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ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION FOR MAINTENANCE SMALLPOX VACCINATION

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In Afghanistan, the Chief Provincial Medical Officers are responsible for the routine maintenance vaccination in the provinces. For carrying out this task, the Provincial Medical Officers have at their disposal vaccinators, *varying* in number from 2 to 20 according to the size of the province. The 57 Rural Health Centres now established in the country also have on their authorized strength one vaccinator each. All these vaccinators perform under the direction of the Chief Medical Officers the undermentioned function.

1. Vaccination service as integral part of the out-patient services at the hospitals and health centres in the province.
2. While the SE mobile teams are operating in the province, all the provincial vaccinators are placed under the control of the zonal SE Medical Officer, for duties. Thus, they participate in the attack phase of the SE campaign in their respective province.
3. When the SE mobile teams leave the province, the provincial vaccinators revert back to working under supervision of the Chief Medical Officer and carry out vaccination of the newborns, migrants and those missed in the attack phase, in their assigned areas.
4. Health education of villagers to get early reporting of suspected smallpox cases.

Periodical assessment of the work of the Provincial Vaccinators will be the responsibility of the Smallpox Eradication Service.

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