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WPV CASE IN MARCH

3

TOTAL WPV CASES IN 2019

5

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN MARCH

1.8M

CHILDREN VACCINATED IN MARCH

2,448

SOCIAL MOBILIZERS

1,444

FEMALE SOCIAL MOBILIZERS

554

PERMANENT TRANSIT TEAMS

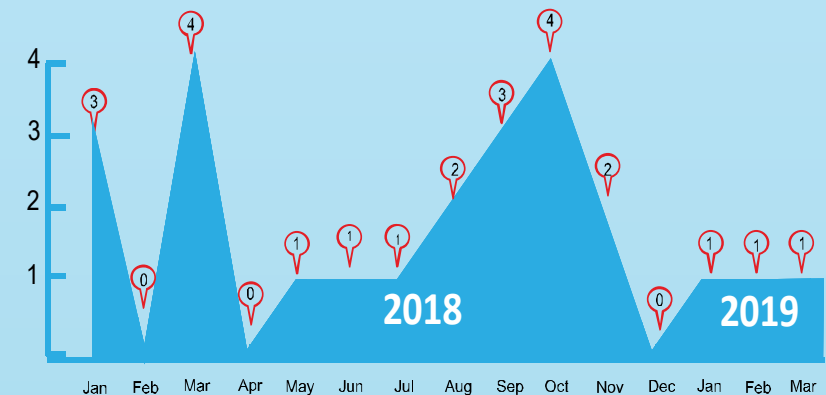
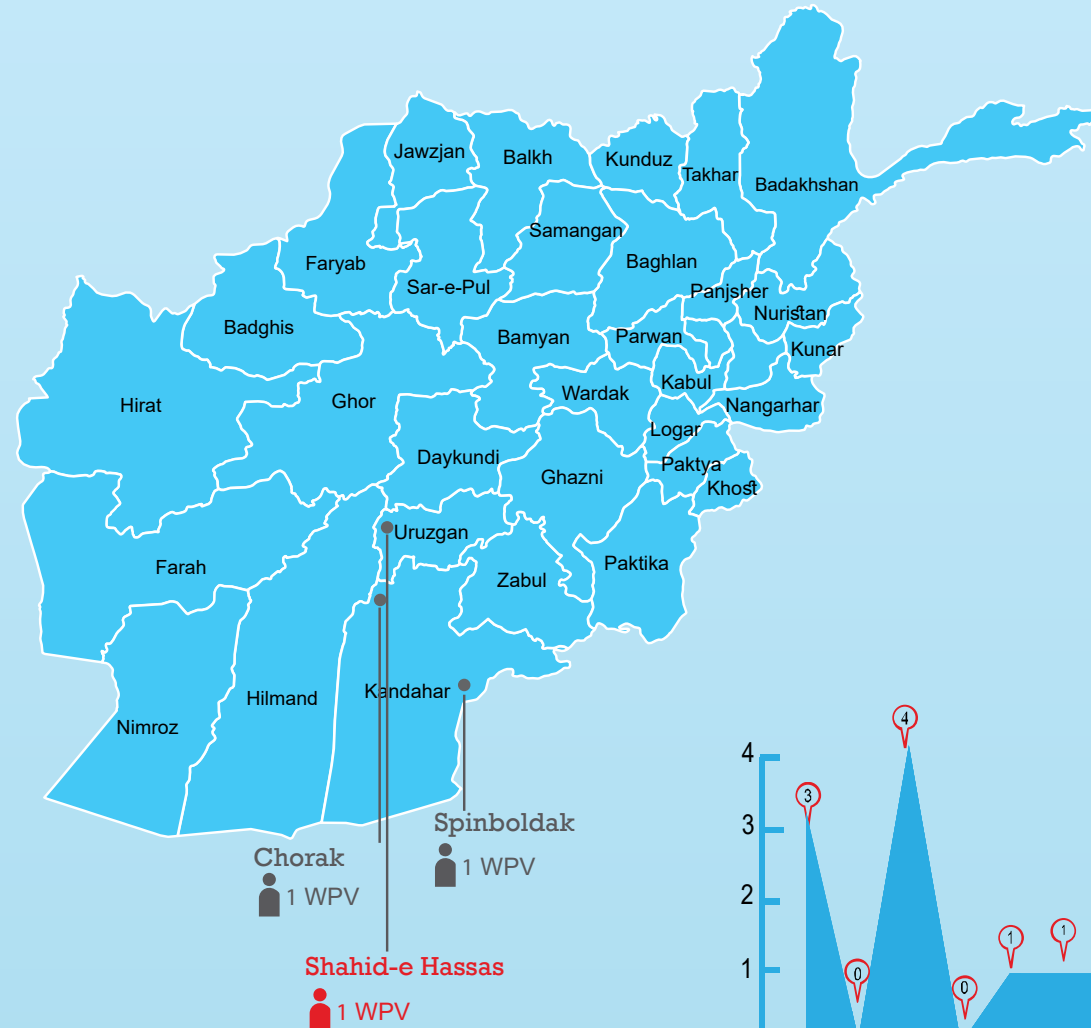
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CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS



POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN

MARCH 2019



Data as of 31 March 2019

WILD POLIOVIRUS CASE COUNT 2018-2019



POLIO TRANSMISSION

- One new wild poliovirus (WPV1) case was reported in March.
- The National Rapid Response Team conducted an epidemiological investigation in response to the detection of the WPV1 case reported from Shahid-e Hassas District of Uruzgan Province.



AFP AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 310 acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases (140 girls and 170 boys) were reported in March. Overall in 2019, 964 AFP cases have been reported, of which 735 have been discarded as “non-polio AFP” and 226 cases are pending classification.
- In all regions, the Non-polio AFP rate is above 8, stool adequacy above 87%, and non-polio enterovirus rate ranges from 4-12.
- Five WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in March, three from Helmand Province, and one each Nangarhar and Kandahar.



SUPPLEMENTARY IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES

- IPV campaign conducted from 9 - 14 March reaching 390,909 under 5 children in 13 district of Nangarhar and Kunar.
- Special Immunization Activity was carried out from 11-20 March reaching 22,667 under 5 children in Balkh and Kabul Provinces.



COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 17 cross-border vaccination points, 42 cross-border teams & 554 permanent transit teams (PTTs) were operational across Afghanistan in March 2019.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 1,293,886 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 108,504 children against polio in March.
- 1,943 children were given OPV and 443 children were vaccinated with IPV respectively in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in March.
- 11,571 international travelers were vaccinated in March in compliance to the International Health Regulations (IHR).
- 3,904 returnee children received OPV, 920 returnee children received IPV since January 2019.

FRONTLINE POLIO WORKERS

Intensifying Polio Eradication Activities in Kandahar

It is a regular Tuesday Morning in Ayno Meena Town of Kandahar City, but for Sayed Mohammad Hussain, the day starts with hard work and challenges. Today is the start of the first polio vaccination campaign in 2019 in Kandahar.

Sayed Mohammad Hussain is one of the district polio officers (DPO) in Kandahar. His job is to support the management of teams of polio vaccinators and communications staff, making sure that they vaccinate every child in their district. Sayed does this by checking on random households, verifying the number of children against his list, asking if the children were vaccinated and observes their little finger for markers and vaccinate them in case they are missed out. [Full story](#)



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