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WPV CASES IN SEPTEMBER

15

TOTAL WPV CASES IN 2018

6

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN SEPTEMBER

5.56m

CHILDREN TARGETED IN SUB-NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAYS

5.04m

DOSES OF VACCINE GIVEN IN IMMUNIZATION DAYS

48,800

FRONTLINE WORKERS

(Overall 30% female:26.5% urban workers, 5% of rural)

7,000

SOCIAL MOBILIZERS

(Overall 30% female)

484

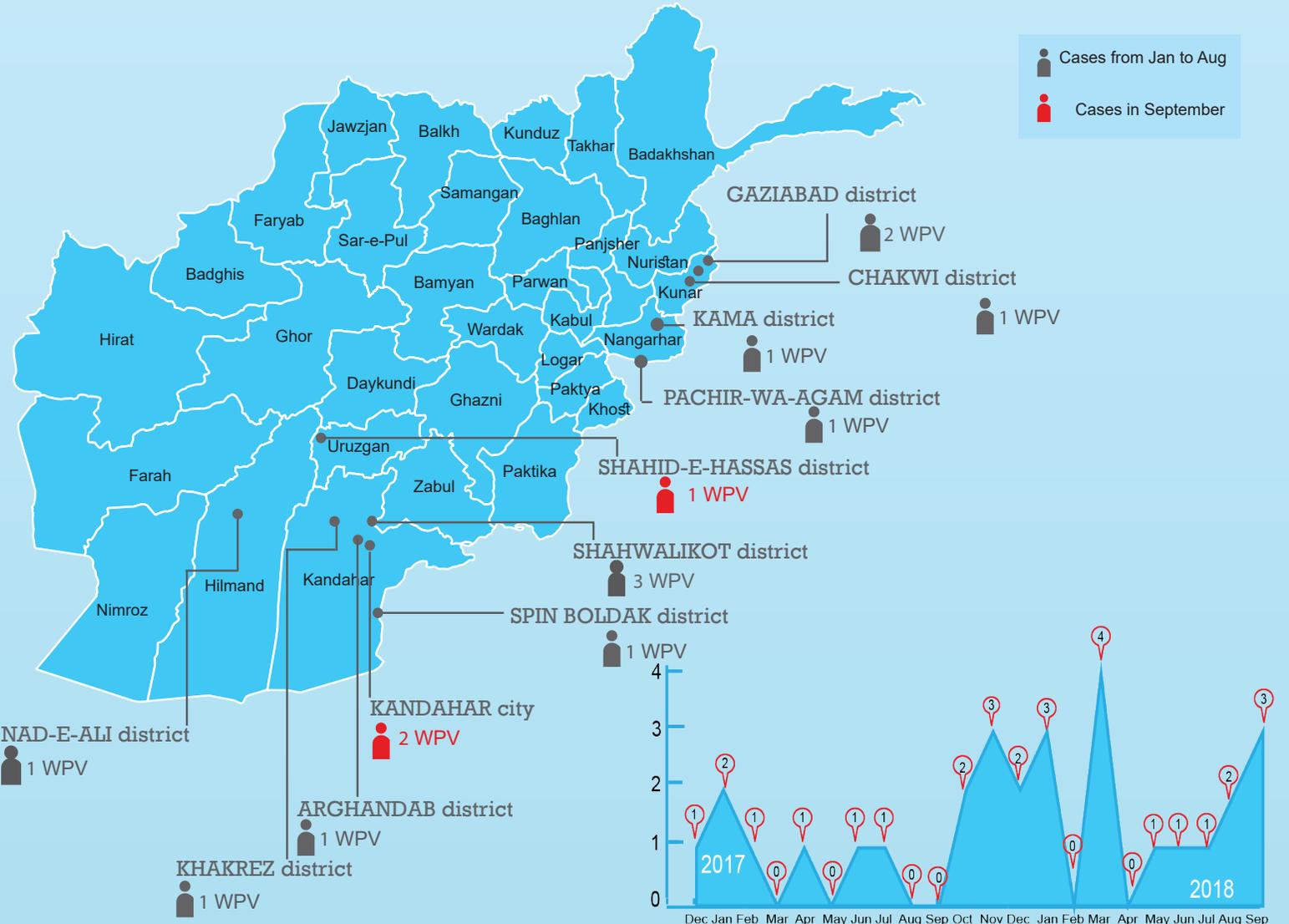
PERMANENT TRANSIT TEAMS

15

CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS

# POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN

SEPTEMBER 2018





## POLIO TRANSMISSION

- 3 new wild poliovirus (WPV1) cases were reported in September. 1 from Shahid-E-Hassas district of Uruzgan and 2 from Kandahar city of Kandahar province.
- 6 WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in September, all from Kandahar city of Kandahar province, bringing the total number of positive samples to 40 in 2018.



## AFP AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 198 acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases (99 girls and 99 boys) reported in September. Overall in 2018, 2,451 AFP cases have been reported, of which 2,227 have been discarded as “non-polio AFP” and 209 cases are pending classification.
- Non-polio AFP rate is 16, stool adequacy above 95%, and non-polio enterovirus rate above 18% at national level. In all regions, non-polio AFP rate is above 12, stool adequacy above 91%, and non-polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 16 to 25 %.



## SUPPLEMENTARY IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES

- In the September Sub-National Immunization Days, 5.56 million children under the age of five were targeted in 184 districts of 15 provinces across 6 regions in Afghanistan.
- Case response vaccination campaigns were conducted from 10th to 14th September targeting 486,948 children under the age of five in Kandahar and Herat. IPV was given to 162,238 children in Kandahar city.
- In September, 960,342 children were missed during the vaccination campaign due to inaccessibility. The majority of whom reside in Kandahar, Hilmand and Uruzgan where house to house vaccination was banned.



## COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 15 cross-border vaccination points, 42 cross-border teams and 484 permanent transit teams (PTTs) were operational across Afghanistan during September 2018.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 1,215,004 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 129,921 children against polio in September.
- 2,605 children were given OPV and 926 children were vaccinated with IPV respectively in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in September.



## Polio Survivor

**“I wish my father had allowed me to be vaccinated...”**

Amil Khar is from Naziri village in Tani District, Khost province. Amil’s left leg became paralysed when he was two years old and it was discovered that the paralysis was caused by the polio virus.

Amil is twenty years old now, he is a social mobiliser for polio campaigns in his district. He is passionate about making people aware of the dangers of Polio and its lifelong impact on survivors.

Three days before each campaign, he visits each family in the village of Naziri. He knocks on every door and informs the parents the time of the campaign, and urges them to vaccinate their children. He walks around the village with a megaphone, announcing the dates of the campaign around schools and markets while telling them the importance of polio vaccination. During the campaign, he accompanies vaccinators to convince families who have doubts about vaccinating their children. In between campaigns, he promotes routine immunization and other healthcare services.

Walking is not easy for Amil, but he’s not deterred by his disability. *“I tell parents to accept the vaccines. I tell them that I wish my father had allowed me to be vaccinated. If he hadn’t refused, I would not have had this lifelong disability.”*

Amil is a determined frontline worker, despite all the challenges he faces every day, he still walks around his village, getting two drops to every child. For him, every step is a step closer towards polio eradication.



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