contested north-east Deir-ez-Zor province where the polio outbreak was confirmed a week ago.

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