Vaccinators outside an informal tented settlement in Deir Ez-Zor administering polio vaccine to children, as part of the campaign. Photo: WHO

Situation update 31 July 2018

- No new cases of cVDPV2 have been reported in 2018. The total number of cVDPV2 cases remains 74.
- Efforts to enhance surveillance for polioviruses continue. A new environmental surveillance site has been established in Mayadeen district of Deir Ez-Zor governorate, the epicenter of the outbreak. This takes the total number of environmental surveillance sites in Syria to 11.
- Efforts to strengthen the Expanded Programme on Immunization to maintain high population immunity are ongoing. 86 routine immunization fixed centers in Idleb, Hama and Aleppo governorates have been restored.

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