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POLIO CASE IN FEBRUARY 2021

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POLIO CASES IN 2021

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WPV1 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT  
SAMPLES IN FEBRUARY 2021

683,812

CHILDREN VACCINATED IN FEB 2021

2,631

COMMUNITY MOBILISERS IN FEB 2021

474

FEMALE MOBILISERS/VACCINATORS  
IN FEB 2021

311

PERMANENT TRANSIT SITES

15

CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION  
POINTS

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# POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN

FEBRUARY 2021

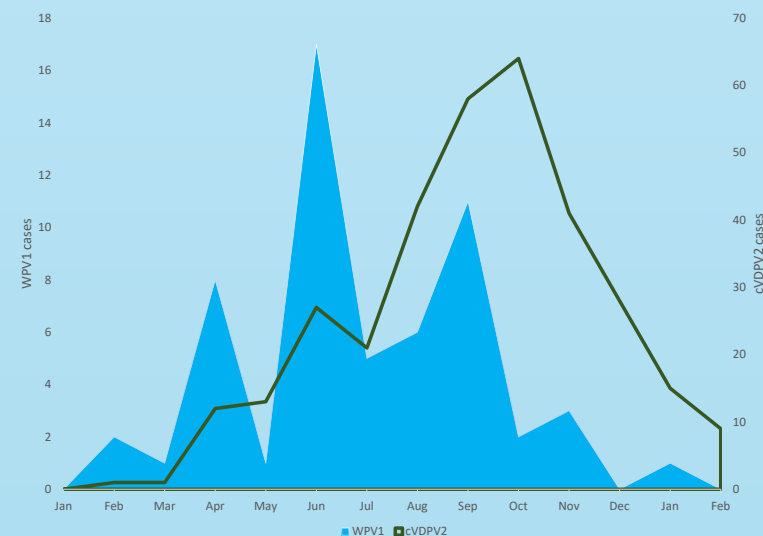


WPV1 and cVDPV2 cases in  
February 2021

- 9 cVDPV2 cases
- 0 WPV1 cases

Total WPV1 and cVDPV2  
cases in 2021

- 24 cVDPV2 cases in 2021
- 1 WPV1 case in 2021



Data as of 28 February 2021

WILD POLIOVIRUS CASE COUNT 2020-2021



## POLIO TRANSMISSION

- No new Wild Poliovirus (WPV1) cases and 9 new cVDPV2 cases were confirmed in February 2021



## AFP ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 284 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) - 130 females and 154 males - were reported in February 2021. A total of 635 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2021. Of these, 430 cases have been discarded as non-polio. About 193 cases are pending final classification
- The non-polio AFP rate remained above 9, stool adequacy stood above 89%, and non-polio enterovirus rate ranged between 7-14% in all regions
- No new WPV1 positive environmental sample was confirmed, while 13 new cVDPV2 positive environmental sample were confirmed in February 2021



## NATIONAL IMMUNISATION ACTIVITIES

- No campaigns were conducted in February 2021. National campaign planned for Mar 2021



## COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 15 cross-border vaccination points, 51 cross-border teams and 311 permanent transit sites (PTTs) were operational in February 2021
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 575,445 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 105,986 children against polio in February 2021
- 772 children under 10 were given OPV and 10 children were vaccinated with IPV, respectively in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in February 2021

## PEI support to COVID-19 till February 2021

- 68,620 suspected cases of COVID-19 were reported, of which 9,191 tested positive
- 6,034 government and NGO partners were trained on COVID-19 surveillance
- 125,198 health professional (Including paramedics/nurses) were trained on COVID-19 surveillance
- 234,479 community and religious influencers were reached for support and training

## Dr Farima is unstoppable

Dr Farima Azimi, at 22 years old, is a medical graduate and a District Polio Officer in Kandahar province in Afghanistan. For any young person, such achievements would be impressive. In Afghanistan, where social and cultural norms often limit a women's ability to work, Dr Farima's determination to overcome gender barriers is exceptional.

She says, "The cultural and traditional situation in Afghanistan, and especially in Kandahar, is such that people don't look up to women who are seeking education. I have faced numerous troubles since I have started to go to school. You get bullied by people with insults."

"People used to tell me that as a girl, if I am going out of home to study and work, I might dishonour my family. I used to come home and tell these stories to my family and instead, I received their support and was encouraged to stay strong." Without family support, Dr Farima explains, her journey would be impossible.

[Read full story here](#)



## Key communication activities

- 858 local governance representatives were engaged by frontline workers (FLWs) in the south, south-east, and west regions to address refusals, support campaign announcements and investigate absent children in their neighbourhoods
- 488,976 females attended polio and maternal and newborn child health (MNCH) awareness sessions organised by the Female Mobiliser Vaccinators (FMVs). A total of 43,468 such sessions were held in health facilities in different regions
- 91,236 caregivers (including 77,501 females) were engaged by the Immunisation Communication Network (ICN) in polio, routine immunisation, mother and child health promotion activities, and COVID-19 prevention through house-to-house visits, community meetings, and educational sessions in the south, south-east, north-east, and west regions
- 273 religious influencers were engaged in polio awareness and advocacy sessions in south, south-east, and west regions
- 5,539 elderly females, as household members who have potential influence in decision making in families, were reached through 1,312 sessions with home-based polio and MNCH orientations in high-refusal clusters of Kandahar, Helmand, and Nimruz provinces
- In collaboration with the directorates of women's affairs in the south-east and west regions, 34 women from refusal pockets in Paktika province and 70 women from Farah province were oriented on polio, routine immunisation (RI), and COVID-19 preventative measures. Their questions and concerns about polio were addressed in these sessions
- Female basketball players with disabilities were engaged in the western region to raise awareness on immunisation, they reached 200 women with polio messages in health facilities, mosques and public places
- ICN referred 75,383 mothers and children in the south region for different health services using referral vouchers and 39,391 mothers and children were referred for RI. Of those 25,504 used their vouchers and 19,543 received routine immunisation in February 2021



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