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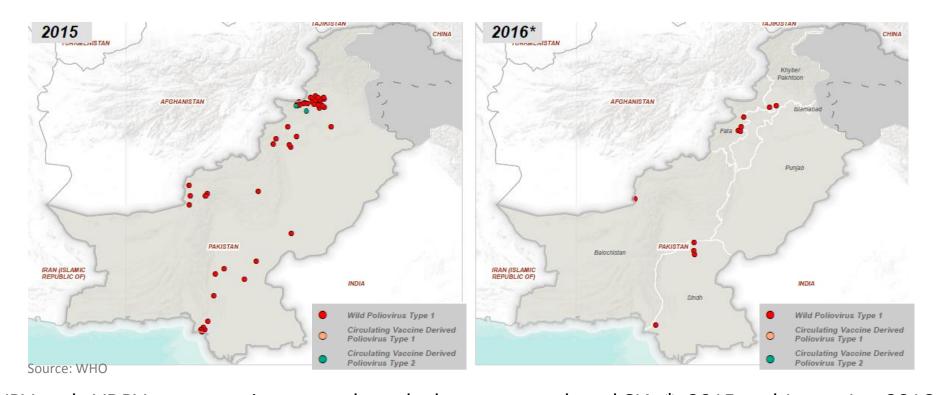
Topline Messages

- The programme continues to strive to interrupt WPV transmission in 2016 and enable the world to be poliofree by 2019.
- Pakistan and Afghanistan are on track to stop polio in 2016—but critical gaps need to be addressed to
 increase the likelihood of eradication in 2016, particularly: access in Eastern Afghanistan, improving SIA
 quality in Southern Afghanistan, and parts of Pakistan including Karachi and Northern Sindh.
- Africa is on track to be certified as polio-free in 2017—but more needs to be done to close surveillance gaps in key countries, while improving the immunization coverage including quality of SIAs especially as the number of SIAs decrease.
- While the program's response to VDPV outbreaks is good in most counties, it was substantially delayed in Madagascar and Ukraine, and had poor performance in Guinea.
- Post-switch, the program has new guidelines to direct outbreak response; to date mOPV2 has only been released for use twice, both times in Nigeria.
- GPEI is now better coordinated, although a few management challenges remain in the final eradication push, particularly in the following areas:
 - Identifying dedicated staff for GPEI specific roles and tasks
 - Tight global IPV supply through 2017
 - Balancing the remaining risks while adhering to approved global budget
 - Systematic application of successful strategies to the areas where poliovirus continues to thrive
 - Using a holistic analysis of data to drive programme change in the most critical areas
 - Ensuring timely resolution of gaps in cash and funding
- The program must also address non-endemic areas with risk due to inaccessibility and ongoing active conflict, including:
 - Middle East (Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Libya)
 - Africa (Nigeria, CAR, South Sudan)

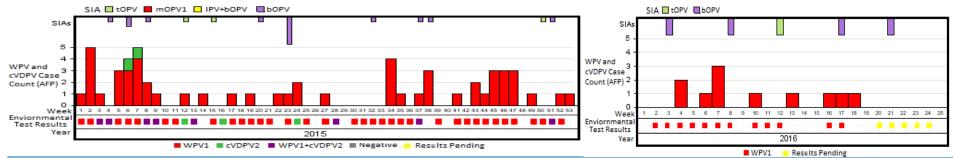




Pakistan: WPV and cVDPV cases, 2015 and Jan 2016 – Jun 2016

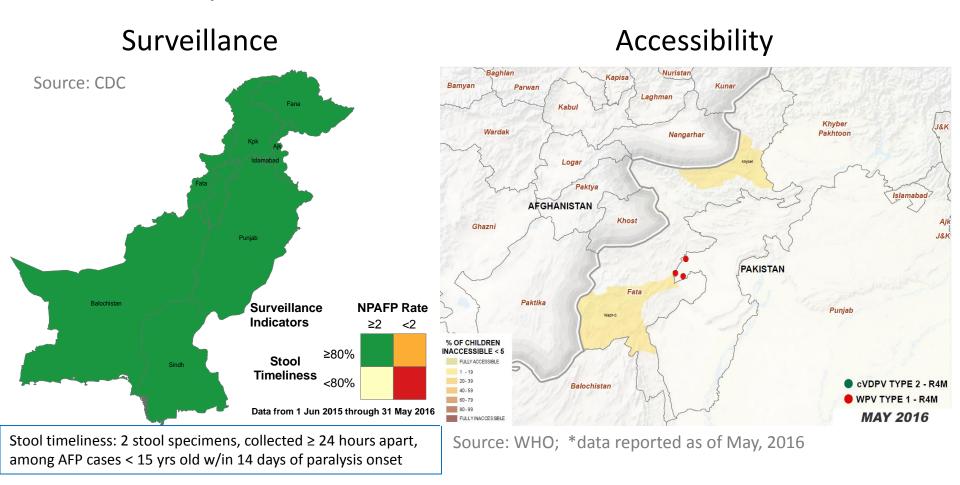


WPV and cVDPV cases, environmental results by onset week, and SIAs*, 2015 and Jan to Jun 2016



In 2015, Pakistan had 54 WPV1 cases; YTD in 2016 there are 12 cases, compared to 25 cases in the same period in 2015 (NOTE: 13th case reported wk 27, 2016, onset 18-June-2016, 24 month child, 1 dose OPV, FATA: Waziristan). *Pakistan IPV SIA data were unavailable in POLIS

Pakistan: Surveillance meets standards at the province level*, and accessibility has continued to improve Jun 2015 – May 2016

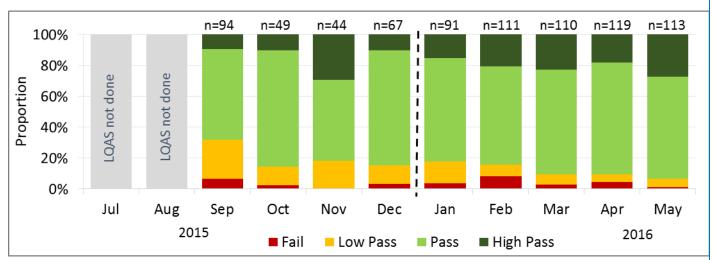


^{*}Note: surveillance gaps do exist within provinces, for example Karachi/Sindh.

FATA: Improvement in SIA quality and high immunity based on NPAFP

Jul 2015 – May 2016

LQAS Survey Results by SIA



Note: Pakistan and Afghanistan results use different LQAS categories of unvaccinated children to estimate coverage.

Pakistan # of unvaccinated children categories:

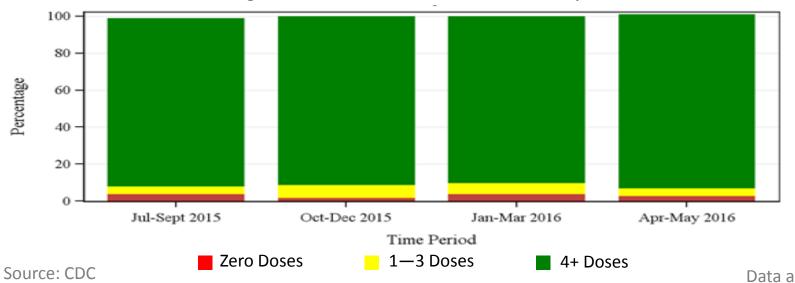
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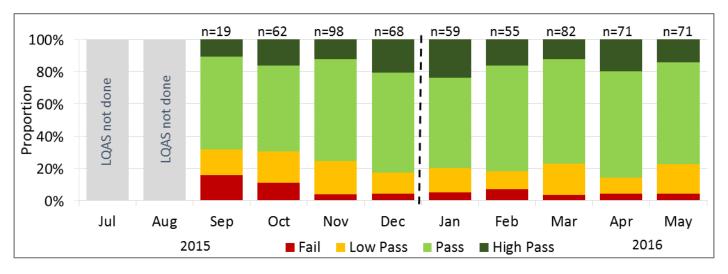
 \geq 9 = Fail (< 80%)

Percentage of NPAFP cases 6-35 months, by OPV status

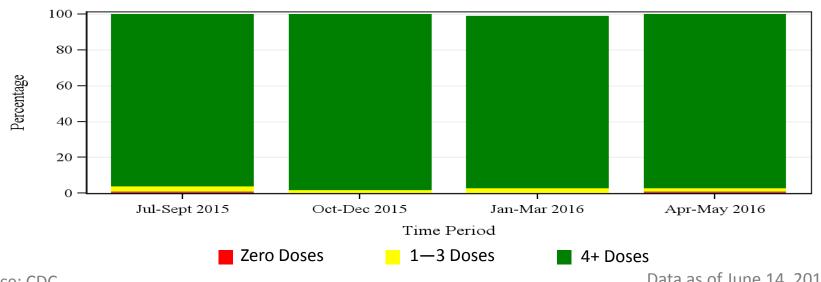


KP: Improving SIAs and high immunity based on NPAFP Jul 2015 – May 2016

LQAS Survey Results by SIA

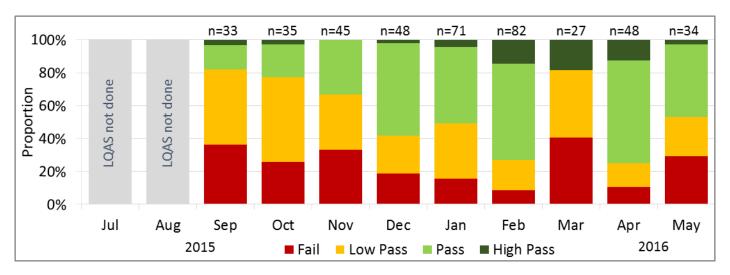


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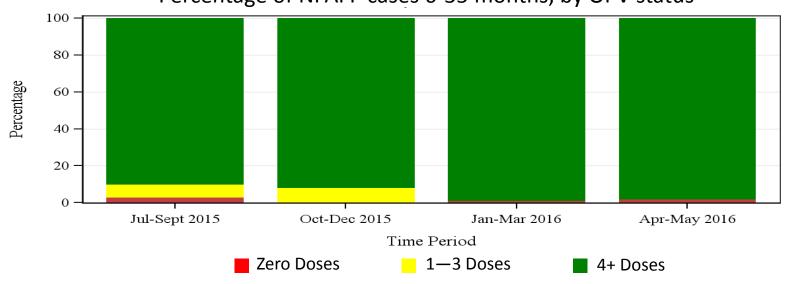


Karachi: Variable SIA quality, improving immunity found by NPAFP Jul 2015 – May 2016

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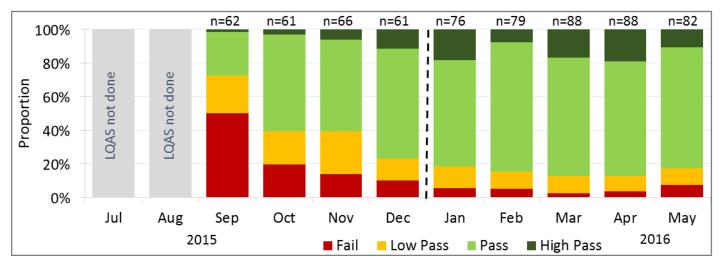




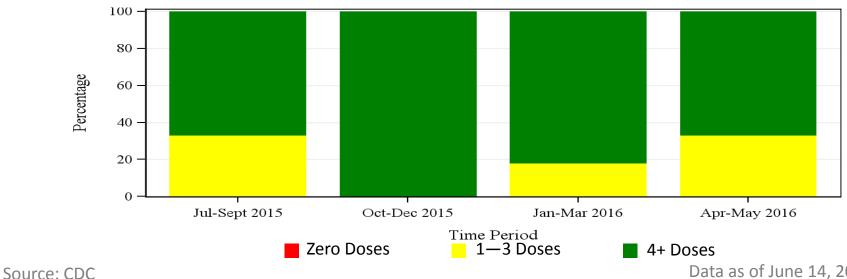


Quetta: Improving SIA quality but immunity still lags based on NPAFP Jul 2015 – May 2016

LQAS Survey Results by SIA



Percentage of NPAFP cases 6-35 months, by OPV status



Pakistan: SIA quality varies among high risk transmission areas

2015

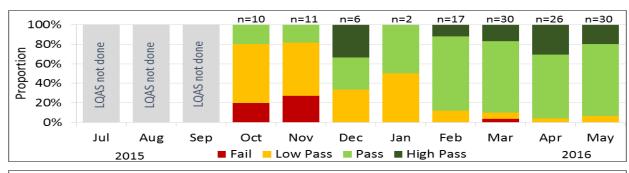
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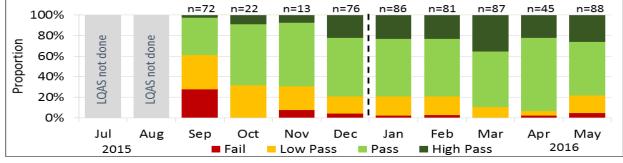
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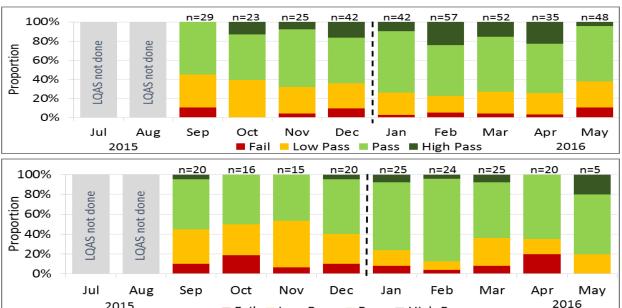
Peshawar

Northern Sindh (Kambar, Larkana, Jacobabad, Shikarpur, Kashmoré, Ghotki, Sukkur, Khairpur)

High Risk Karachi Towns (Baldia, Gadap, Giqbal)

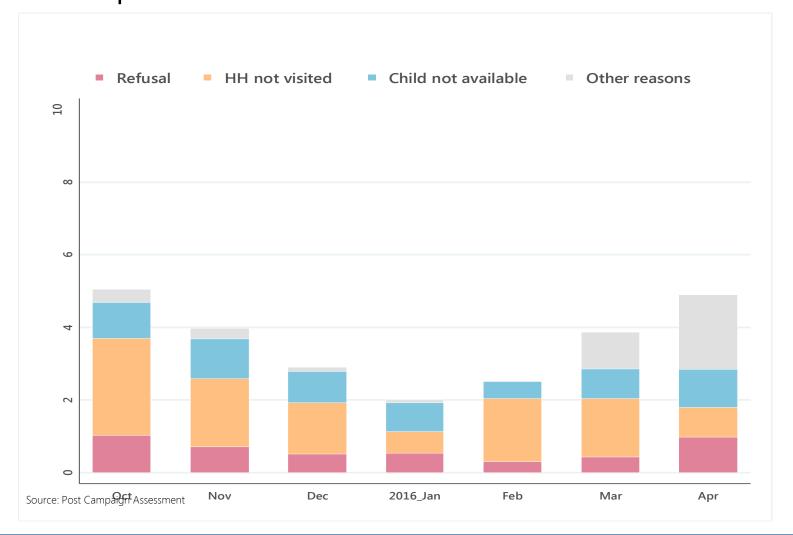






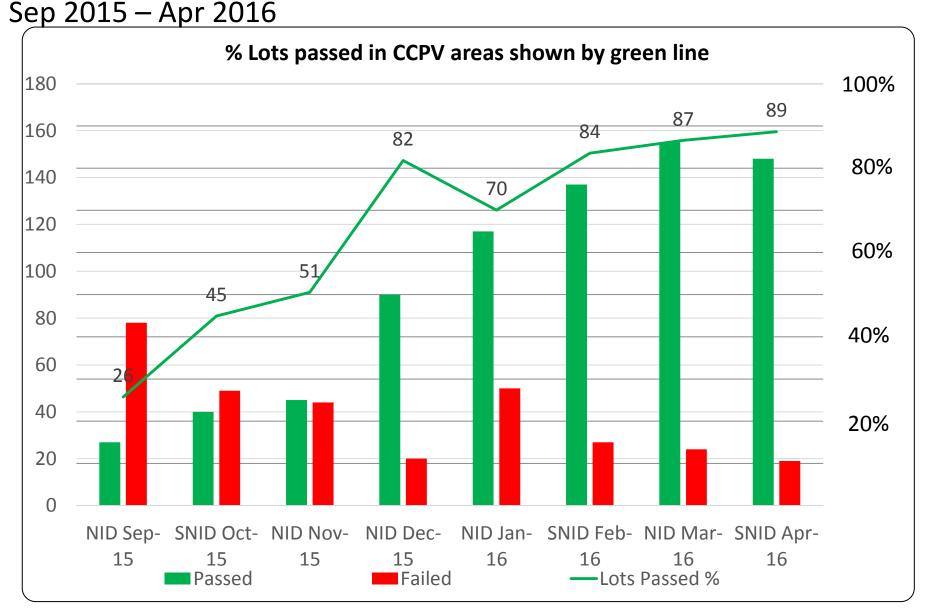
■ Fail Low Pass ■ Pass ■ High Pass

Pakistan: Trends in missed children in high risk (tier 1) districts Oct 2015 – Apr 2016



Missed children remained at 5% in April 2016. While fewer children were missed due to lack of visiting households, the % missed for "refusals" is rising in select areas; investigation of the % missed for "other reasons" found vaccinated children had not been finger marked.

Pakistan: Evidence of increasing performance in CCPV* areas

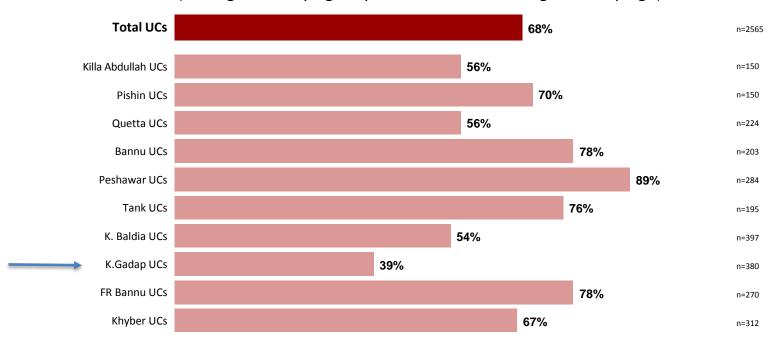


^{*}EOC managed Continuous Community Protected Vaccination areas only

Pakistan: Caregiver trust in polio vaccinators varies by Union Council, Mar 2016

Overall, caregivers say they trust vaccinators "a great deal". Karachi Gadap is a substantial outlier.

% caregivers saying they trusted vaccinators "a great deal" (among those saying they saw vaccinators during last campaign)

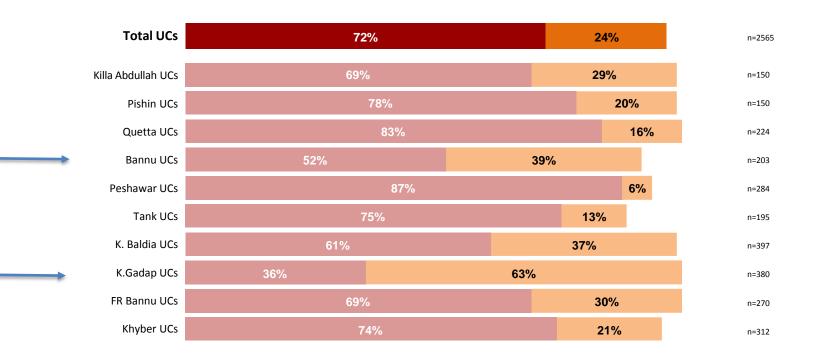


Overall, how much did you trust the polio vaccinator(s)? Would you say...?

Pakistan: Caregiver assessment of current vaccinators compared to previous vaccinators, by Union Council, March 2016

Overall, caregivers say "current" vaccinators are better than "previous" vaccinators, although challenges remain in Bannu and Karachi Gadap.

% of caregivers saying—compared to other vaccinators who have visited home in past—these vaccinators were better or same (among those saying they saw vaccinators during last campaign)



Endemic Countries: WPV1 cases and environmental, Jul 2015 – Jun 2016

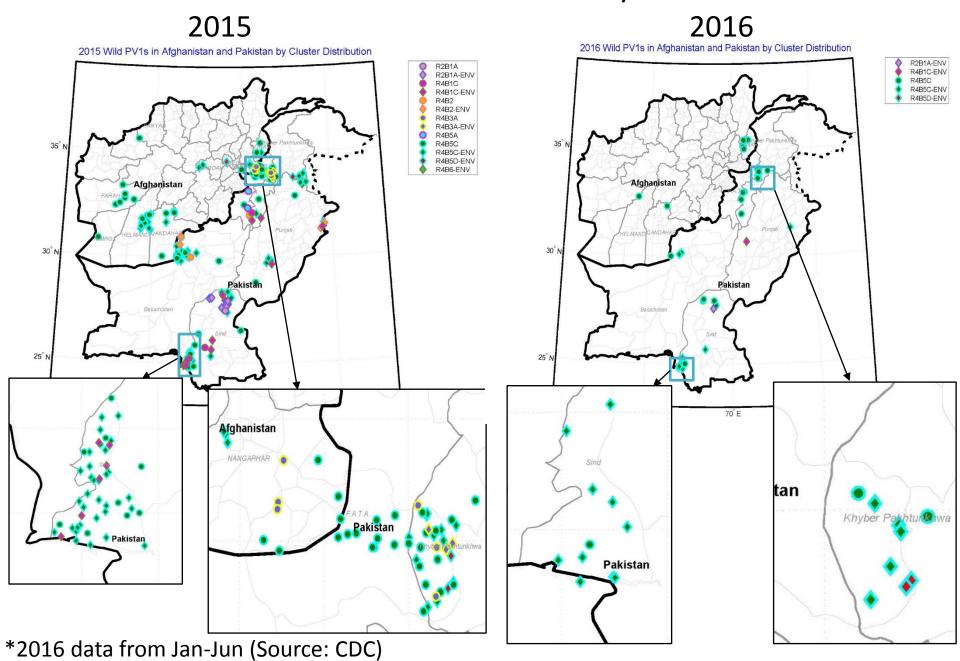
Wild PV1 Cases and Environmentals, Jul 2015 - Jun 2016, Afghanistan and Pakistan By Cluster Distribution R2B1A-ENV R4B1C-ENV R4B3A R4B5C R4B5C-ENV R4B5D-ENV 35° N Afghanistan Afghanistan Afghanistan Pakistan 30° N Pakistan 25° N Dots random within district. Map created 7/7/2016

Environmental surveillance reveals transmission in areas without AFP cases.

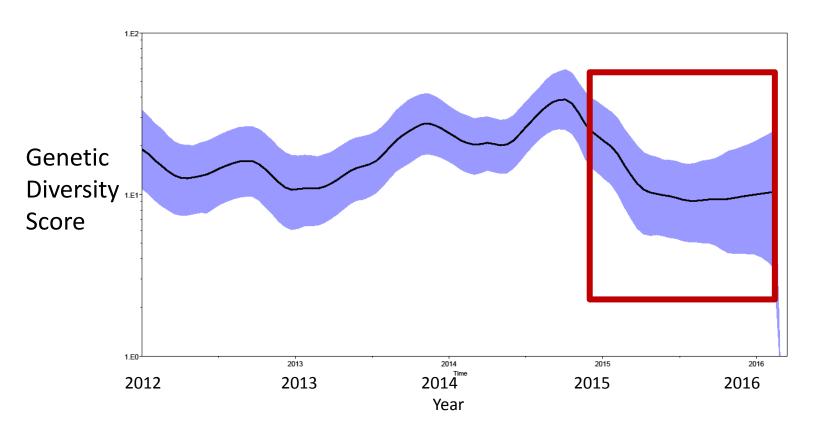
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Source: CDC

Endemic Countries: Decreased viral diversity from 2015 to 2016*



Endemic Countries: Genetic diversity of WPV1 shows evidence of decreasing in 2015-2016 compared to previous few years



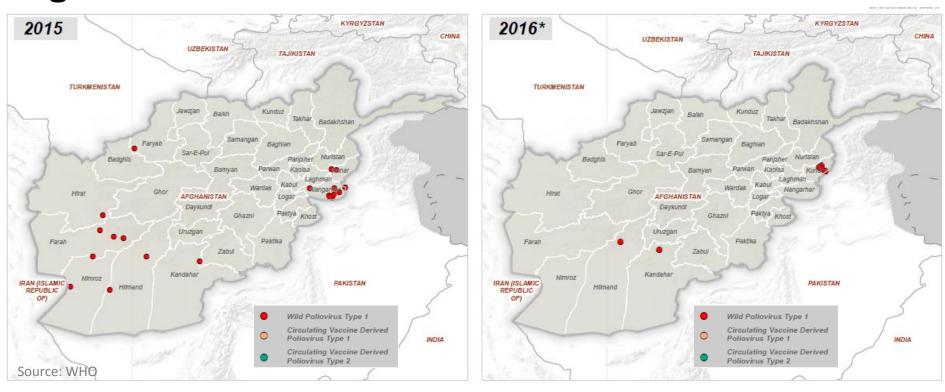
Note: blue-shaded area shows 95% confidence interval

Source: CDC

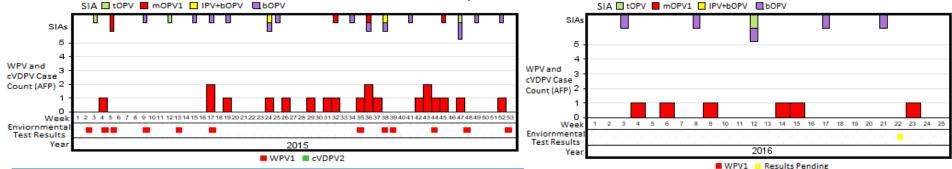
Note: Twelve new sequences were added to the update (4 AFG [latest:4Feb] and 8 PAK [latest:25 Feb]).



Afghanistan: WPV and cVDPV cases, 2015 and Jan 2016 – Jun 2016

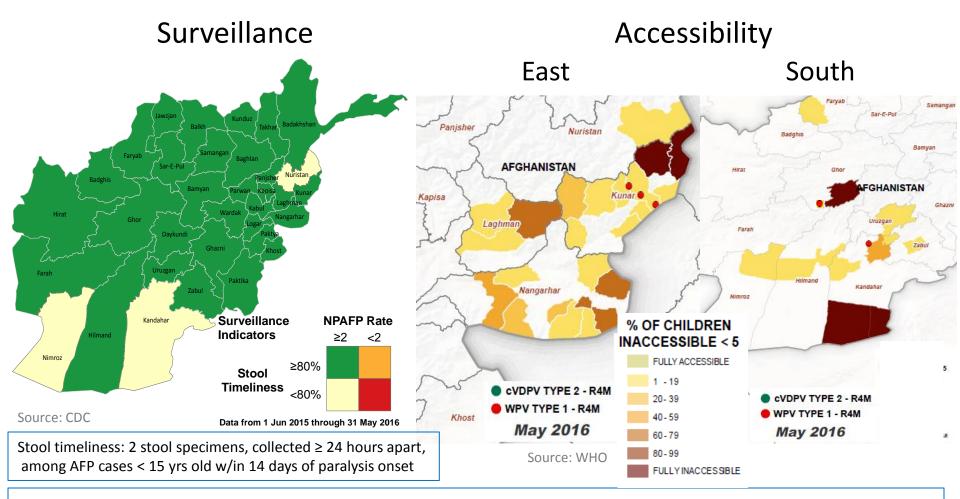


WPV and cVDPV cases, environmental results by onset week, and SIAs, 2015 and Jan to Jun 2016



In 2015, Afghanistan had 20 WPV1 cases; YTD in 2016 there are 6 cases, compared to 4 cases for the same period in 2015.

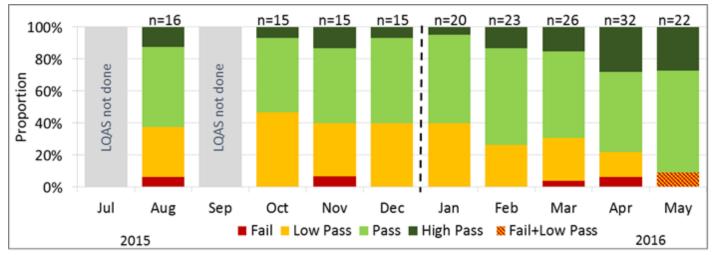
Eastern and Southern Regions: Access problems are increasing in parts of east and south, and are also of concern in parts of north (Kunduz, inaccessible since late 2015)

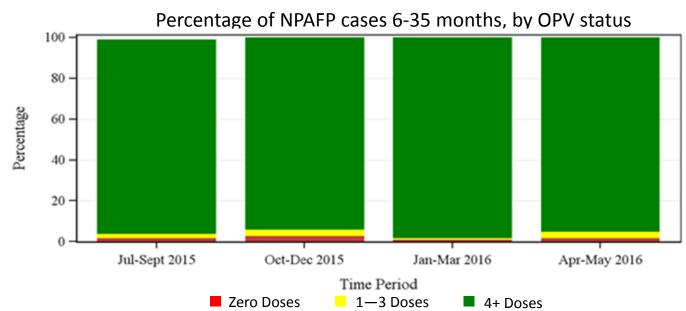


A June 2016 review found that core AFP surveillance indicators have been maintained sufficiently above the standards in the access compromised areas, despite the challenges on the ground.

Eastern Afghanistan: Improving SIA quality and immunity in accessible areas, Jul 2015 – May 2016







Source: CDC

Note: Afghanistan LQAS categories for unvaccinated children:

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4-8 = Pass (80%-89%)

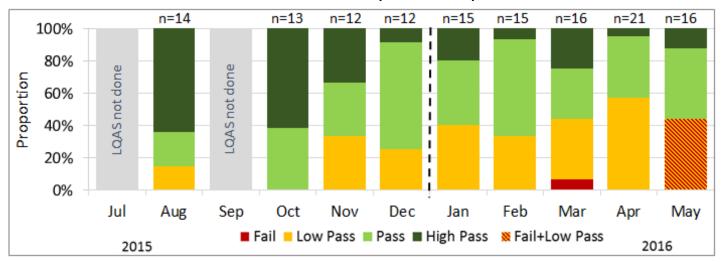
9-19 = Low Pass (60%-79%)

> 20 = Fail (< 60%)

In May reports LQAS low pass (60%-79%) and fail (<60%) categories are combined

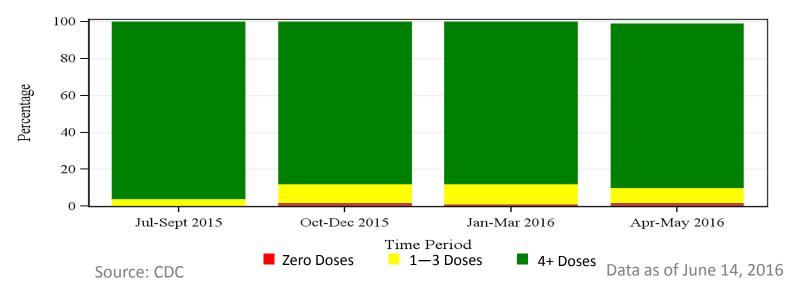
Southern Afghanistan: SIA quality does not yet show improvement despite increased efforts during 2016, Aug 2015 – May 2016

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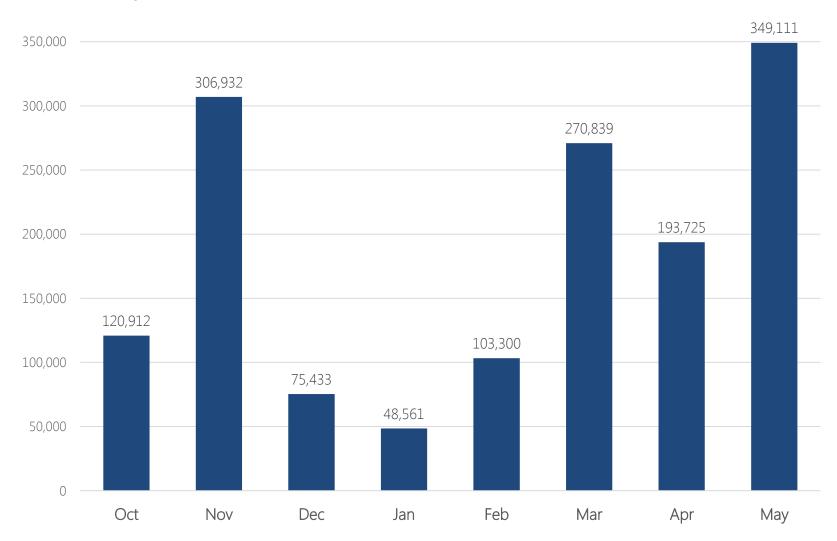


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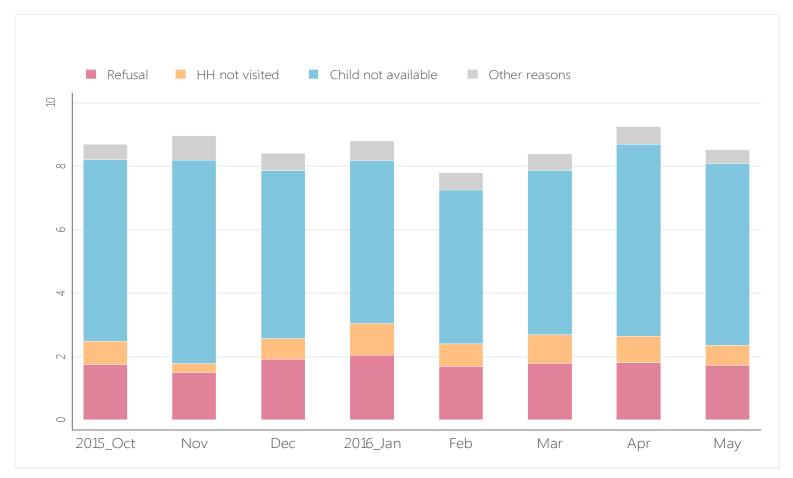


Afghanistan: Number of children missed due to inaccessibility Oct 2015 – May 2016



Source: Joint UNICEF/WHO Access Analysis

Afghanistan: Overall, about 8% to 9% of children in high risk areas (low performing districts*) are missed by SIAs, Oct 2015 – May 2016

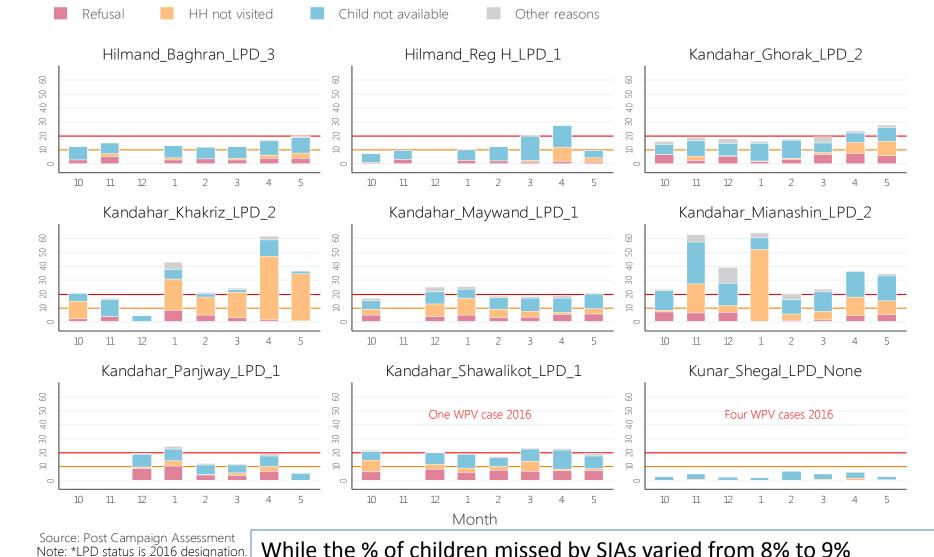


Source: Post Campaign Assessment.

*LPD status is 2016 designation

The % of children missed due to refusals in Afghanistan remains the highest of any polio priority country. 2015 KAP data has also demonstrated potential relationships between children missed due to 'unavailable' and missed due to passive refusals.

Afghanistan: Trends in missed children among chronically low performing districts*, Oct 2015 – Apr 2016



While the % of children missed by SIAs varied from 8% to 9% nationally, low performing districts had much more variation and demonstrated chronically larger estimates of missing children.

Endemic Countries Summary

- Pakistan is on a trajectory to stop polio—but some critical gaps still need to be addressed to increase the likelihood of this happening in 2016, especially the increase in SIA quality in Karachi and northern Sindh, and the identification and targeting of unvaccinated high risk mobile and underserved populations
- A further scale up of local level frontline workers in high risk UCs and improvements of SIA quality in Karachi will require time to show an impact on results. It will be critical that all remaining campaigns are implemented with well-selected, well-trained frontline workers in the most critical areas, with strong oversight and full implementation of an accountability systems in place so that impact can be seen before the end of 2016.
- Substantial progress has been made in the highest risk areas of **Peshawar, FATA and Quetta**, resulting in a reduction in both the intensity of virus transmission and the genetic diversity of circulating virus. Sustaining high coverage in these areas is critical for the remainder of 2016.
- While Afghanistan shows indications of progress, the programme urgently needs to increase access in AGE controlled areas especially in Eastern region and improve SIA quality in accessible areas. Two WPV cases in the Southern region indicate continued local circulation here. Critical districts remain under-immunized with no or sub-optimal monitoring and supervision. Access gaps in the east create blind-spots and immunity gaps.
- The EOCs that are now operational in Kabul and the three high risk regions will need to provide oversight and management to ensure success in 2016 and beyond. Access negotiations will need to be coupled with interventions to meet other community health needs. Efforts to bolster SIA quality and the performance of frontline workers will need to be in place before September, and accompanied by a system that can motivate and remedy performance where required.



Africa Topline Messages

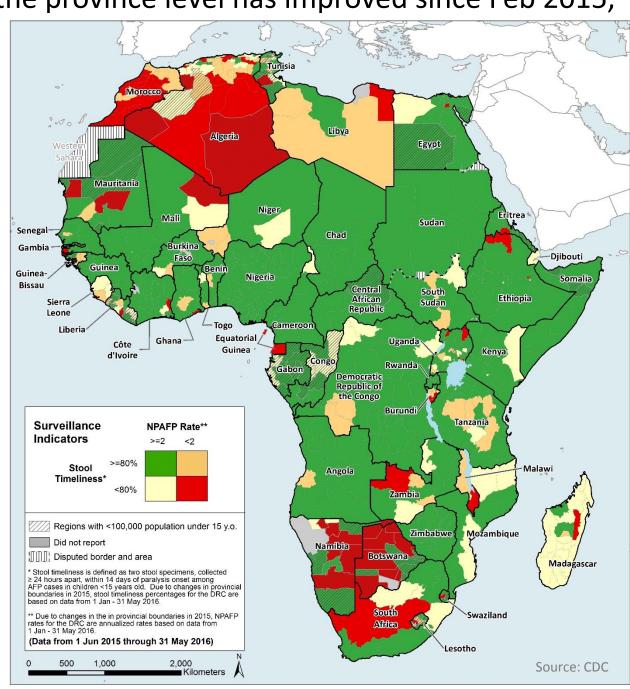
- Africa is on track to be certified polio-free in 2017. Surveillance currently has
 limitations and needs strengthening in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Madagascar.
 There are significant surveillance gaps at the sub-national level in key countries in
 Africa (South Sudan, Mali, Niger, and DRC).
- Nigeria has sustained high quality polio campaigns, but political and social commitment, especially in key states, is proving difficult to sustain and government domestic financing, especially at the State level, is declining in the face of a national funding crunch.
- Recent discovery of an orphan cVDPV2 in an environmental sample from Borno indicates the limitations in reaching the full child population and conducting AFP surveillance in security-compromised areas in Northeast Nigeria/Lake Chad area.

Africa: Surveillance at the province level has improved since Feb 2015,

however, many vulnerabilities remain Jun 2015 – May 2016

West Africa has improved following the Ebola outbreak, however, Sierra Leon and Liberia are still below standard.

Areas in several sub-Saharan countries, large parts of Northern, Southern and South East Africa have weak surveillance.



Nigeria: No WPV but VDPV2 events persist into 2016

cVDPV2 case, 2015



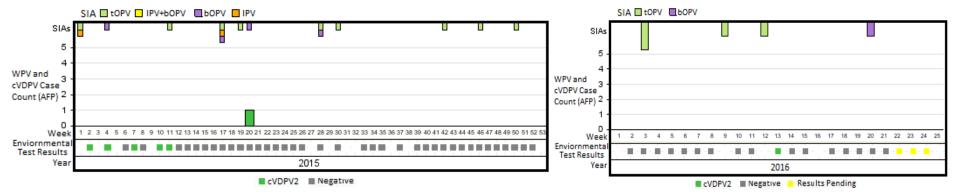
2015 cVDPV2 case

single case was linked to several positive environmental samples

2016 VDPV2 events

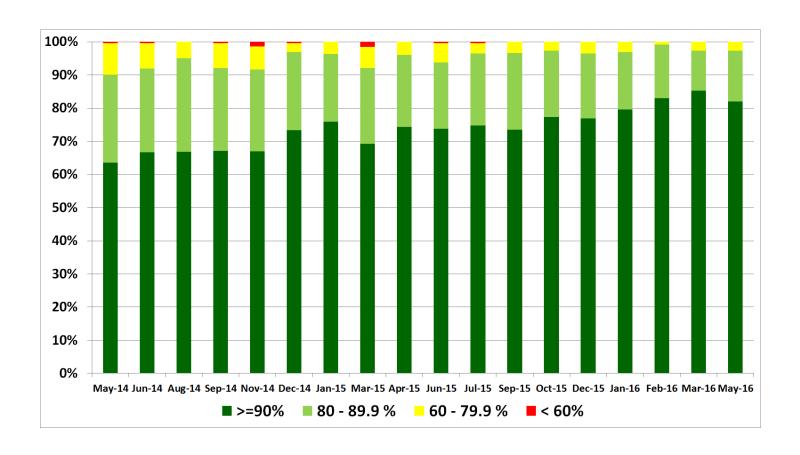
- positive environmental VDPV2 in Borno State
- aVDPV2 in Jigawa State
- mOPV2 was used in two responses in 2016

cVDPV2 cases, environmental results by onset week, and SIAs, 2015 and Jan to Jun 2016

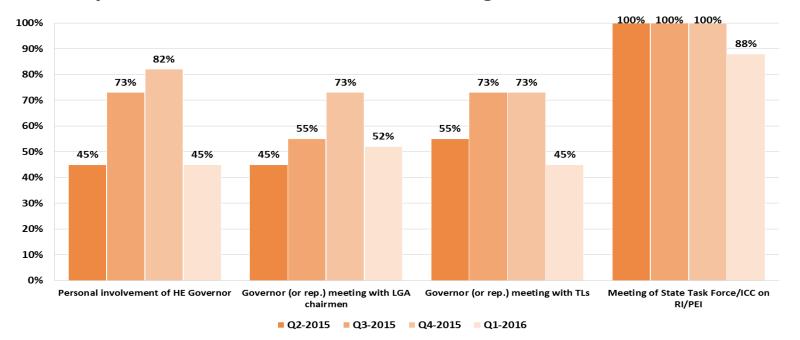


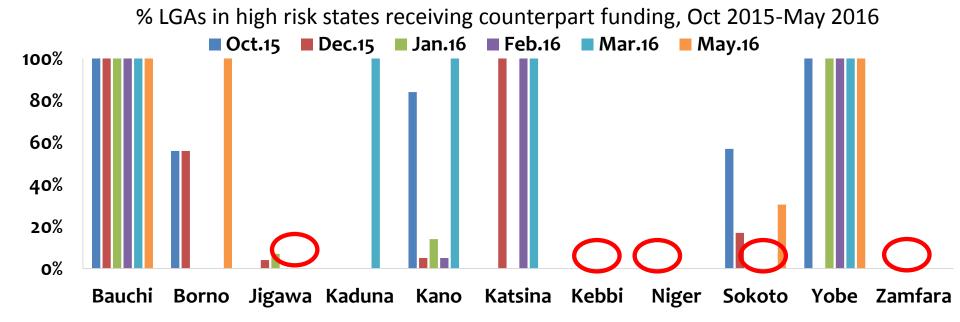
Nigeria: Improving quality of immunization activities in 11 high risk states—trends in LQAS results

May 2014 – May 2016



Nigeria: Abuja Commitment Indicators in 11 high risk states, Q2-2015 – Q1-2016

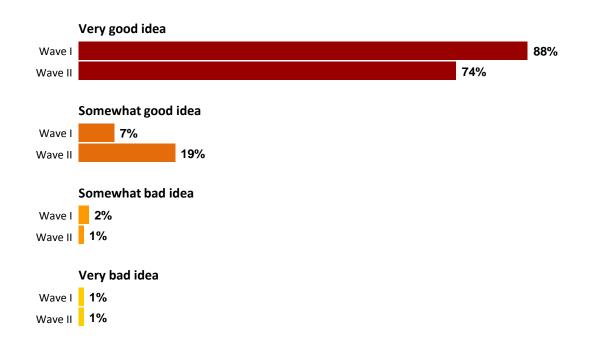




Nigeria: Caregiver views of giving OPV to children in neighborhood, 2014 - 2016

Overall, social support for giving polio drops to children is declining in the 10 highest risk states.

% caregivers saying giving polio drops to children in neighborhood is a...

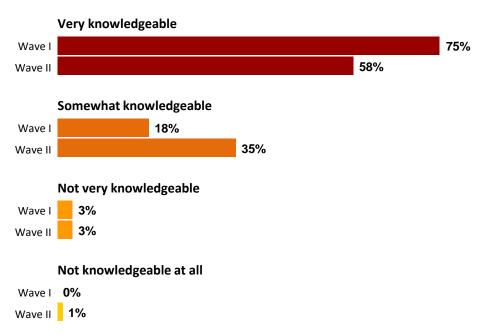


Questionnaire evolution between years suggests the need for caution in interpreting comparisons over time.

Nigeria: Caregiver perceptions of vaccinator knowledge/competence 2014 - 2016

Caregiver perceptions of vaccinator competence in the 10 highest risk states has declined by nearly 20% over the last 2 years.

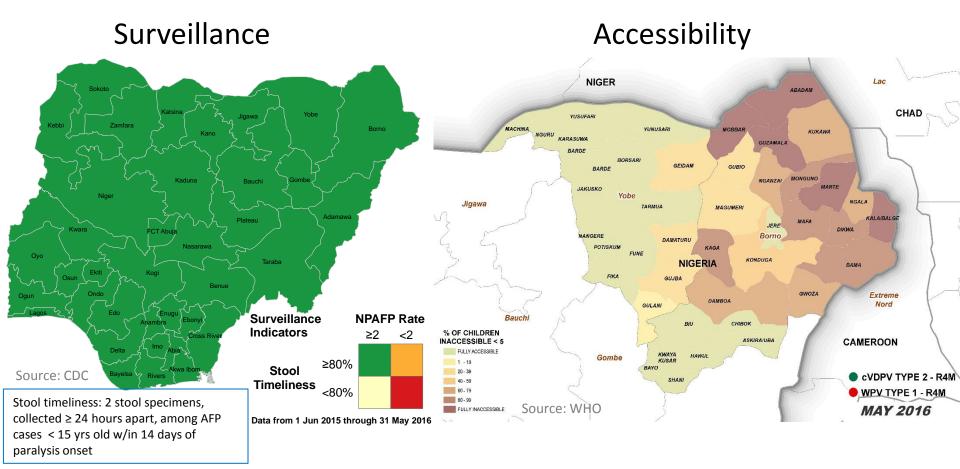
% caregivers saying vaccinators were... (among those saying they saw vaccinators during last campaign)



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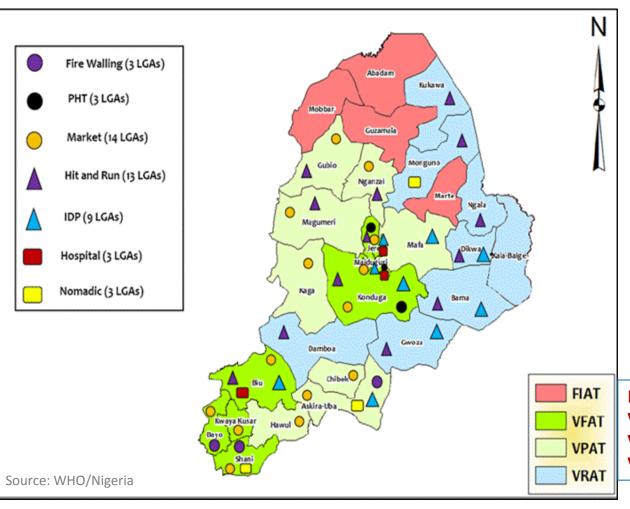
Wave II n=3051

Nigeria: Jun 2015 – May 2016



- Primary surveillance indicators continue to be met at the state level but gaps exist at the LGA level.
- Possibly more than 550,000 children in Borno State are being missed due to insecurity; there are ongoing efforts to reach those children through 'hit and run' campaigns, at IDP camps, at border areas and transit points.
- Following the VDPV2 environmental isolate, 23 out of 27 LGAs in Borno will receive a third round of mOPV2 in July,
 2016, followed by a round of intradermal IPV in August.

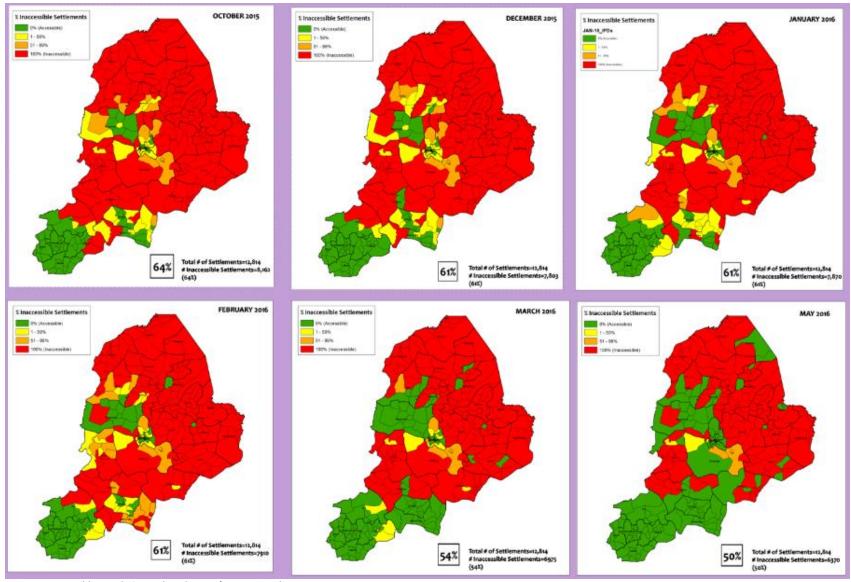
Nigeria: Programme continues to use special intervention strategies to reach children in inaccessible areas of Borno State, May 2016



The map is based on Special Intervention Data for 2016

FIAT: Fully Inaccessible Territories
VFAT: Fully Accessible Territories
VPAT: Partially Accessible Territories
VRAT: Recently Accessible Territories

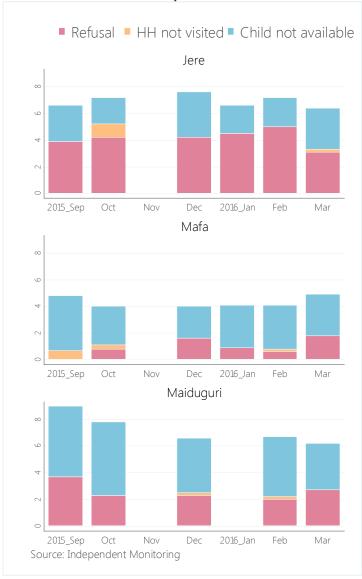
Nigeria: % Settlements inaccessible has decreased in Borno Oct 15 – May 16



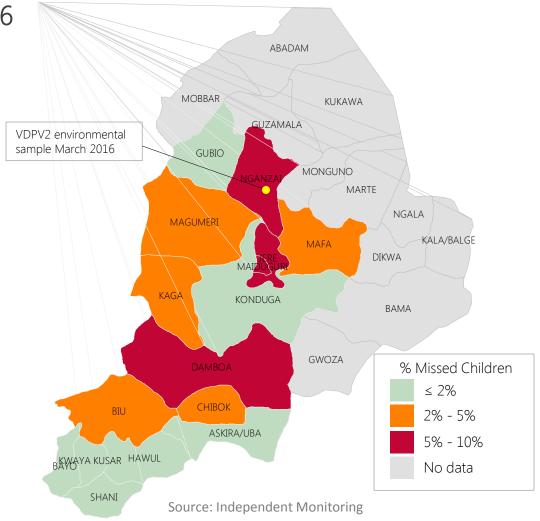
SOURCE: Accessible population and settlement for H2H SIAs data: Borno State Team

Nigeria: Borno State

Trends in missed children, selected LGAs, Borno, Sep 2015 – Mar 2016



Proportion of missed children Borno, March 2016

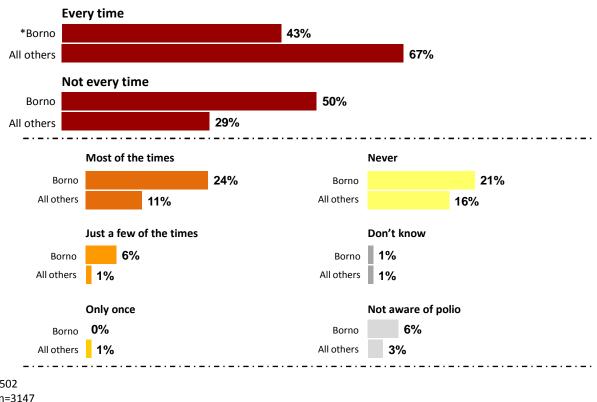


From Sep 2015 to May 2016 the % of children in Borno who were inaccessible was estimated to have decreased from 51% (866,234) to 34% (588,043).

Nigeria: Caregiver intent to give OPV - Borno vs. All other high risk states, March 2016

Borno caregivers are less inclined to accept polio vaccination 'every time' it's offered compared to the other 10 high risk states in Nigeria.

% caregivers saying they intend to give child polio drops...



*Borno n=502 All others n=3147

By the time [index child] reaches [his/her] 5th birthday, how often do you intend to have polio vaccinators give [index child] polio drops? Would you say...?

DRC is at risk of cVDPVs

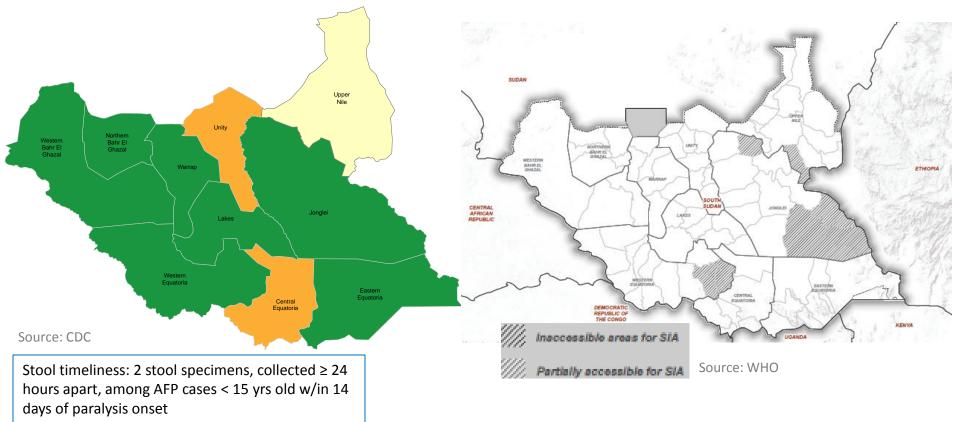
- DRC had cVDPV outbreaks in 2010-2012 and 8 aVDPVs during 2010-2015.
- aVDPV2 case confirmed on 1 March 2016 in Tshopo province (former Orientale), onset on 15 January 2016. Two preplanned National Immunization Days (NIDs) and 1 sub-national Immunization Day (SNID) (in Tshopo and Bas Uele), all with tOPV, were conducted after the onset of the case.
- An OBRA (Outbreak Response Assessment) related to the Tshopo aVDPV2 case concluded [on 10-Jun-2016] that AFP surveillance was not sensitive enough to detect all transmission.
- aVDPV2 case was confirmed on 26 May 2016 in Mongala province (former Equateur) with onset 15 March 2016. Two NIDs with tOPV (24-26 March and 14-16 April 2016) were conducted after case onset.

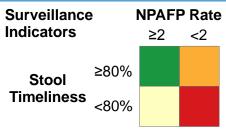
South Sudan is also at risk of cVDPVs

- VDPV2 outbreak that started in 2014 was just closed (OBRA, June 2016).
- 2015 aVDPV2 (not related to 2014 outbreak) was detected.
- Considering low routine immunization and slow roll out of IPV particularly in conflict affected states the risk of VDPV2 outbreak remains a possibility in the post-switch scenario.
- While there is a significant improvement in surveillance indicators, there is still sub-optimal specimen adequacy and silent counties.
- There are unreached children in conflict affected areas, and pockets of unimmunized children in other areas.

South Sudan: Surveillance quality Jun 2015 – May 2016

Surveillance and Accessibility

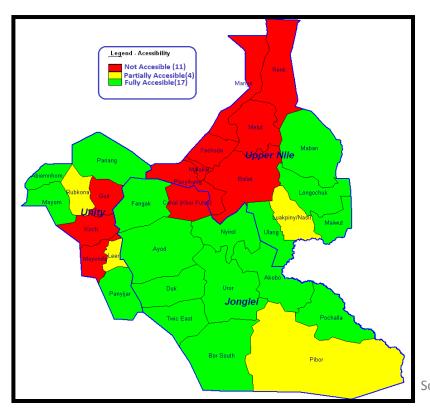




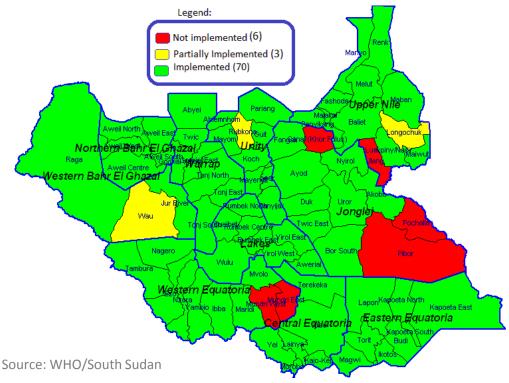
Data from 1 Jun 2015 through 31 May 2016

South Sudan: Access for SIAs

As of 14 March 2016

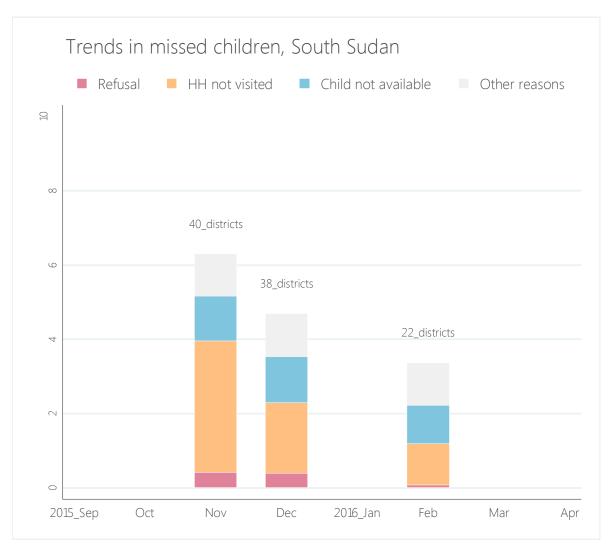


As at end of May 2016



- Access has greatly improved since start of outbreak
- Some health facilities still non-functional
- Staff are restricted from traveling to some areas
- Movement of funds through banking system remains a challenge
- Difficulty in logistics including cold chain, accommodation and transportation

South Sudan: Reductions in percent of missed children Sep 2015 – Feb 2016



Source: Independent Monitoring

Africa Summary

- Africa has maintained its WPV polio-free status since the last case in August, 2014.
- Many areas in Africa have improved AFP surveillance—but substantial variation at sub-State reveals gaps and requires more attention. Countries bordering Lake Chad have large pockets of unreached and inaccessible children due to the Boko Haram insurgency.
- cVDPV transmission persisted in Borno, Nigeria after the detection in 2014. The EOC estimates that less than 150,000 children remain chronically missed in Borno.
- Nigeria responded aggressively to recently detected cVDPV2 in Borno. SIA with mOPV2
 was implemented within two weeks of notification. The round was unable to reach
 many chronically inaccessible areas, highlighting the challenges to interrupt
 transmission.
- Eradication efforts in Nigeria need to regain the political oversight and social commitment in place prior to interrupting WPV transmission, especially in key northern states and LGAs where domestic funding, government oversight and caregivers perception of the programme is steadily declining. National government should be encouraged to fulfill its funding commitment and re-activate the Presidential Task Force in wake of the challenges in the NE.
- WHO and UNICEF have facilitated establishment of a Lake Chad Task Team to help coordinate surveillance and immunization activities in this high risk area.



Outbreaks / VDPV2 events: Sep 2015 – May 2016

- Three VDPV outbreaks were ongoing in Sep 2015 (Madagascar, South Sudan, Ukraine). Since that time, 3 additional cVDPV outbreaks (Lao PDR, Myanmar, Guinea) and 17 VDPV2 events (AFR, EMR, SEAR, WPR) were identified.
- SIAs were conducted in response to all 6 VDPV outbreaks; immunization responses have been recommended or already implemented in 11 of the 17 VDPV events. mOPV2 was used in two separate responses in Nigeria: 1) Jigawa following VDPV2 event, 2) Borno in response to ongoing VDPV2 transmission.
- cVDPV outbreaks GPEI's track record in quick and effective responses to VDPV outbreaks has been mixed in Guinea and Ukraine, both of which were experiencing complex emergency situations. The Ukraine outbreak was closed 9 months after the last case, although the quality of 3 SIAs and surveillance were suboptimal. After more than 22 months since the last case, the South Sudan outbreak, where substantial security concerns and surveillance gaps continue, was closed.
- VDPV2 events swift response to a confirmed VDPV2 case in Tshopo, DRC with two NIDs and an SIA round covering the province prior to the Switch. Events in other countries preceded the Switch but were discovered during or after the Switch, these include: Egypt (limited response with tOPV), DRC (Mongala province: two SIAs were implemented since the onset of paralysis), Kenya (one SIA implemented after a positive ES result), Niger (three SIAs), and Syria (no response deemed feasible nor necessary). Nigeria and India had the only events that occurred post Switch (Jigawa: 3 mOPV2 SIAs; Hyderabad: one round fIPV; Kolkata: no response); all other events occurred pre- or during the switch, but were discovered afterwards.

VDPV2 Events since Sep 2015

Year	Country	Location	Onset/ Collection	AFP/ ES	# NT changes	Classifi- cation
2015	Pakistan	Quetta	12-Sep	ES	8	а
	India	Mumbai	29-Sep	ES	6	а
	China	Guangdong	13-Oct	ES	7	а
	Niger	Niamey	15-Nov	ES	8	а
	Senegal	Dakar	15-Nov	ES	6	а
	Syria	Deir al Zour	6-Dec	AFP	6	а
	Pakistan	Quetta	14-Dec	ES	6	а
	India	Mumbai	29-Dec	ES	7	а
	Kenya	Nairobi	30-Dec	ES	7	а
2016	DRC	Tshopo	13-Jan	AFP	16	а
	India	Delhi East	1-Feb	ES	6	а
	India	Delhi North	18-Feb	ES	7	а
	Egypt	Al-Taur	15-Mar	ES	6	а
	DRC	Mongala	15-Mar	AFP	6	pending
	India	Kolkata	25-Apr	ES	6	pending
	Nigeria	Jigawa	14-May	AFP	8	pending
	India	Hyderabad	16-May	ES	10	pending

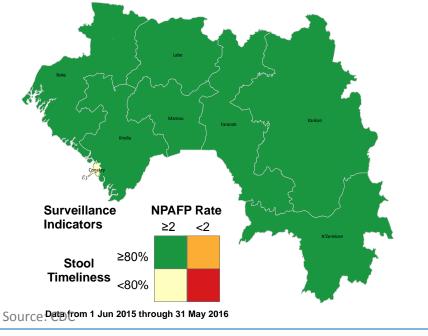
The number of VDPV2 events are expected to decline post Switch

Performance indicators in recent outbreaks

Number of days from to	Standard (days)	Guinea	Mada- gascar	Myanmar	Lao PDR	Ukraine
from confirmation to OBRA 1	90	177	261	104	109	98
from confirmation to Team A arrival	3	42	264	n/a	24	8
from confirmation to response plan	14	62	294	3	21	21
from confirmation to 1st round	14	11	54	-2	7	50
from first to last case	-	471	327	194	126	7
from confirmation to grading	3	4	252	2	8	17
Number of SIA conducted (to date)	> 3	7	8	5	7	3
from confirmation to release of funds	14	3	297	n/a	14	n/a

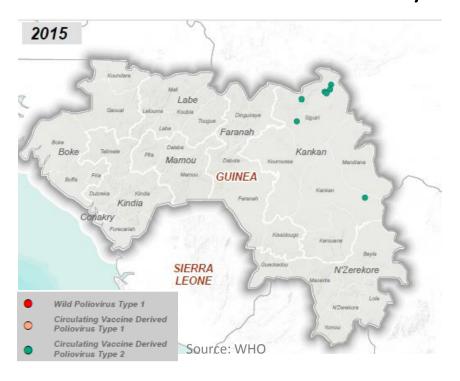
Guinea: cVDPV2 outbreak, Jul 2015 – Dec 2015

Surveillance



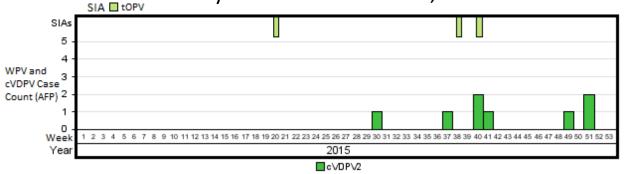
Stool timeliness: 2 stool specimens, collected ≥ 24 hours apart, among AFP cases < 15 yrs old w/in 14 days of paralysis onset

cVDPV2 cases detected in 2015 only

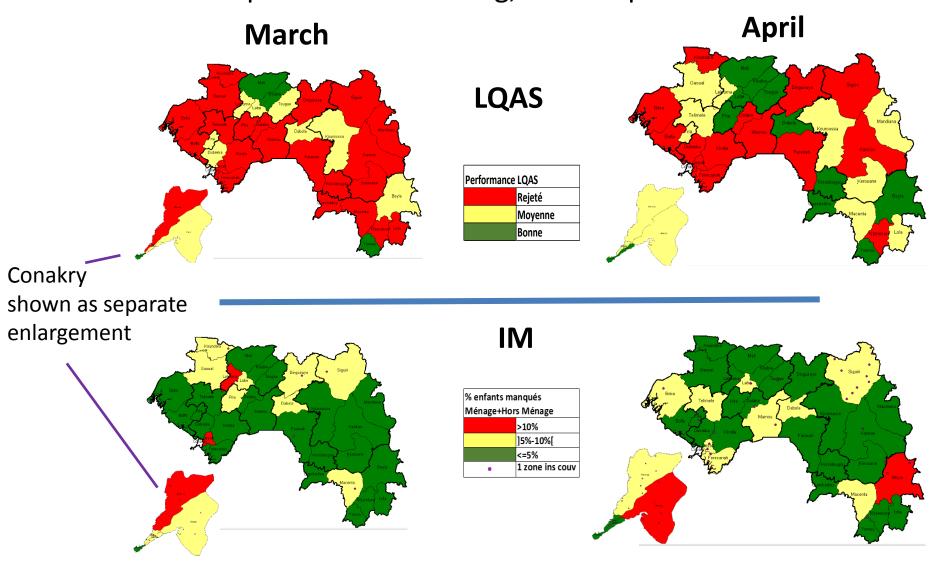


- Surveillance improved at province level, but Conakry failed to meet both indicators (too small to see on slide).
- The outbreak remains open.

cVDPV2 cases by onset week and SIAs, 2015



Guinea: LQAS indicates few prefectures* have the desired SIA quality in contrast to Independent Monitoring, Mar – Apr 2016

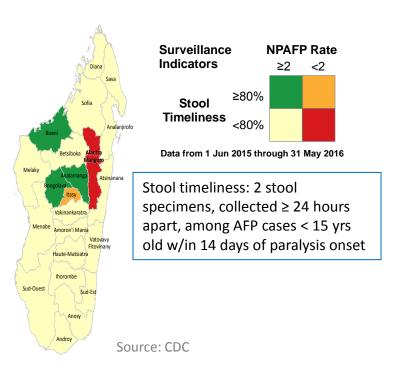


Source: WHO/Guinea

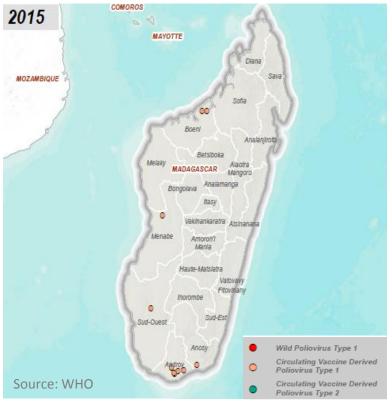
^{*}prefecture is analogous to district

Madagascar: cVDPV1 outbreak, Sep 2015 – Jun 2016

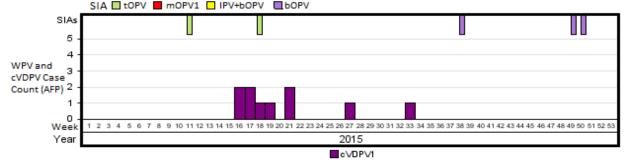
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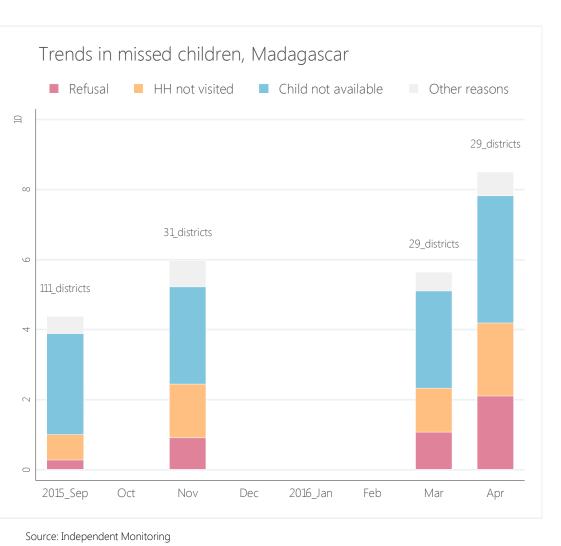
cVDPV1 cases by onset week and SIAs, 2015

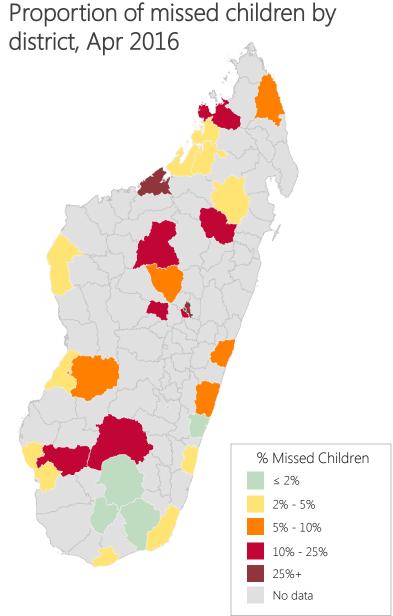


Madagascar had two VDPV2 outbreaks in the last 10 years.

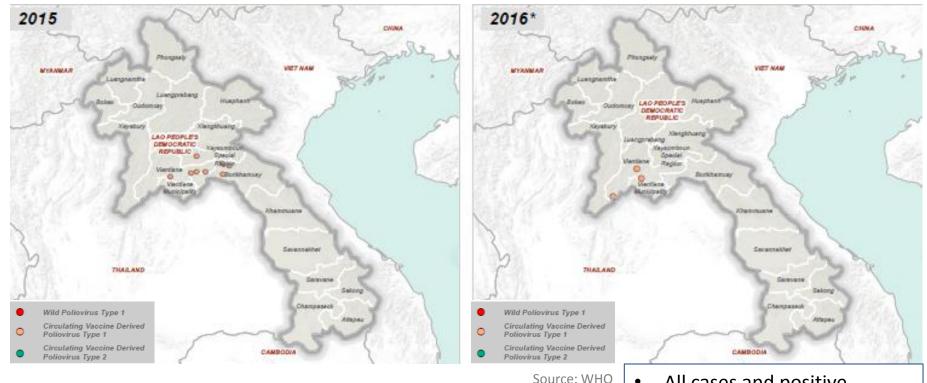
The VDPV1 outbreak remains open.

Madagascar: Percent of missed children, Sep 2015 – Apr 2016

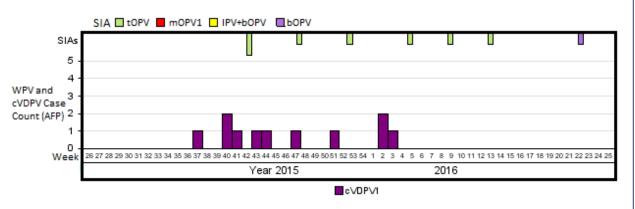




Lao PDR: cVDPV1 outbreak, Sep 2015 – Jun 2016

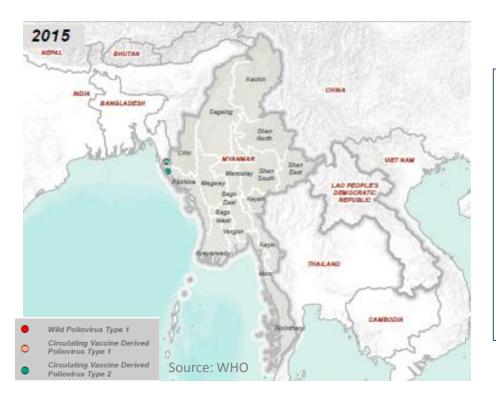


cVDPV1 cases by onset week and SIAs, 2015



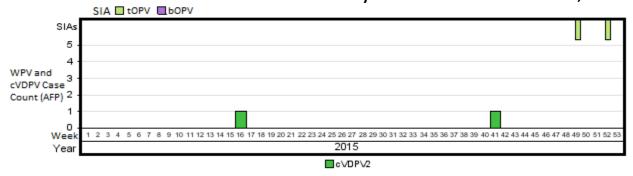
- All cases and positive contacts were members of the same ethnic minority.
- 4 of 11 cases were 15-44 years of age.
- 7 SIAs, some targeted all ages (Oct 2015 – May 2016).
- The outbreak remains open.

Myanmar: cVDPV2 outbreak, Sep 2015 – Jun 2016



- Both cases were members of the same ethnic minority.
- Only 3-month OBRA conducted thus far, second OBRA scheduled for late Sep early Oct, 2016.
- The outbreak remains open.

cVDPV2 cases by onset week and SIAs, 2015



Outbreak Summary

What's going well

- Normative guidance and tools in place to support planning and management of polio outbreaks and VDPV2 events
- Strong technical expertise for polio outbreak control and management of VDPV emergence
- Global coordination mechanism is in place (OPRTT) along with strong advocacy capacity across GPEI, but performance is suboptimal

What's not going well

- GPEI operational capacity improved but weaknesses continue -- limited pool of qualified personnel for immediate response, delays in deployment and decision making, delay in fund disbursement, suboptimal coordination (e.g., Guinea)
- Limited national preparedness, slow responses and weak oversight and political commitment by national authorities leading to limited SIA quality, delays or no declaration of public health emergency
- Lack of reference to quality measures in current guidance documents are a vulnerability for effective outbreak response

Key priorities moving ahead

- Build capacity for polio outbreak preparedness and response at country, IST and region levels
- AFP surveillance still needs improvement in many areas within Africa
- Establishing a multi-agency, multi-country comprehensive approach in Lake Chad region to attempt to address risks there
- Continued high-level advocacy efforts as soon as virus isolation occurs
- Further strengthen coordination across all parts of the partnerships

Countries at risk

- Risk of outbreak continuing: Guinea
- Risk of new events/outbreaks: DRC, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Ukraine

GPEI GLOBALLY

Global Overview

- GPEI is working effectively at global level, with clear roles among task teams and an efficient mechanism for identifying and addressing risks. A few critical challenges remain in the final leg of eradication
- The on-going cash gap and overall funding gap that exist for the period 2016-2019 urgently need to be filled.
- GPEI has made remarkable progress towards reaching the 4 strategic objectives, however the management of the Global Partnership with its current infrastructure (with its numerous groups and task teams) has a huge transactional cost.
- For the first time, countries have been provided with budget ceilings to ensure the global GPEI budget can be maintained. Countries will be expected to conduct effective, quality campaigns within the planned SIA calendar, and to begin transitioning responsibly in 2016 to ensure gains are maintained and utilized in support of routine immunization.
- The programme has updated and further developed outbreak response SOPs, guidelines for outbreak
 preparedness and technical guidelines for SIA quality. The programme needs to continue to ensure, however,
 that in all contexts, the basic gold standards for outbreak investigation, SIAs, and surveillance continue to be
 systematically applied; adherence to these strategies continues to be critically monitored at country, regional
 and global levels.
- The programme has a wealth of data and has made strides in more effectively using data for action in specific contexts. Yet the programme needs to offer greater opportunities to make faster, more strategic use of the data available, particularly in the areas where the programme is most vulnerable in the final year before interruption.
- The existing tight supply of IPV will continue to be a challenge for the interruption of poliovirus transmission and routine immunization until 2018.
- **OPV cessation:** as we approach the endgame, the programme will need to start planning for total OPV cessation and ensuring all resources are secured to do this in a timely manner.