

EMR Polio Bulletin

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Highlights



**Children
Paralyzed
by polio**

2020

■ **140 Wild Polio cases:**

- 56 in Afghanistan
- 84 in Pakistan

■ **515 cVDPV2 cases:**

- 308 in Afghanistan
- 135 in Pakistan
- 58 in Sudan
- 14 in Somalia

■ **31 cVDPV1 cases:**

- All in Yemen

2021

■ **2 Wild Polio cases:**

- 1 in Afghanistan
- 1 in Pakistan

■ **52 cVDPV2 cases:**

- 43 in Afghanistan
- 8 in Pakistan
- 0 in Sudan
- 1 in Somalia

■ **3 cVDPV1 cases:**

- All in Yemen



**Sewage
water
sampling**

2020

■ **469 Wild Polio isolates:**

- 35 in Afghanistan
- 434 in Pakistan

■ **352 cVDPV2 Isolates:**

- 174 in Afghanistan
- 135 in Pakistan
- 0 in Egypt
- 3 in Iran
- 14 in Sudan
- 26 in Somalia

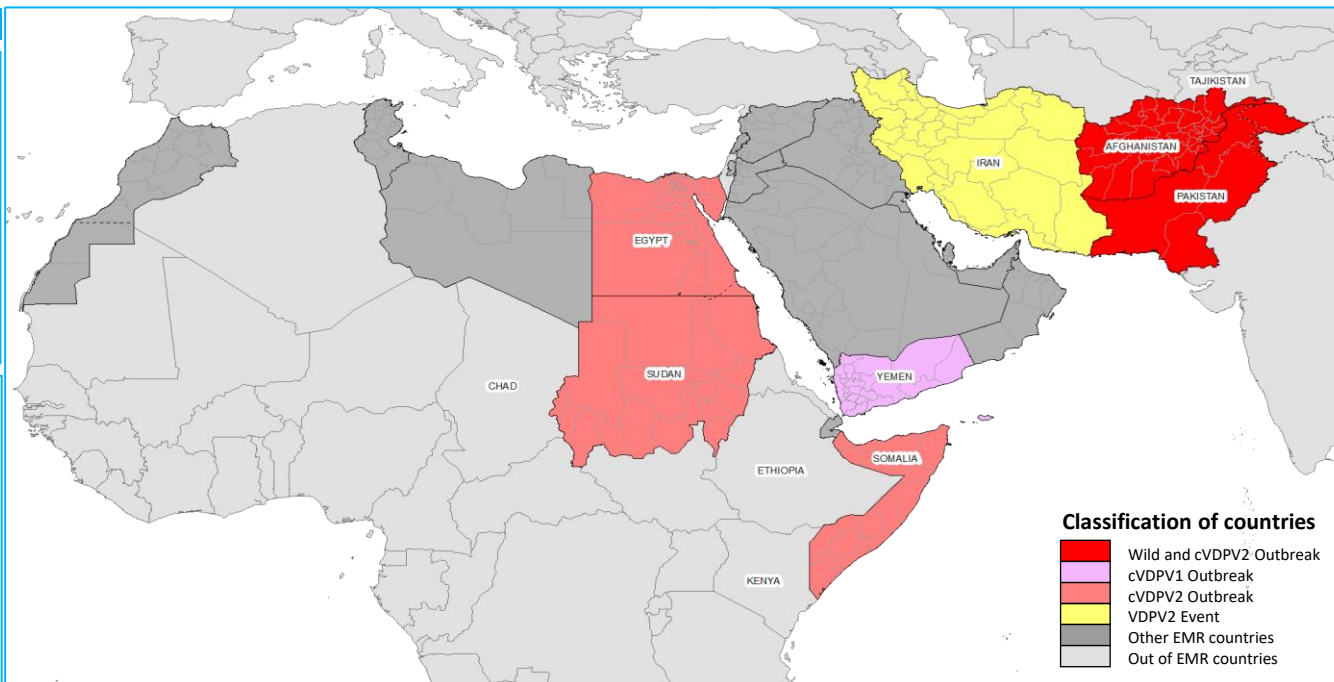
2021

■ **63 Wild Polio cases:**

- 1 in Afghanistan
- 62 in Pakistan

■ **87 cVDPV2 Isolates:**

- 40 in Afghanistan
- 35 in Pakistan
- 10 in Egypt
- 1 in Iran
- 0 in Sudan
- 1 in Somalia

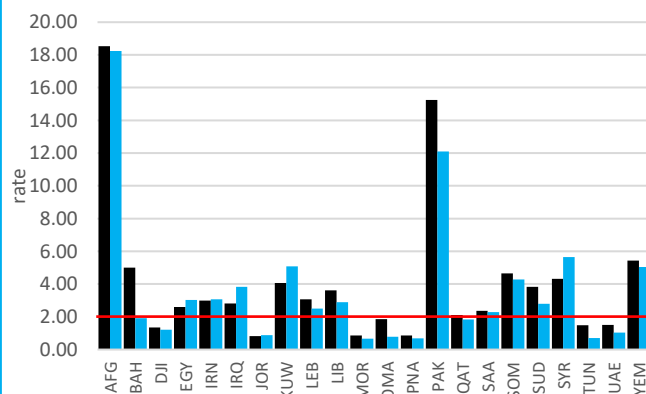


Highlights of the week

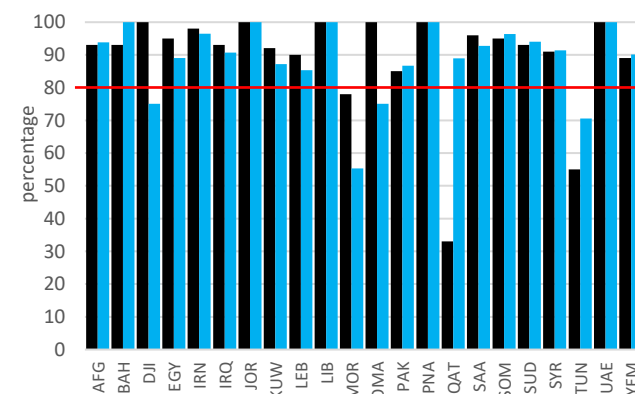
- No new WPV1 or circulating VDPV type-2 (cVDPV2) were reported from human or environmental samples.
- Regional office is supporting Egypt for the nOPV2 use (preparation and monitoring) which is expected early in December 2021.
- The 22nd Inter-Country meeting of directors of poliovirus laboratories network (PLN) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region will be conducted online from 10-11 November 2021.
- The Sudan outbreak response assessment (OBRA) had concluded, and the team had recommended that the OBRA team recommends the final OBRA to be conducted in January / February of 2022 which is twelve months after the last detected isolate.
- Polio eradication teams continued in contributing to the COVID19 Response, particularly in areas of surveillance, data analysis, communications, and coordination.

Wild Poliovirus type-1 (WPV1) *Vaccine-derived Poliovirus (VDPV)*

Non polio AFP rate

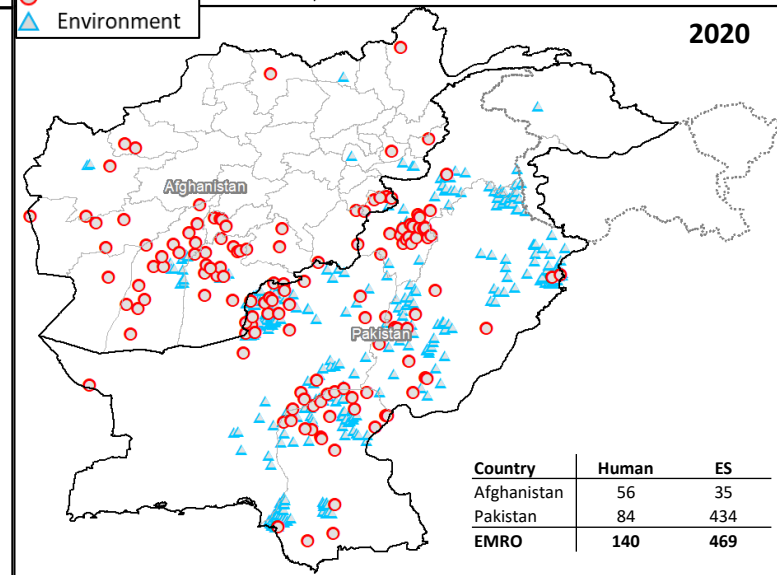
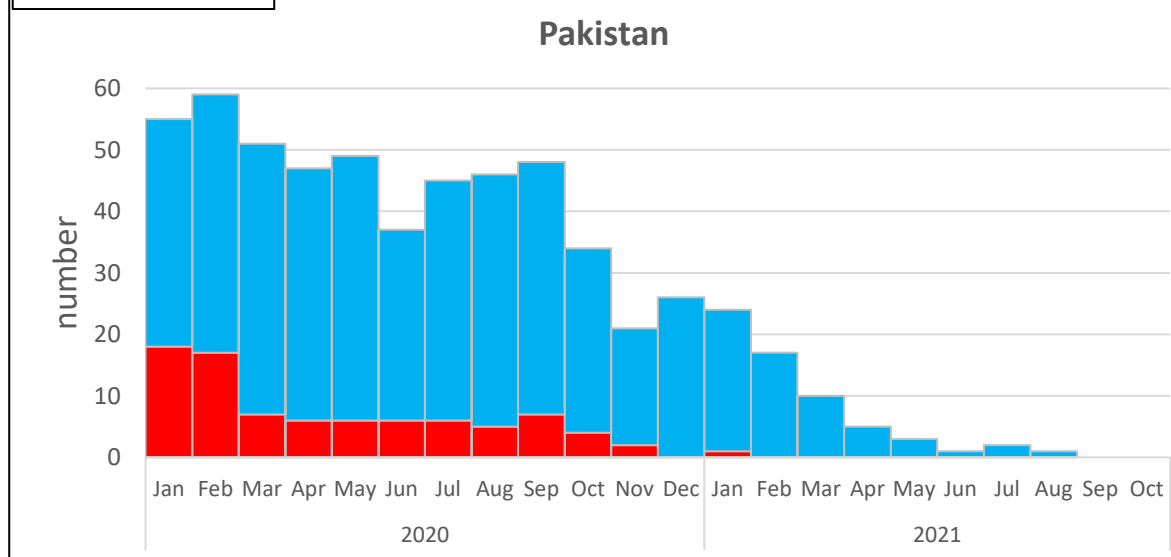
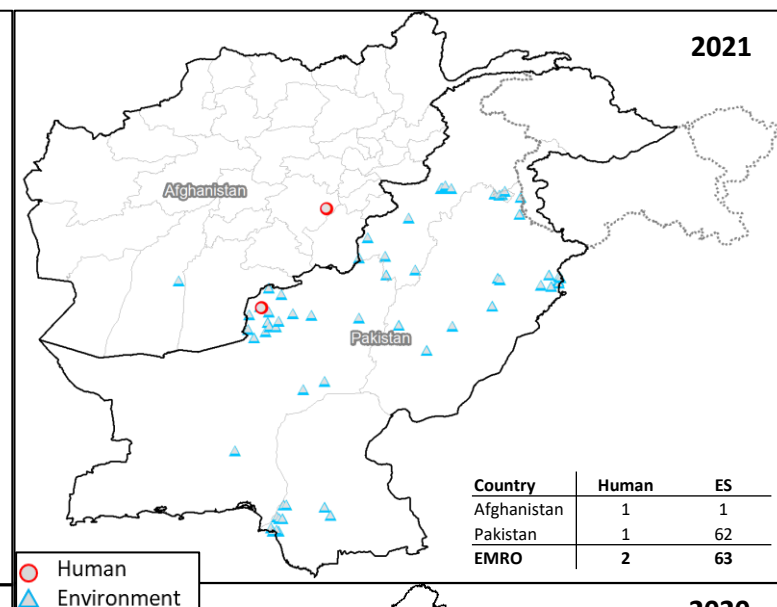
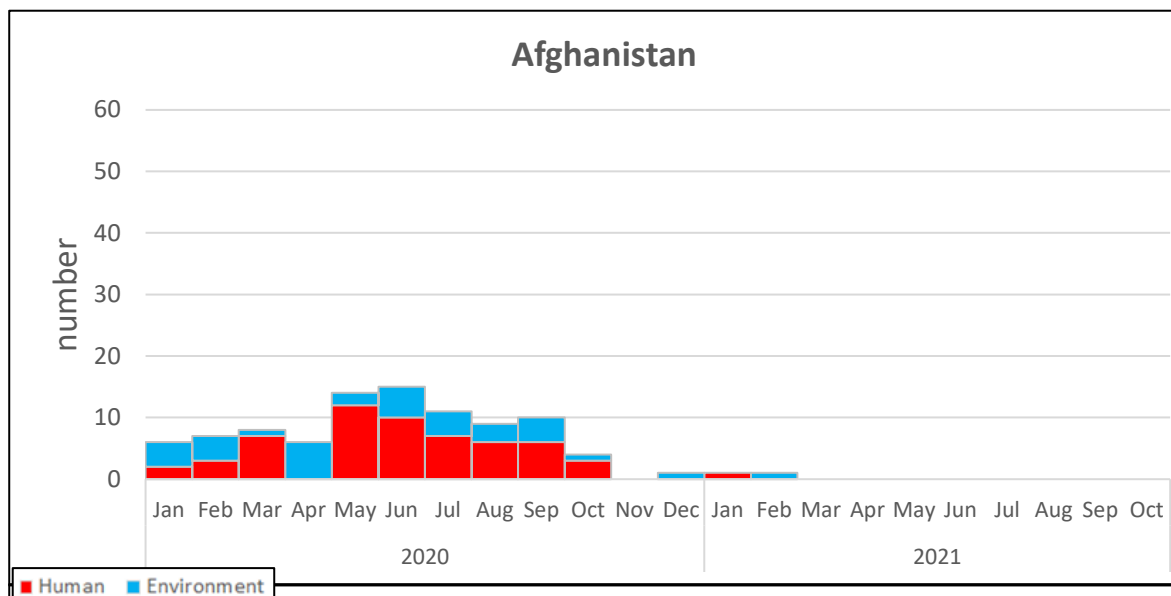


Stool adequacy



WPV1 Positive isolates from AFG/PAK by source

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Virus isolation by country, last 12 months (Nov. 7, 2020 to Nov. 7, 2021)

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Source / Virus type	AFG	PAK	EGY	IRN	SOM	SUD	YEM	Total
Human (AFP only)	104	27	1		1	9	5	147
Wild	1	1						2
cVDPV2	98	14			1	9		122
Wild+cVDPV2		1						1
Wild+aVDPV2								
Wild+aVDPV3								
cVDPV1							5	5
aVDPV1	1	1						2
aVDPV2	4	10	1					15
VDPV1								
VDPV2								
Environment	68	170	78	5	1	1		323
Wild		66						66
cVDPV2	62	35	10	3	1	1		112
Wild+cVDPV2	2	25						27
Wild+aVDPV2		6						6
Wild+aVDPV3		1						1
cVDPV1								
aVDPV1		1						1
aVDPV2	4	36		2				42
VDPV1			1					1
VDPV2			67					67

Confirmed Wild Polio Cases by month of onset

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Country	Total year 2019	Total year 2020	01-11		Confirmed Wild Polio Cases by month of onset												Last Case
					2020						2021						
			2020	2021	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Afghanistan	29	56	56	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				01-Jan-21
Bahrain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Egypt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Iraq	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Jordan ****	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Kuwait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Lebanon ****	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Libya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Morocco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
Oman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Pakistan	147	84	83	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				27-Jan-21
Palestine ****	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Qatar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Somalia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Sudan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Syria ****	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Tunisia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0		
U.A.E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		
Yemen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
EMR	176	140	139	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27-Jan-21

**** UNRWA cases are included with those of country of residence

Investigation of AFP cases with paralysis onset in 2020 & 2021

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COUNTRY	AFP (2020)									AFP (2021)									Line List 2021
	AFP cases	Case classification						Surveillance indicators		AFP cases	Case classification						Surveillance indicators		Date of latest
		Total Confirmed WPV1 Polio Cases	Polio Compatible	Discarded (non polio AFP)	VDPV	Pending classification > 90 days from onset	Pending LAB classification > 90 days from onset	Annualized Non polio AFP rate	% with adequate specimens		Total Confirmed WPV1 Polio Cases	Polio Compatible	Discarded (non polio AFP)	VDPV	Pending classification > 90 days from onset	Pending LAB classification > 90 days from onset	Annualized Non polio AFP rate	% with adequate specimens	
AFGHANISTAN	3972	56	3	3600	314	0	0	18.53	92.60	3353	1	1	3054	45	33	0	18.24	93.77	7-Nov-21
BAHRAIN	15	0	0	15	0	0	0	5.00	93.33	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	1.91	100.00	7-Nov-21
DJIBOUTI	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	1.35	100.00	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	1.21	75.00	31-Oct-21
EGYPT	1009	0	0	1009	0	0	0	2.60	94.65	1018	0	0	929	1	3	0	3.02	89.00	4-Nov-21
IRAN	618	0	0	618	0	0	0	2.99	98.54	532	0	0	515	0	0	0	3.07	96.43	6-Nov-21
IRAQ	476	0	0	476	0	0	0	2.81	93.28	568	0	0	510	0	7	0	3.84	90.67	6-Nov-21
JORDAN	32	0	0	32	0	0	0	0.83	100.00	30	0	0	26	0	0	0	0.89	100.00	4-Nov-21
KUWAIT	36	0	0	36	0	0	0	4.06	91.67	39	0	0	32	0	0	0	5.08	87.18	31-Oct-21
LEBANON	49	0	0	49	0	0	0	3.07	89.80	34	0	0	23	0	2	0	2.51	85.29	6-Nov-21
LIBYA	95	0	0	94	1	0	0	3.62	100.00	64	0	0	56	0	0	0	2.90	100.00	5-Nov-21
MOROCCO	87	0	0	87	0	0	0	0.86	78.16	56	0	0	15	0	27	10	0.67	55.36	29-Oct-21
OMAN	22	0	0	22	0	0	0	1.85	100.00	8	0	0	8	0	0	0	0.78	75.00	31-Oct-21
PAKISTAN	11972	84	29	11719	142	0	0	15.25	85.43	10380	1	3	9503	18	157	0	12.09	86.65	7-Nov-21
PALESTINE	16	0	0	16	0	0	0	0.87	100.00	11	0	0	6	0	0	0	0.69	100.00	7-Nov-21
QATAR	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	2.11	33.33	9	0	0	2	0	0	0	1.85	88.89	7-Nov-21
SAUDI ARABIA	200	0	0	200	0	0	0	2.37	96.00	164	0	0	122	0	0	0	2.30	92.68	7-Nov-21
SOMALIA	376	0	0	361	15	0	0	4.66	94.68	302	0	0	247	1	2	1	4.28	96.36	7-Nov-21
SUDAN	733	0	0	675	58	0	0	3.84	92.91	465	0	0	432	0	4	0	2.80	93.98	20-Oct-21
SYRIA	343	0	0	343	0	0	0	4.32	90.96	370	0	0	331	0	0	0	5.65	91.35	6-Nov-21
TUNISIA	42	0	0	42	0	0	0	1.49	54.76	17	0	0	15	0	0	0	0.70	70.59	5-Nov-21
U.A.E.	19	0	0	19	0	0	0	1.52	100.00	13	0	0	2	0	9	0	1.04	100.00	31-Oct-21
YEMEN	825	0	1	793	31	0	0	5.44	88.73	663	0	0	356	3	116	97	5.04	90.05	6-Nov-21
EMR POL	20951	140	33	20220	561	0	0	7.96	88.59	18105	2	4	16191	68	360	108	7.43	89.11	

* Confirmed polio cases refer to wild isolation from AFP cases or from contacts of negative index AFP cases

** Non-polio AFP per 100,000 children <15 years

*** Adequate here refers to two stool specimens collected at least 24 hours apart, within 14 days of paralysis onset and specimens received in the lab in Good Condition

****Includes all VDPV cases. Further details available page number

For further details on Contacts click: [detail of contact samples](#)

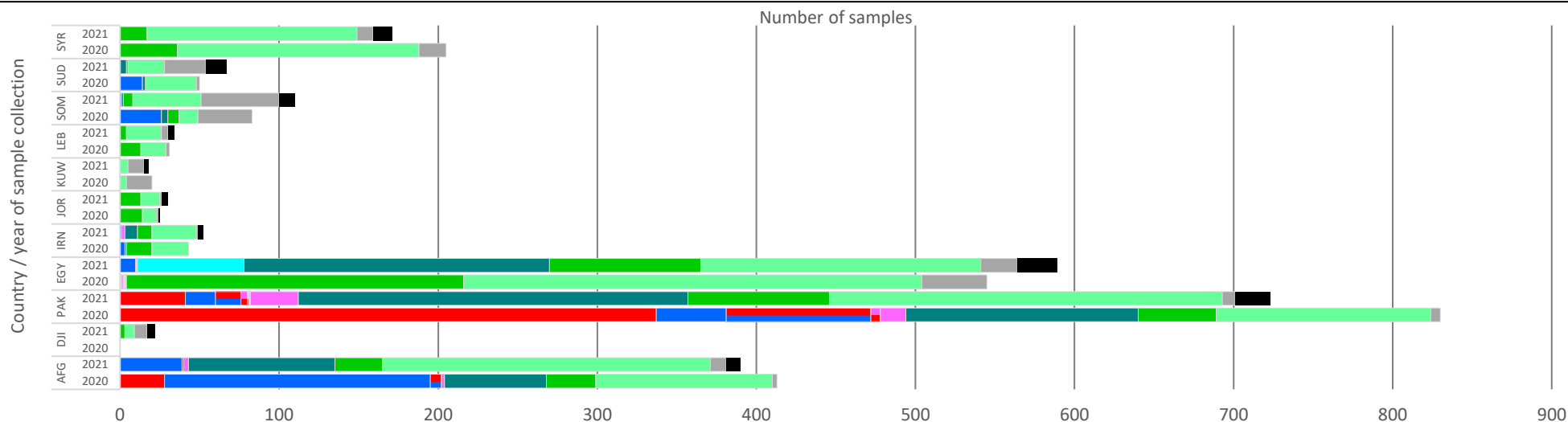
Laboratory investigation of AFP cases with paralysis onset in 2021

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Country	Polio laboratories	AFP cases with specimens	Preliminary virus isolation results of AFP cases						Poliovirus intratypic differentiation results													Indicators				Latest report Date
	ITD / Nucleotide Sequencing		Referred for ITD		NPEV only	Negative	Pending		Type 1			Type 2			Type 3			Discordant pending sequence	NPEV by PCR	Non-EV	Pending ITD	% specimens positive for NPEV*	% AFP cases with culture results within 14 days	% AFP cases with ITD results within 7 days	% AFP cases with ITD results within 45 days of onset	
	Sequencing performed by CDC and RIVM laboratories		L20B+	L20B+/-NPEV			received within last 14 days	received more than 14 days ago	Wild	Sabin	VDPV	Wild	Sabin	VDPV	Wild	Sabin	VDPV									
Afghanistan	RRL Pakistan	3314	253	41	589	2253	153	2	1	127	1		71	40		121			2			16%	99%	99%	98%	7-Nov-21
Bahrain	NPL Oman / CDC	5				3	2															0%	100%		0%	3-Nov-21
Djibouti	NPL Kenya / CDC	4			1																	100%			100%	31-Oct-21
Egypt***	RRL Egypt	990	61	3	132	755	39	1		3			58			2			2			12%	97%	100%	99%	4-Nov-21
Iran	NPL Iran / CDC	539	14		7	505	1	12		3	1		6			4						1%	100%	100%	98%	30-Oct-21
Iraq	NPL Iraq, RRL Egypt	562	10		38	494	21			3						15				2		7%	100%	50%	98%	6-Nov-21
Jordan	NPL Jordan, RRL Egypt	30	1		3	25	1													1		10%	100%		100%	7-Nov-21
Kuwait	RRL Kuwait / RIVM	39				35	3	1														0%	100%		97%	7-Nov-21
Lebanon	NPL Jordan, NPL Syria, RRL Egypt	28			1	25		2														4%	100%			6-Nov-21
Libya	RRL Tunisia / RIVM	60				60																0%	100%		83%	1-Nov-21
Morocco	NPL Morocco, RRL Tunisia	51			1	47	2	1														2%	100%		94%	5-Nov-21
Oman	NPL Oman / CDC	9				9																1%	89%		100%	3-Nov-21
Pakistan	RRL Pakistan	10104	517	61	2126	6959	337	38	1	220	1		172	14		272	1		6			18%	100%	100%	97%	7-Nov-21
Palestine & UNRWA		11				10	1															0%	10%		100%	7-Nov-21
Qatar	NPL Oman / CDC	9				9																0%	100%		100%	3-Nov-21
Saudi Arabia	NPL Saudi Arabia / CDC	160	2			157	1									2						0%	95%	50%	97%	7-Nov-21
Somalia	NPL Kenya / CDC	302	4		39	205	6	47		2				1		2						16%	3%		70%	7-Nov-21
Sudan	NPL Sudan / RRL Egypt	456	1		73	363		20					1			1						17%	88%	100%	67%	14-Oct-21
Syria	NPL Syria / RRL Egypt	364	7		21	307	16	13														6%	100%		0%	6-Nov-21
Tunisia	RRL Tunisia	16				16																0%	100%		94%	1-Nov-21
U.A.E	NPL Oman / CDC	12				12																0%	100%		42%	3-Nov-21
Yemen	NPL Oman, NPL Kenya, RRL Egypt	382	11		58	215	97	1		2	3					6		1				16%	100%	100%	0%	6-Nov-21
Total EMR 2021		17447	881	105	3089	12464	680	138	2	360	6		308	55		425	1	1	8	2	3	15%	98%	99%	95%	
Total EMR 2020		20387	1680	93	3046	15557		4	129	352	32		509	468		462	2	3	18	11		14%	94%	97%	93%	

Environmental Surveillance Isolation by Classification

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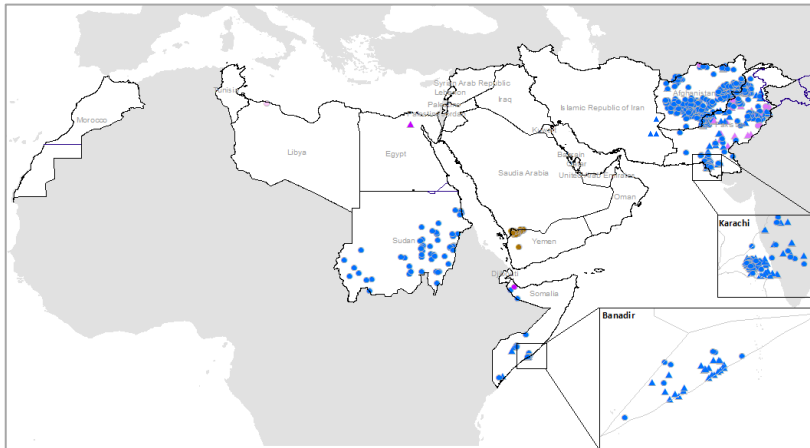


	AFG		DJI		PAK		EGY		IRN		JOR		KUW		LEB		SOM		SUD		SYR	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Wild	28				337	41																
cVDPV2	167	39			44	19		10	3	1							26	1	14			
Wild+cVDPV2	7	1			91	16																
Wild+aVDPV2					6	4																
Wild+aVDPV3						1																
aVDPV1						1	1															
aVDPV2	2	3			16	30	1			2												
aVDPV3							2															
VDPV1								1														
VDPV2								67														
SL2	64	92			146	245		192	1	8							4	1	2	4		
SL1/3	31	30		3	49	89	212	95	16	9	14	13			13	4	7	6		1	36	17
Entero	111	206		6	135	247	288	176	23	28	9	12	4	5	16	22	12	43	32	23	152	132
Negative	3	10		8	6	8	41	23		1	1	1	16	10	2	4	34	49	2	26	17	10
Pending		9		5		22		25		3	1	4		3		4		10		13		12

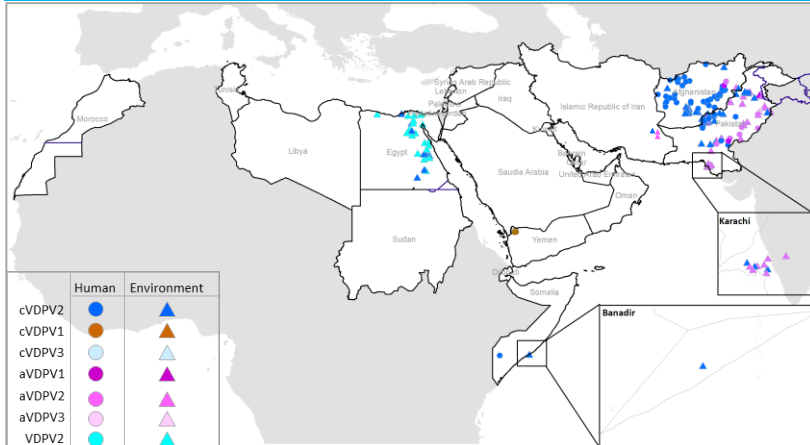
VDPVs isolations by Source and Country

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VDPV Isolates, EMR countries, 2020



VDPV Isolates, EMR countries, 2021



VDPVs isolated from 2016-2021

cVDPV Isolate type	EMR Country	Sources																											
		AFP cases(Human)						Contacts(Human)						Environment						Other Sources (Healthy Children)									
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Most recent	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Most recent	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Most recent	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Most recent
cVDPV2	Afghanistan				307	43	09-07-21												174	40	23-06-21								
	Egypt																			10	08-06-21								
	Iran																		3	1	20-02-21								
	Pakistan	1			22	135	8	23-04-21								4			38	135	35	11-08-21							
	Somalia			6	3	14	1	12-05-21			3	1	11		10-11-20		2	19	5	26	1	23-05-21				1	5		22-09-20
	Sudan					58		18-12-20					18		08-10-20					14		09-11-20					4		24-08-21
	Syria		74					21-09-17		63					12-09-17									4					20-08-17
cVDPV1	Yemen				1	31	3	27-03-21				2		10-07-19															
cVDPV3	Somalia			7				07-09-18			7				30-06-18			12				23-08-18							
aVDPV1	Afghanistan						1	22-02-21																					
	Egypt																		1		17-06-20								
	Pakistan						1	21-08-21												1	10-02-21								
	Somalia					1		26-01-20																					
aVDPV2	Afghanistan	1			3	1	01-03-21					75	15	03-05-21					2	3	25-07-21								
	Egypt					1	30-05-21						1	14-06-21					1		21-09-21								
	Iran																			2	28-09-21								
	Pakistan				7	8	24-09-21				8	19	1	28-04-21	3	5		3	22	34	11-10-21								
	Somalia	1					24-10-16	1						30-10-16			2	1			03-02-19								
	Yemen	1					11-06-16	2						20-06-16															
aVDPV3	Afghanistan				1		23-06-20																						
	Egypt																		2		30-09-20								
	Pakistan																			1	05-04-21								
	Libya					1		15-01-20																					
VDPV2	Egypt														1					67	13-10-21								
	Pakistan														1						11-07-16								

Important links

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- [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#)
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- [nOPV2 Tracker](#)
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