

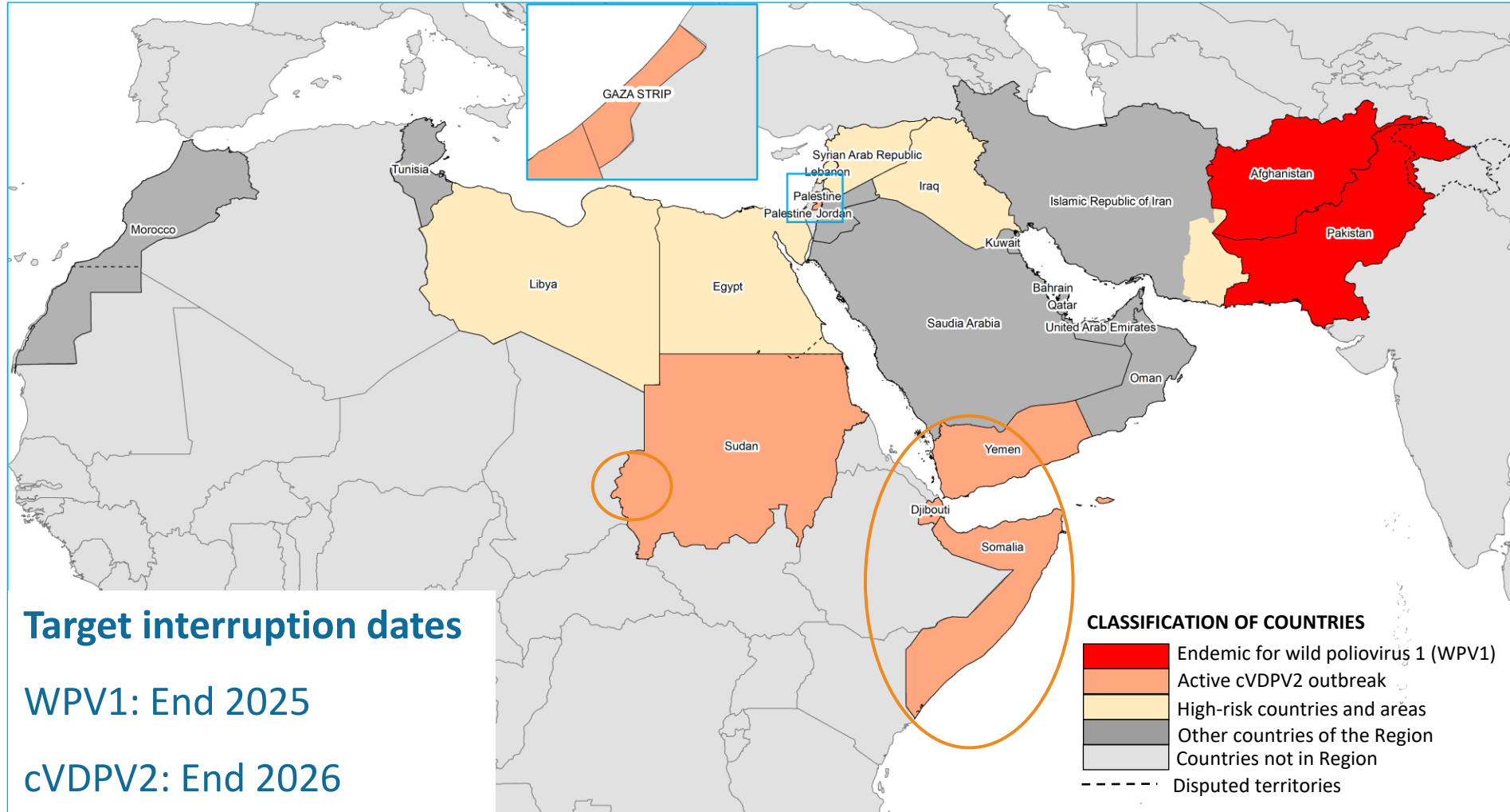
Polio eradication in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

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Poliovirus status: Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2025



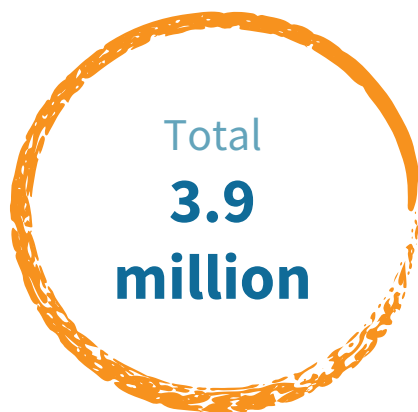
Unprotected children in the Region, 2024

2.8 million

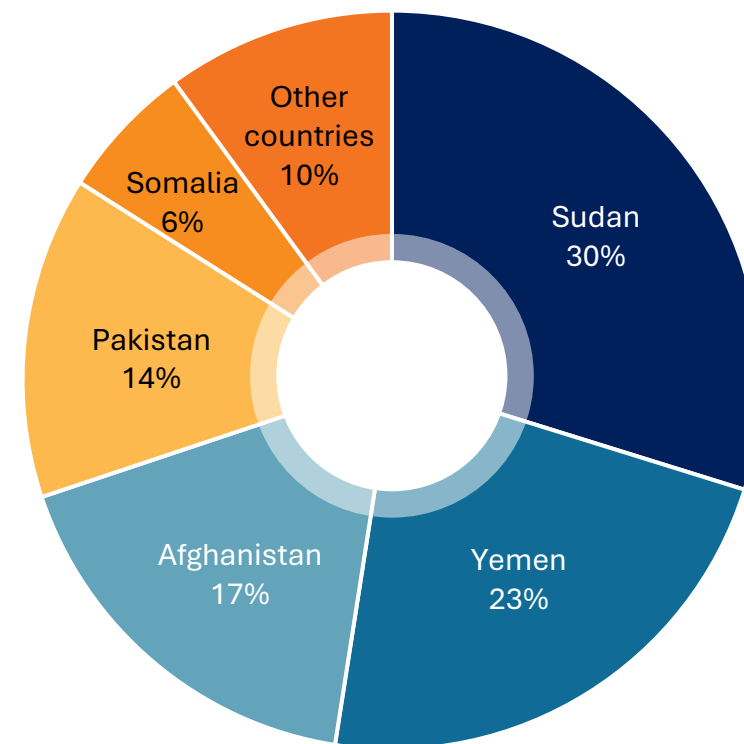
zero-dose children

1.1 million

partially-vaccinated children



21% of
children remain
unprotected
every year

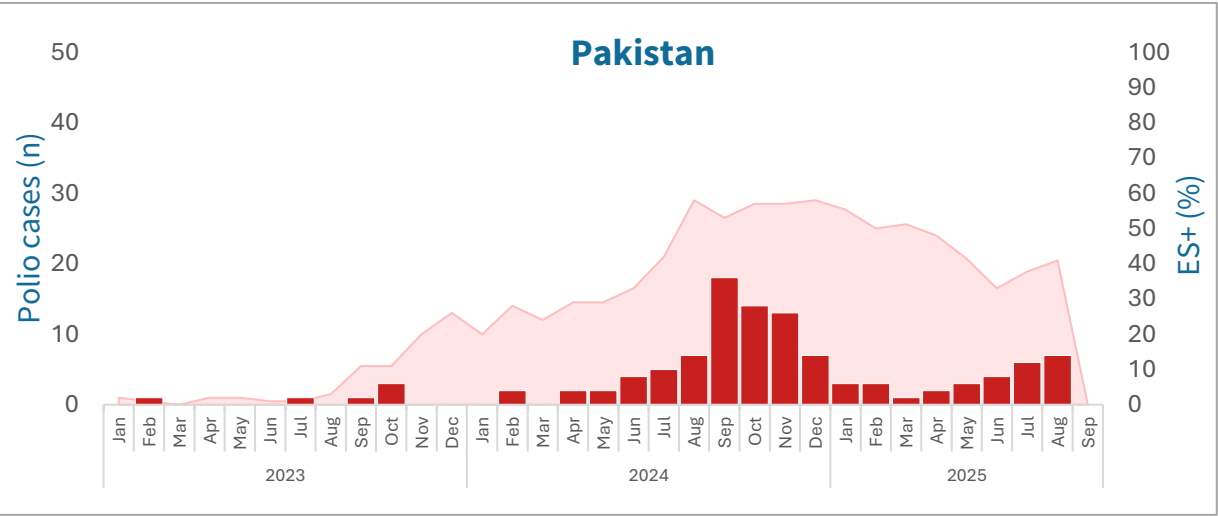
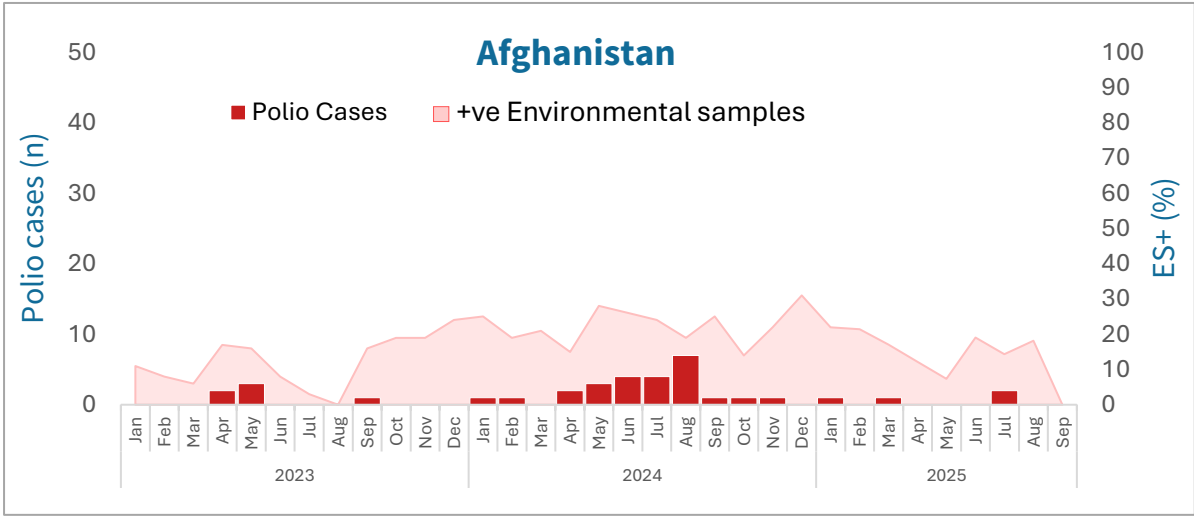
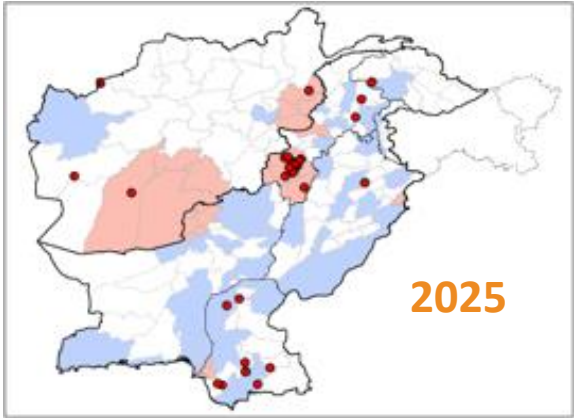
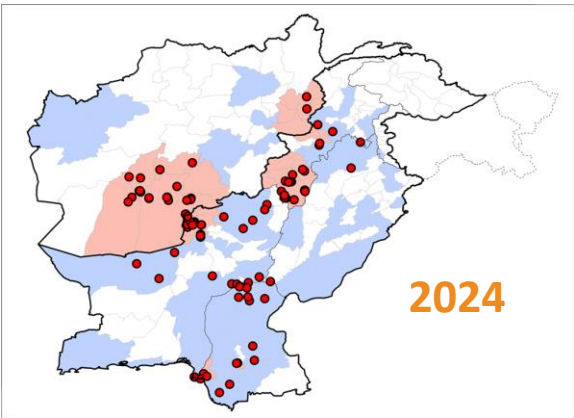
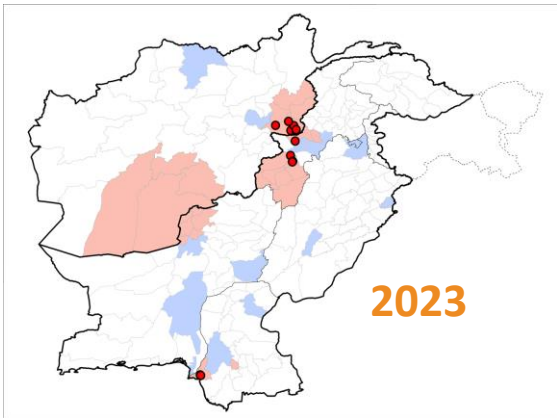


Distribution of
zero-dose children

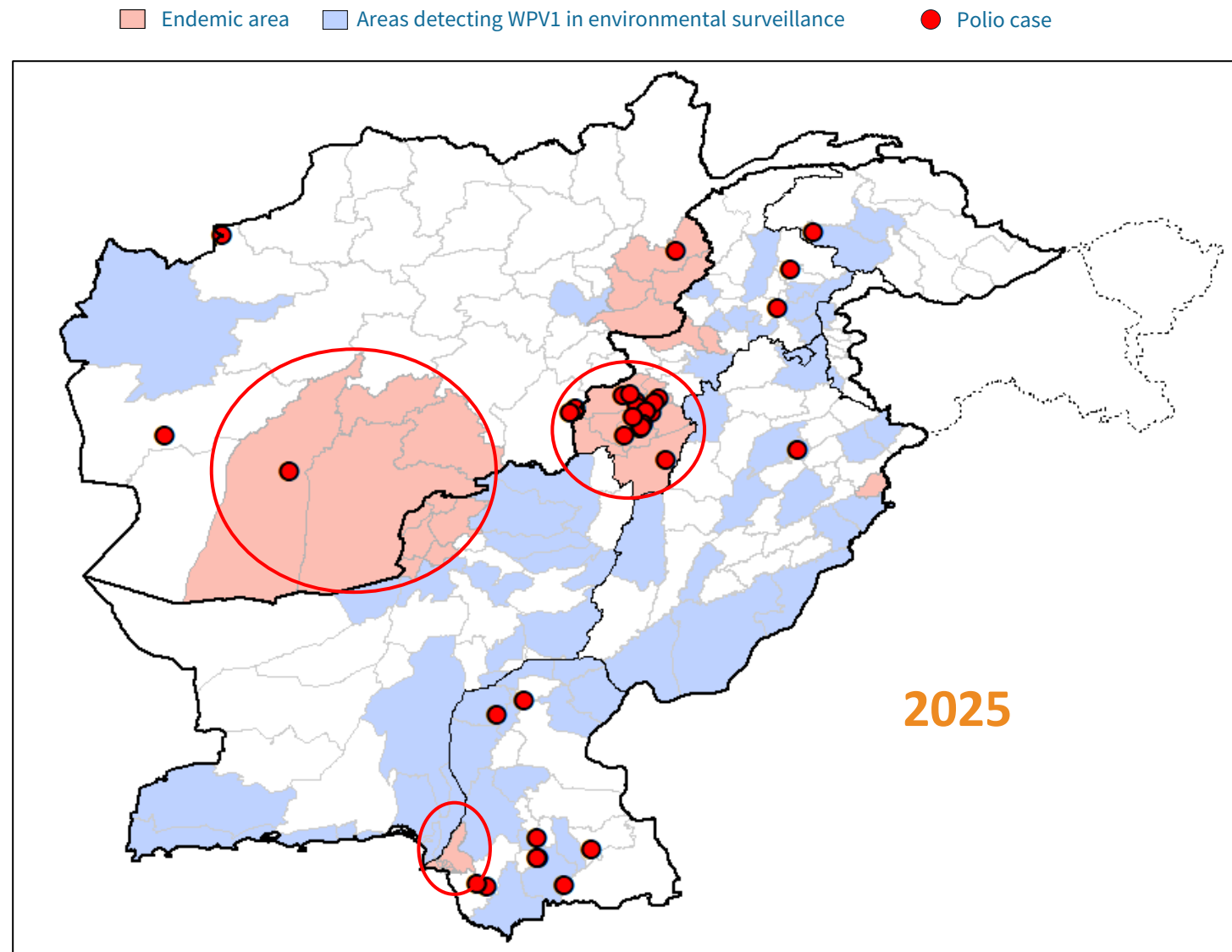
Data source: WUENIC estimates.

WPV1 epidemiology in Afghanistan and Pakistan

Endemic area Areas detecting WPV1 in environmental surveillance Polio case



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Roadmap to end wild poliovirus



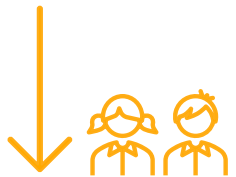
Access

in South KP, Pakistan



Support

in South Region, Afghanistan



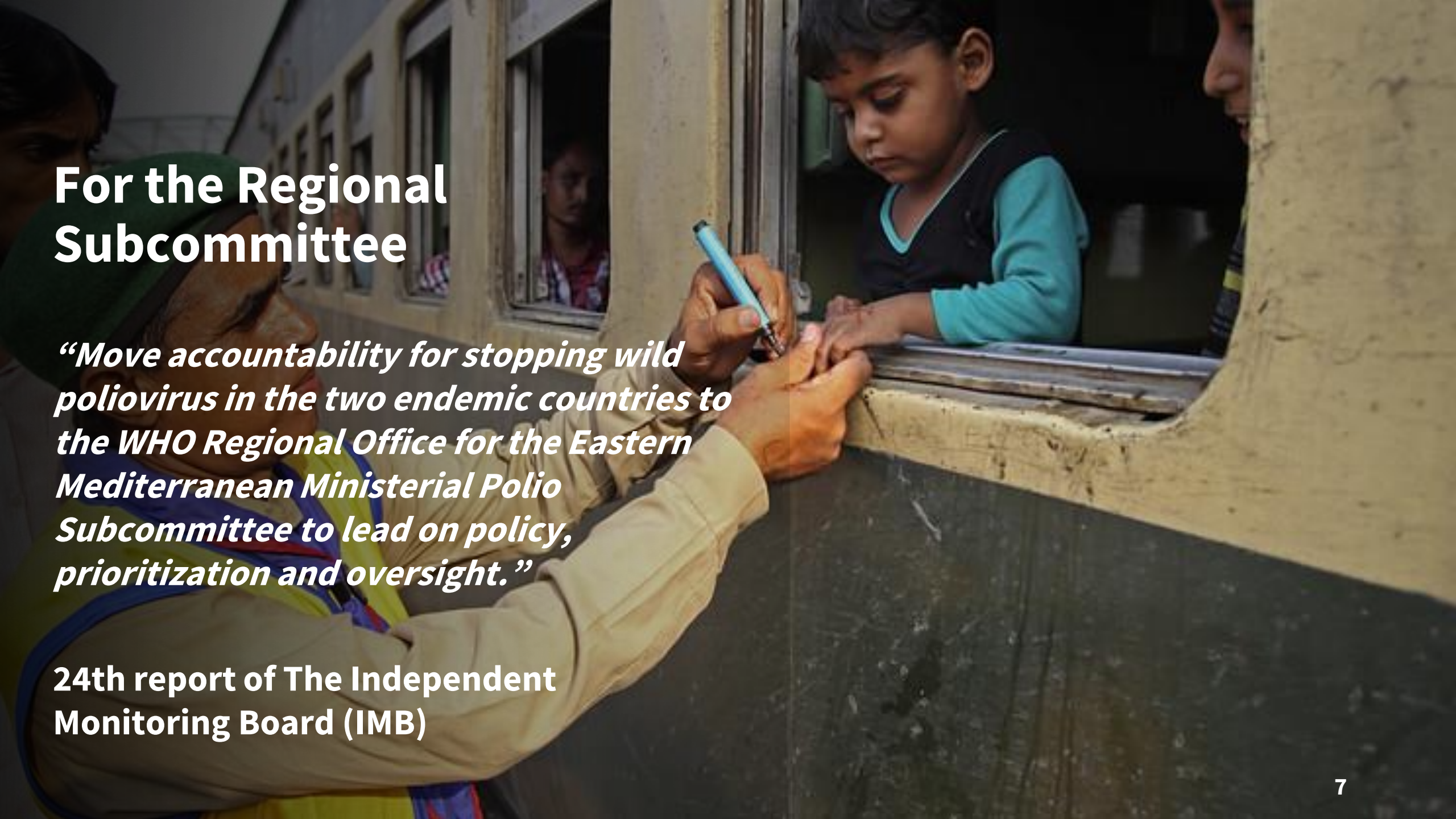
Reducing

missed children
in Karachi



Performance

Quality



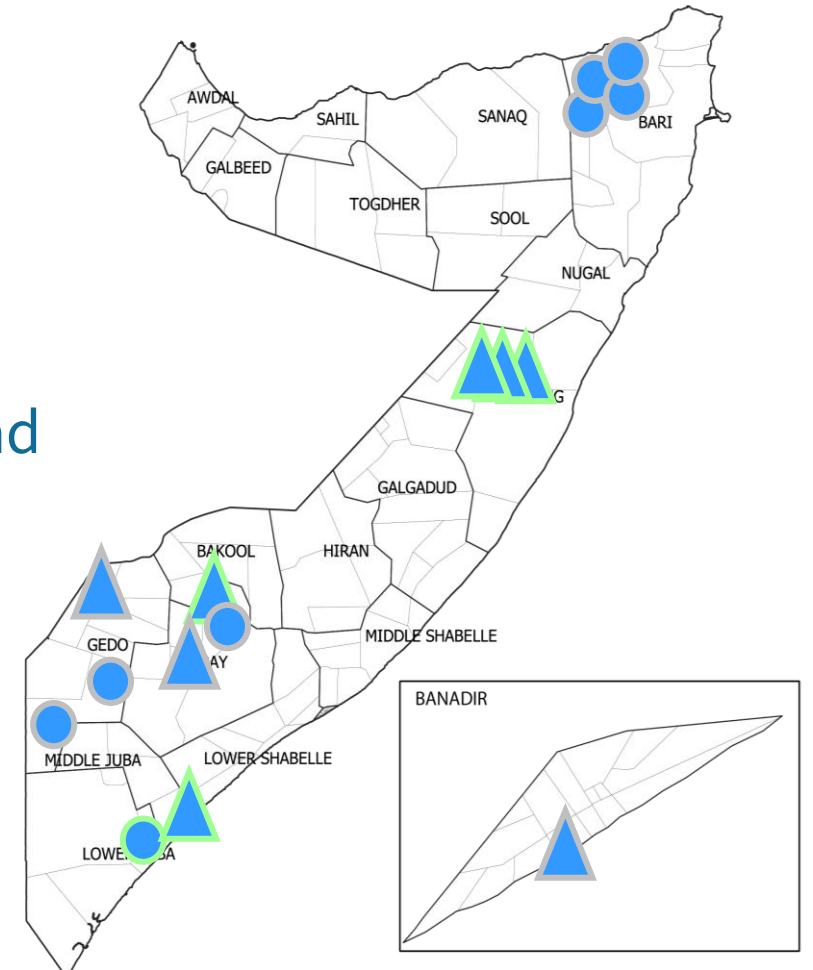
For the Regional Subcommittee

“Move accountability for stopping wild poliovirus in the two endemic countries to the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean Ministerial Polio Subcommittee to lead on policy, prioritization and oversight.”

24th report of The Independent Monitoring Board (IMB)

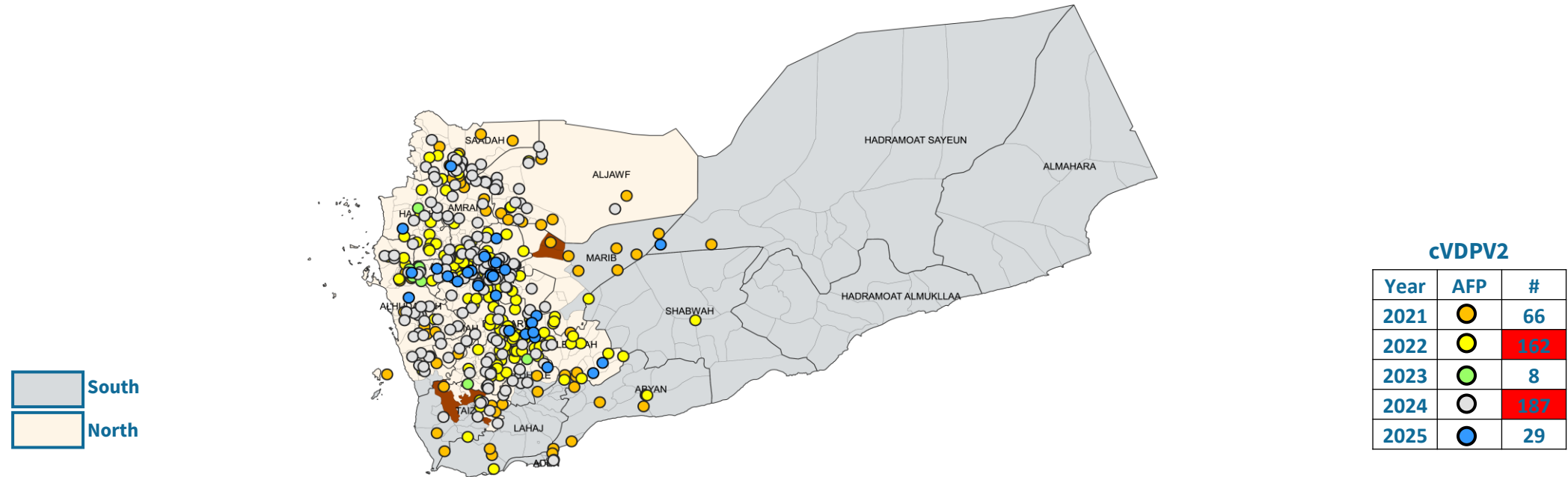
Somalia: cVDPV2 outbreak

- Persistent transmission since 2017
- Mostly limited to south-central Somalia with spread
- Half million children inaccessible
- Recent cross-border transmission from Ethiopia
- Gaps in quality of campaigns



Year	AFP	ENV
2024	7	3
2025	1	5

Yemen: cVDPV2 outbreak, 452 paralytic cases



- More than 400 paralyzed children in northern Yemen
- No permission for outbreak response campaigns, international spread
- Extremely difficult operating environment for United Nations
- Opportunity for intensified outreach vaccination
- Need for enhanced advocacy

Ending outbreaks

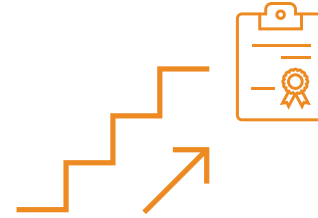
Support of the Regional Subcommittee



Permission for outbreak response
in northern **Yemen**



Improved **EPI**



Improved quality and access
in **Somalia**



Horn of Africa coordination

Your support, Honourable Regional Committee, is essential to reap the benefits of the enormous investments made by donors and countries and to prevent the inevitable and massive resurgence of paralytic polio, if we fail.

