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WPV CASE IN JANUARY

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TOTAL WPV CASES IN 2020

2

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN JANUARY

9.9M

CHILDREN TARGETED IN JANUARY

2.7M

CHILDREN MISSED & 0.8M CHILDREN INACCESSIBLE DUE TO WINTER

2,926

SOCIAL MOBILIZERS

863

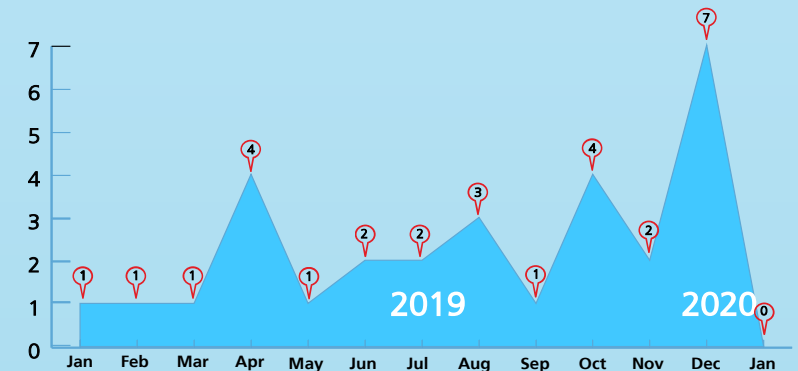
PERMANENT TRANSIT SITES

19

CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS



POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN JANUARY 2020



Data as of 31 January 2020

WILD POLIOVIRUS CASE COUNT 2019-2020



POLIO TRANSMISSION

- No new wild poliovirus (WPV1) cases were reported in January.



AFP AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 353 acute flaccid paralysis cases (160 girls and 193 boys) were reported in January. Of the total cases, 306 have been discarded as “non-polio” and 47 cases are pending classification.
- In all regions, the non-polio AFP rate is above 5, stool adequacy above 90%, and non-polio enterovirus ranges between 0-7%.
- Two new WPV1 positive environmental samples were confirmed in January: Nangarhar 1, Hilmand 1.



SUPPLEMENTARY IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES

- January NID was conducted across the country, targeting 9.9M children under 5 with OPV in 399 districts of 34 provinces against polio.



COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 19 cross-border vaccination points, 63 cross-border teams & 863 permanent transit sites (PTTs) were operational across Afghanistan in January 2020.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 1,743,299 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 117,232 children against polio in January 2020.
- 598 children under 10 were given OPV and 87 children were vaccinated with IPV respectively in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in January.
- 12,601 international travelers were vaccinated in January in compliance to the International Health Regulations (IHR).

Mursal a brave dedicated frontline worker and her proud father

As Ms. Mursal walks down the streets of Surkhod town, Nangarhar province, all children know her, they run towards her, smiling, others shouting, while raising their little marked pinky fingers to show they have been vaccinated. Ms Mursal smiles back and politely checks their pinkies to confirm and at the same time looking for those who might have been missed in the ongoing polio campaign.

“I’m passionate about my work,” says Ms. Mursal, whose life was once threatened by unknown people in 2018 for taking a job as a woman. Her courage to work for children was never shaken. “Working as a woman here is not easy, but all I want is to ensure no child suffers from the ravages of polio disease.”

Ms Mursal has been working for the Immunization Communication Network (ICN) since 2017 and now she is the District Communication Officer (DCO) for Surkhod district, where she supervises a team covering 12 clusters.

“When I started working as DCO, there were more than 1,000 refusal children,” says Ms Mursal. “But with team effort, we managed to persuade families to protect their children, only 9 families with 31 children are still refusing vaccine uptake. We will continue our efforts to ensure we reach all children.”

“I am proud of my daughter for the work she is doing to protect children against polio and other diseases,” said Mr Fahim, Ms Mursal’s father. “We belong to a conservative community, who think women belong to home, but I witness, every day, women are changing our community for the better. I encourage my daughter to work and be a role model for people. This will encourage other girls to get educated and work for their communities.”

In addition to the social mobilization work, Ms Mursal and her team have referred 600 mothers for treatment and routine checkup to health facilities. Records show out of the total number referred: 400 women have made visit and received health services.



Enhance vaccine uptake

- PolioFreeAfghanistan facebook page reached 1.8 million users promoting polio vaccine uptake with current followers 101,000. Sixty five female recruits as vaccinators and social mobilisers in south at key health facilities promoting vaccine uptake,
- 65 female vaccinators and social mobilisers were recruited in south at key health facilities to deliver polio and health promotion messages.
- Total 11,042 teachers and students, 7,500 influencers and 65 traditional birth attendants (in West) got polio awareness sessions across Afghanistan.
- In Kandahar, 35 nomad representatives attended polio advocacy meeting at the South Emergency Operations Center EOC.
- Social mobilizer in outreach session in East immunized 11,688 children
- Social mobilisers tracked and recorded 7,496 newborns, out of which 4,166 (55.5%) received OPV Zero-doses at Health facilities.

