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WPV CASES IN DECEMBER

21

TOTAL WPV CASES IN 2018

12

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN DECEMBER

3.2M

CHILDREN TARGETED IN DECEMBER SNID

8,847

SOCIAL MOBILIZERS

(3,196 urban workers, 5,651 rural workers)

2,217

FEMALE SOCIAL MOBILIZERS

(Overall 25% female)

429

PERMANENT TRANSIT TEAMS

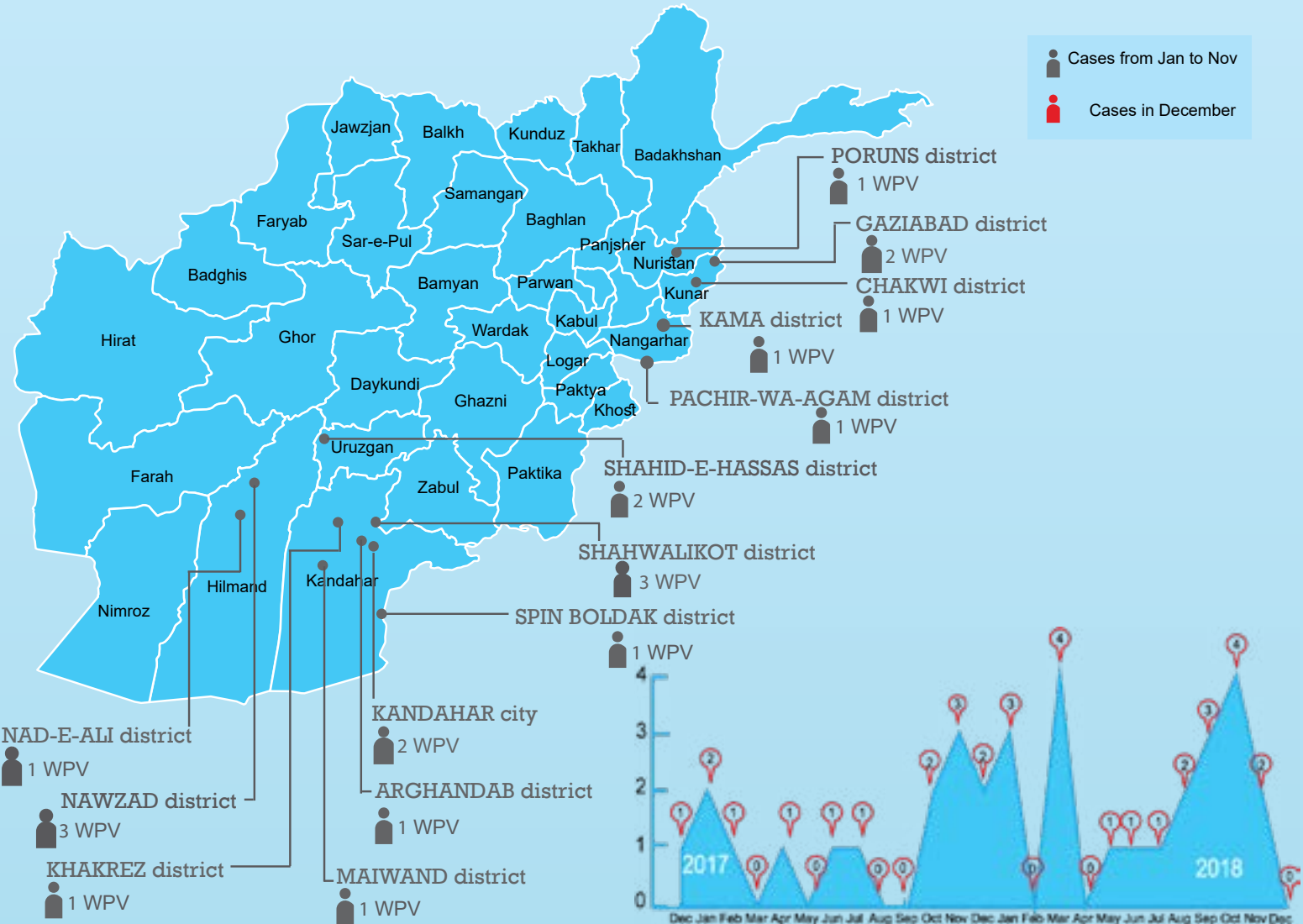
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CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS

752,631

CHILDREN INACCESSIBLE IN DECEMBER

POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN DECEMBER 2018





POLIO TRANSMISSION

- No new wild poliovirus (WPV1) case was reported in December.
- The National Rapid Response Team conducted an epidemiological investigation in response to the isolation of a WPV1 case reported from Poruns district of Nuristan Province.



AFP AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 175 acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases (75 girls and 100 boys) were reported in December. Overall in 2018, 3,300 AFP cases have been reported, of which 2,998 have been discarded as “non-polio AFP” and 281 cases are pending classification.
- In all regions, the Non-polio AFP rate is above 11, stool adequacy above 88%, and non-polio enterovirus rate ranges from 15-18%.
- 12 WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in December. 5 from Kandahar, 5 from Nangarhar and 2 from Helmand, bringing the total number of positive samples to 74 in 2018.



SUPPLEMENTARY IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES

- A special sub-national campaign was conducted from 11-14 December in a number of very high risk districts. The SNID took place in 114 districts of 10 provinces targeting 3.2 million children under five.
- Over 752,000 children under five weren't reached this month as a result of an ongoing ban on the house-to-house strategy.



COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 15 cross-border vaccination points, 41 cross-border teams and 429 permanent transit teams (PTTs) were operational across Afghanistan in December 2018.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 1,221,478 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 120,770 children against polio in December.
- 982 children were given OPV and 235 children were vaccinated with IPV respectively in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in November.
- 12,192 international travelers were vaccinated in December in compliance to the International Health Regulations (IHR).
- 22,658 returnee children received OPV, 10,584 returnee children received IPV in 2018.



“This is why you have to vaccinate your children”...

... Yar Mohammad, a resident of Loya Wala in Kandahar city became an activist to convince his neighbours and friends to vaccinate their children. He did not vaccinate his children against polio, and now his daughter is paralyzed by the virus.

In a video interview, Mr. Mohammad expressed his deep regrets, and called for all parents to be responsible for their children's health. His wife and mother are also working in the neighbourhood to raise awareness of the danger of the polio virus and the importance of the vaccine.

Watch the interview [here](#).



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