

Welcome!

We will begin at 6 am PST/9 am EST/3 pm CET



Welcome to the Polio Partners Group Meeting



16 December 2021 from 15:00-17:30 CET

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Polio Partners Group Meeting Agenda



(all times in Central European Time)

15:00 – 15:05: Welcome and introductory remarks (PPG Co-Chairs, Henrietta Fore, Steven

Lauwerier) – 10 minutes

15:10 – 15:25: Polio Eradication Situation Update (Aidan O'Leary) – *15 minutes*

15:25 – 16:00: Supporting Polio Eradication and Strengthening Surveillance at the County Level

(Ellyn Ogden and Lee Losey) + Discussion – 35 minutes

16:00 – 16:10: Health break – *10 minutes*

16:10 – 16:25: Programmatic and strategic updates (Ebru Ekeman & Kate O'Brien) – 15 minutes

16:25 – 16:40: Programmatic and strategic updates (Sir Liam Donaldson) – *15 minutes*

16:40 – 17:20: Discussion – *40 minutes*

17:20 – 17:30: Closure of meeting (PPG Co-Chairs) – *10 minutes*





Video from ED Fore





Presentations







Polio Eradication Update 16 December 2021









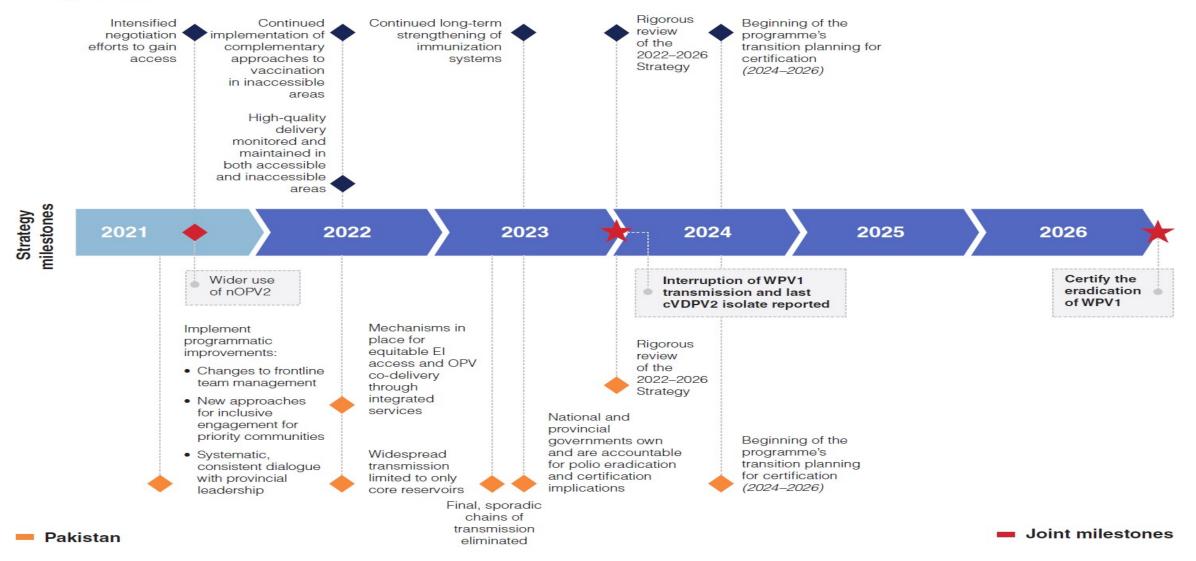




Goal One milestones for interrupting poliovirus transmission in Afghanistan and Pakistan







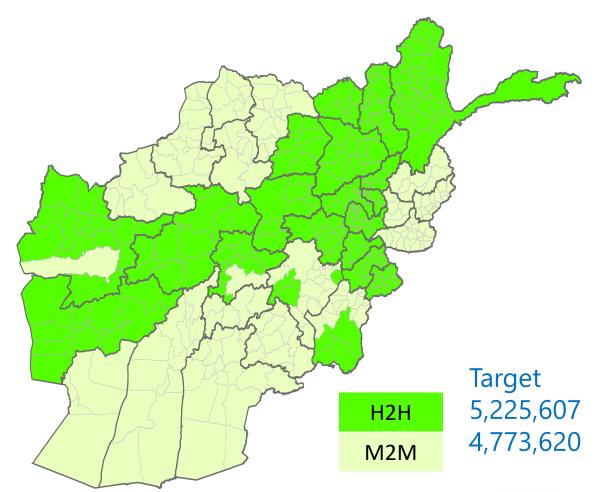
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- Nationwide polio campaign conducted in November outstanding accomplishment with no security incidents and communities very supportive of vaccination
- Reached 2.4 million children who were inaccessible for more than three years
- The recent campaign gives confidence to prepare well for the December round to be synchronized with Pakistan and implemented in best possible modality
- This campaign is a massive step in the right direction; however, we need to sustain and step-up efforts to prevent a resurgence of polio and the likelihood of international spread.





Highlights of PCM Nov. NIDs Afghanistan

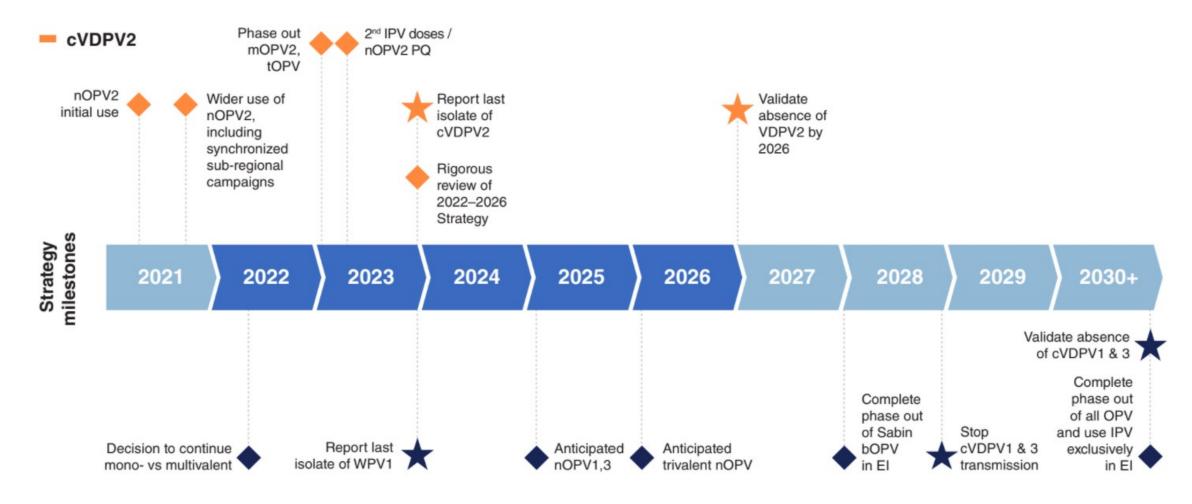


- Nov. 2021 SIAs in AFG is an encouraging development, that marks the first nationwide campaign in about 3 years
 - 2.4 million inaccessible children reached for the first time since early 2018
- Post campaign assessment in 399 Districts, across AFG
 - 206 (52%) implemented SIAs by H2H strategy; 193 (48%) implemented by M2M strategy
 - Among 182 M2M districts for which PCM data is available, only 14% were assessed to have 90% or higher coverage
 - Among 98 H2H districts for which PCM data is available, 93% were assessed to have 90% or higher coverage
 - Both core reservoir regions (East & South) implemented by M2M modality; 16% & 4% districts could reach 90% coverage mark, respectively
- Following the recent WPV-1 detection, heightened focus on Kunduz province yielded good results through H2H strategy
 - 6/7 districts achieved >90% coverage (one district 89%)
- PCM analysis shows that overall coverage achieve through M2M modality is much lower than what's required to stop poliovirus transmission
 - This underscores the importance of expanding H2H strategy for future campaigns



Goal Two milestones for interrupting cVDPV transmission in outbreak and at-risk countries

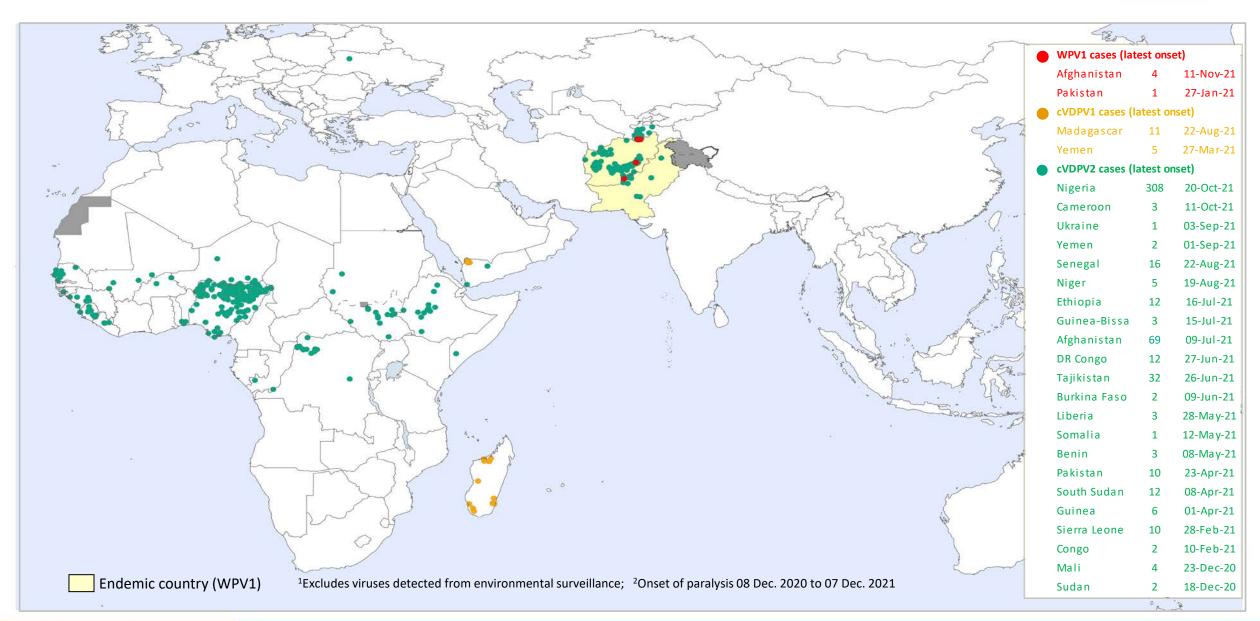




cVDPV 1,3

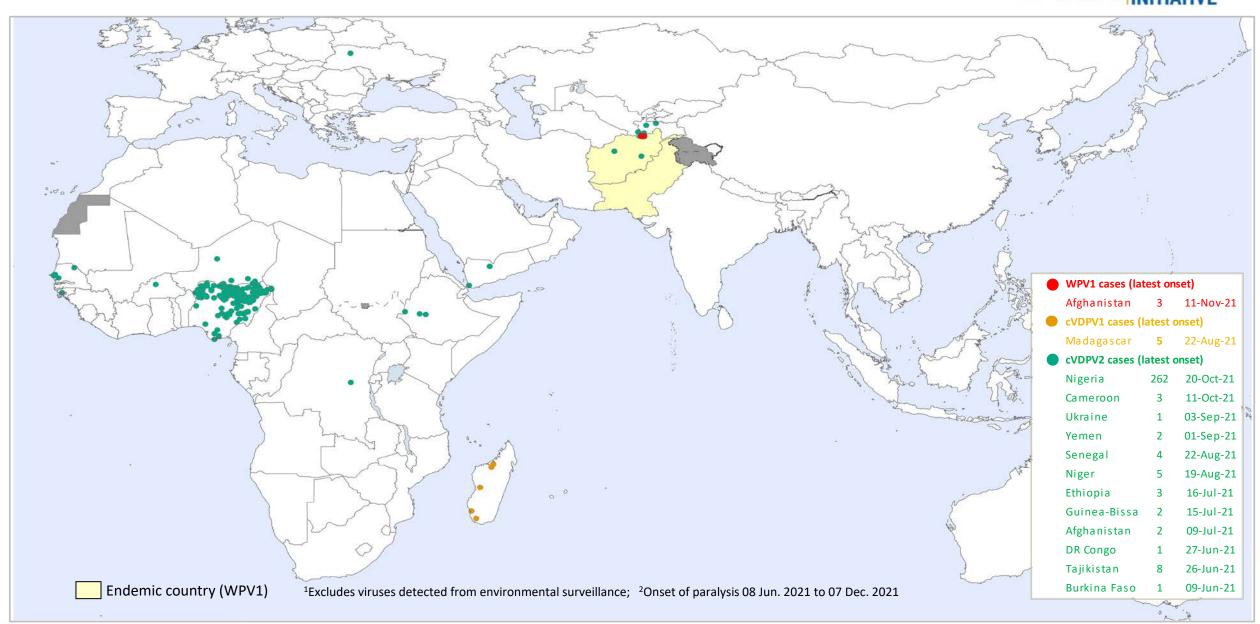
Global WPV1 & cVDPV Cases¹, Previous 12 Months²





Global WPV1 & cVDPV Cases¹, Previous 6 Months²



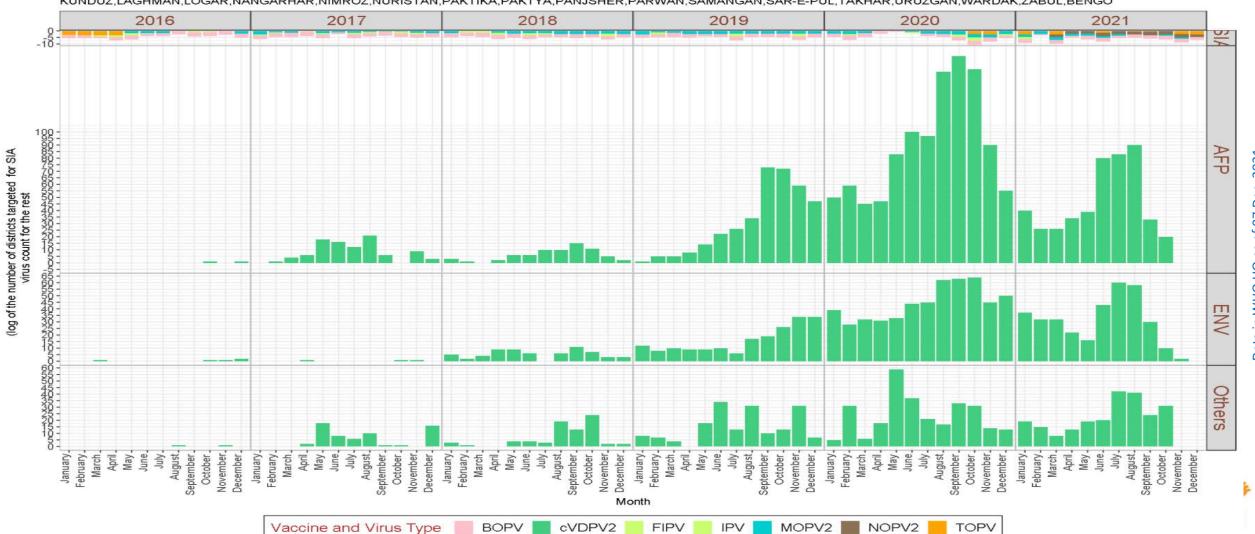


Global, post switch cVDPV2 trend between 2016-2021



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Outcome of implemented outbreak responses in Nigeria



- After 2 rounds of nOPV2 responses:
 - cVDPV2 transmission not detected in 14 states
 - Continued transmission in 7 seven states

- Peculiarities in areas with continued transmission:
 - Persistent low quality of response rounds with data falsification
 - Intense transmission before implementation of the outbreak responses
 - Huge population movements and migratory patterns
 - Weak oversight (political and technical) during preparedness and implementation

Next Steps following roundtable on 18-19 November



- Conduct planned outbreaks responses:
 - Immediate **localized nOPV2 responses** from 1-3 Dec. 2021 using available vaccines in country
 - Additional two nOPV2 response rounds from 14 17 Dec. 2021; and 14 17 Jan. 2022
- Boosting population immunity through:
 - Phased fIPV +bOPV rounds from Feb. May 2022
 - Introduction of second dose IPV through routine immunization

 Mobilize resources to re-instate human resource surge capacity to fully implement the planned activities

EVERY LAST

nOPV2 responses: authorized pending implementation



Country	Response zone	Date of Outbreak/ Breakthrough Confirmation	Date country Verified for nOPV2 use	Dose Release approval date	Planned R1	Duration till dose release (Ideally < 7)	Duration till planned first round (Ideally < 28)
Uganda	Whole Country	21-Jul-21	6-Jul-21	10-Aug-21	14- Jan 22	20	177
Egypt	Whole Country	25-Jun-21	16-Aug-21	7-Sep-21	5-Dec-21	74	163
Senegal	Whole Country	15-Mar-21	30-Aug-21	11-Oct-21	17-19 Dec-21	210	277
Mauritania	Whole Country	23-Aug-21	12-Oct-21	14-Oct-21	17-19Dec-21	52	102
Nigeria (7 states BT)	10 states & FCT	24-Aug-21	12-Feb-21	28-Oct-21	Waiting vaccine availability	65	99+ Till 01 Dec 21



Pending responses, decision made to use Sabin OPV2 (As of 01 December 2021)



Country	Date of Outbreak/ Breakthrough Confirmation	Duration since confirmation till today	Remarks		
Ukraine	05-Oct-21	57+	Use of mOPV2/tOPV under discussion		
Somalia	06-Oct-21	56+	mOPV2 authorized by DG		
Yemen (cVDPV2)	22-Nov-21	9+	tOPV authorized by DG		



Pending responses waiting for nOPV2 Readiness Verification/Vacrine Internation Availability As of 01 December 2021

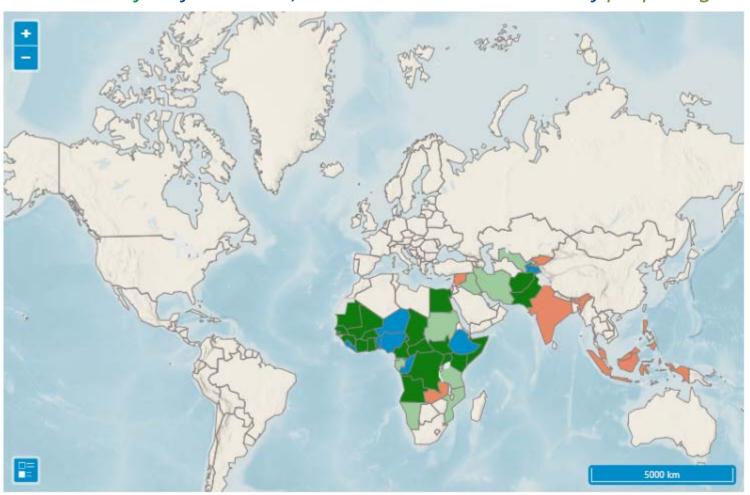
Country	Date of Outbreak/ Breakthrough Confirmation	Date country Verified for nOPV2 use	Duration since confirmation till today	Expected delay till nOPV2 become available (end Q1 2022)		
Burkina Faso	24-May-21	01-Oct-21	191+	311		
Guinea Bissau	22-Oct-21	Pending	40+	160		
DRC	26-Oct-21	25-Jun-21	36+	156		
Niger	27-Oct-21	28-Apr-21	35+	155		
Cameroon	28-Oct-21	12-Oct-21	34+	154		
Nigeria (middle belt states)		12-Feb-21				





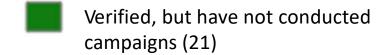
Preparations for nOPV2 use are completed or ongoing in 85% of countries at high-risk for cVDPV2s

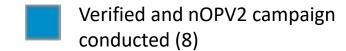
62% are verified for nOPV2; and 23% are in the midst of preparing

















Global stockpile balance after WHO DG release is – 100,821,500 doses

ODV2	Authorised	Stockpile	Released by								
nOPV2	by WHO DG	Balance 25 Nov	ORPG	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22
Stockpile replenishment		35,671,000		21,742,500	39,600,000	75,600,000	64,800,000	46,800,000	54,000,000		82,800,000
Released by ORPG											
Egypt R1			20,800,000								
Nigeria R1			28,847,500								
DG authorised pending ORPO	distribution										
Uganda R2	10,997,500										
Ethiopia R2	21,215,000										
Egypt R2	20,800,000										
Senegal R2	3,505,000										
Gambia R2	480,000										
Mauritania R2	1,000,000										
Nigeria R2	28,847,500										
Total authorised by DG	86,845,000										
Balance after ORPG Release		35,671,000	- 13,976,500	7,766,000	47,366,000	122,966,000	187,766,000	234,566,000	288,566,000	288,566,000	371,366,000

nOPV2 weekly release schedule

- Week of 29th November 21,742,500 doses
- Week of 6th December 32,400,000 doses
- Week of 27th December 7,200,000 doses







Global stockpile balance after WHO DG release is 225,933,400 doses

	Stockpile											
mOPV2	Balance 18											
	Nov	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Stockpile replenishment		107,744,200		37,803,400			10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000			20,000,000
Country Requests												
Balance after DG	225,933,400	333,677,600	333,677,600	371,481,000	371,481,000	371,481,000	381,481,000	391,481,000	401,481,000	401,481,000	401,481,000	421,481,000







Global stockpile balance after WHO DG release is 4,358,000 doses

tOPV	Stockpile Balance 18 Nov	November	December	January	February	March
Stockpile replenishment		15,332,000	34,800,000	33,350,000	33,350,000	5,800,000
Country Requests						
Pakistan		- 2,033,000				
Afghanistan		- 11,700,000				
Balance after DG	18,091,000	19,690,000	54,490,000	87,840,000	121,190,000	126,990,000





2022 budget prioritization table



Li	ine	Category	Geography	Function	_	22 critical activities w/indirect cost	Cumulativ	e Total	,	
	Α	Endemics ¹	Pakistan	SIAs, surveillance, integration, EOC	\$	251				
	В	Endemics ¹	Afghanistan	SIAs, surveillance, integration, EOC	\$	70				AFG budget to be closely monitored and
	С	Immunization	Non-endemics	Outbreak response	\$	168 •				adjusted based on
	D	Vaccines	Global	Vaccine procurement for outbreaks (nOPV2)	\$	88				need/ability to implement
	E	Surveillance, Infrastructure	AFRO 10 + Somalia	TA (surv + non-surv), surv running costs, labs	\$	83				ширишен
	F	Surveillance	Global	Lab - expand sequencing, direct detection	\$	10				
	G	Surveillance	HQ & RO	Surveillance TA, running costs, labs	\$	48				
	Н	Infrastructure	HQ & RO	Non-Surveillance TA	\$	45				
	I	Gender (Infrastructure)	Global	Gender mainstreaming strategy/activities TBD	\$	7	\$	771	•	Aligned with projected available
	J	Immunization	Non-endemic Higher risk	bOPV campaigns (Q1/Q2 multi-antigen or stand alone)	\$	33				resources
	K	Community Engagement (Immunization)	Nigeria + Somalia	Social mobilization network	\$	9				
	L	Infrastructure	AFRO 10 + Somalia	EOCs	\$	3				
ı	M	Immunization	RO	Digital Tools/Tracking	\$	3	\$	819		
	N	Vaccines	Global	Vaccine procurement for outbreaks (nOPV2)	\$	35				
	0	Immunization	Non-endemic Higher risk	bOPV campaigns (Q3/Q4 multi-antigen and stand alone)) \$	33				
	Р	Immunization	Global	bOPV Buffer Stock	\$	26				EVEDV
	Q	Endemics	Afghanistan	SIAs, surveillance, integration	\$	19	\$	932		LAST -

¹Budget set in line with historical implementation capacity



The Secretariat Model Core Group Polio Project

Polio Partners Group Meeting December 16, 2021

History of the CORE Group Polio Project

- Initiated to complement facility-based surveillance, reach children beyond the reach of government and UN services, build on networks of NGOs with experience in child survival and to streamline management in support of Polio Eradication.
- The Secretariat Model was launched in 1999 with grants to international and country-based national NGOs to support polio eradication.
- Currently working in Nigeria, India, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Kenya, Somalia, Uganda, and Niger
- Supports 40 sub-grants to NGOs working in the target countries
- Funded by primarily by USAID. BMGF co-funded efforts in South Sudan for nine years.



What are the key components of the Secretariat Model?

- Collaboration between networks of NGOs/Civil Society, government,
 UN Agencies and other Partners
- A network of international and national NGOs working in unison to support polio eradication or other health intervention
- Coordination of NGO partners by a central secretariat with a director and technical support team facilitating engagement with government
- Representation of NGO partners in National and Sub-National planning committees
- Two-way communication of national and global polio eradication strategies and policies to NGO partners to ensure a collaborative value added
- Fosters innovation and local problem solving
- Supervised engagement of NGOs/civil society in polio eradication following national guidelines assures capacity building and high quality

Overall Management Structure

Small US-Based Management Team (Technical/Financial) **1 Prime Funding Recipient Small Country** Secretariat Secretariat Secretariat **iNGOs** iNGOs **iNGOs**

Local NGOs

Local NGOs

Small Country

Local NGOs

Simplified, costeffective management and learning structure

- Funder manages one agreement with the 'prime' recipient.
- Small, virtual, HQ team reduces costs.
- 90% of funding goes to program implementation.
- **Cross-country learning**

Collaboration And Innovation

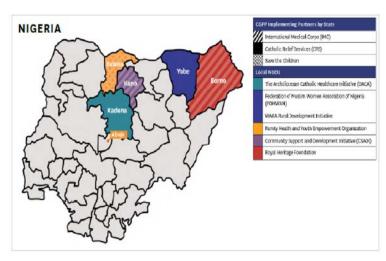
- No lead NGO
- Transparent approach to budgets
- Neutral Secretariat
- Training uses more adult learning approaches, develops coaches and mentors, interactive
- Integrated programming
- Identify and reach zero-dose and underimmunized
- Unified training, supervision and
- Independent campaign monitoring
- Community-based surveillance
- Integrated Disease Surveillance One Health
- Focus on cross-border coordination

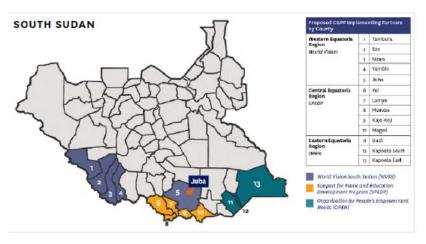
Community-Based Surveillance

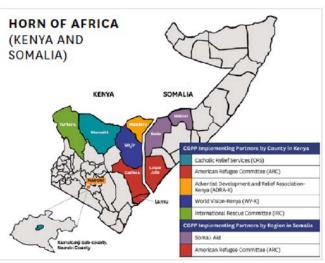
- Network of Community Informants
- Unpaid key community members
- Adds Sensitivity in areas with weak facility-based surveillance or coverage
- Linked to the national systems for polio and in Ethiopia/Kenya/Nigeria/South Sudan GHSA and COVID
- AVADAR reporting system would facilitate CBS

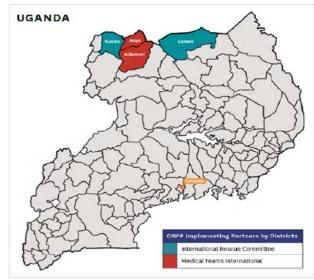


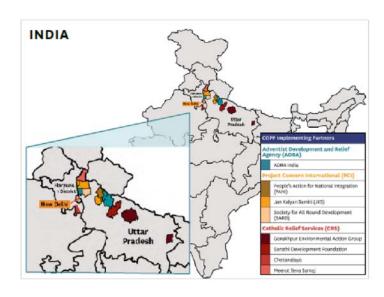
Emphasis on High-Risk Areas and Local NGOs

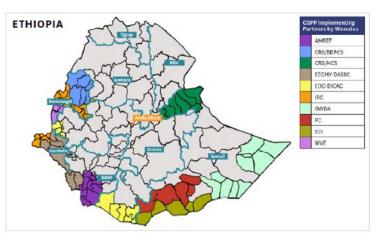












Why invest in Community-Based Approaches?

- * Reaches high-risk, hard-to-reach Communities
- * Success at identify and tracking zero dose children and defaulters
- * Increased efficiency and effectiveness in a large network of NGOs
- * Early detection and response to polio and other diseases of public health importance.
 - * Innovation and local problem solving encouraged
 - * Trust of Communities
 - * Simplified and cost-effective strategy to receive, distribute and manage funding.

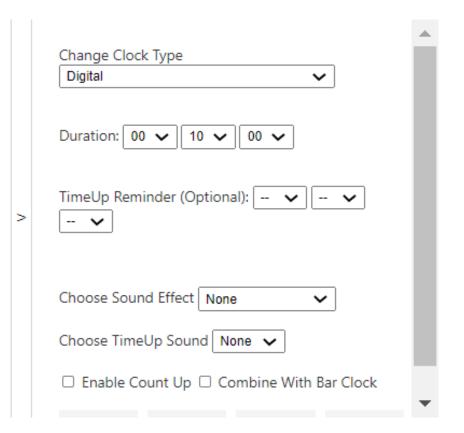
Discussion



Health Break (10 minutes)

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Presentations





Polio Transition: A Strategic Overview

Ebru Ekeman
Polio Transition Team
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Progress

Some countries will completely transition out of GPEI in 2022. Programmatic integration in these countries facilitates transition

Implementation of country plans underway, with lessons learned for the future (e.g. Angola, Bangladesh, India)

Countries are reviewing their plans to align with the COVID-19 context (e.g. Nigeria, Chad, South Sudan, Somalia)

"Integrated public health teams" are moving from concept to reality

Better coordination between GPEI and WHO governance structures

Close engagement of civil society

Strong M&E framework to ensure high programmatic performance

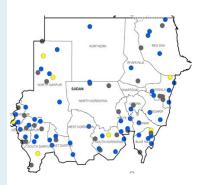


POLIO WORLD CAFÉ: SPOTLIGHTING CIVIL SOCIETY ACTION Hosted by the Polio CSO Integration and Transition Working Group FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22





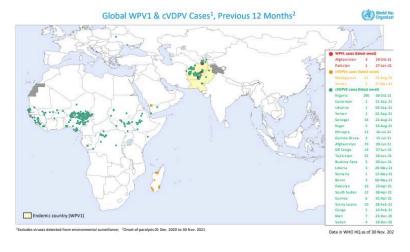








Challenges



COVID-19 continues to slow down efforts

Ongoing WPV and cVDPV circulation

National commitment and ownership

Sustainable financing (domestic and external)

Need for long term partner support in fragile and conflict-affected settings





Opportunities

Integration is an opportunity to reach and sustain eradication

Transferable skills of the polio workforce - demonstrated again during the pandemic response and COVID-19 recovery and vaccine rollout

GPEI support to 11 high risk countries needs to be a "bridge" to lay the grounds for transition

The mid-term review of the Strategic Action Plan is an opportunity to adapt to evolving context



How can the PPG help move forward the transition agenda?



- 1. Support advocacy for action at country level, with a focus on programmatic and financial sustainability
- 2. Provide **bilateral funding** to countries and implementing partners, and **help identify funding levers**
- 3. Focus on the country voice (e.g. invite a priority country to present at the PPG)
- 4. Facilitate **targeted and more intentional outreach** to CSOs

Integration as an opportunity to reach and sustain eradication

Dr Kate O'Brien WHO Director, Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals







Focus on "zero dose children" in the core reservoirs is critical in this final phase of eradicating polio



Equity

Zero-dose children in most marginalized communities in different settings:

Urban, Remote Rural,

Conflict



Primary Healthcare

Zero-dose communities often have no regular health services

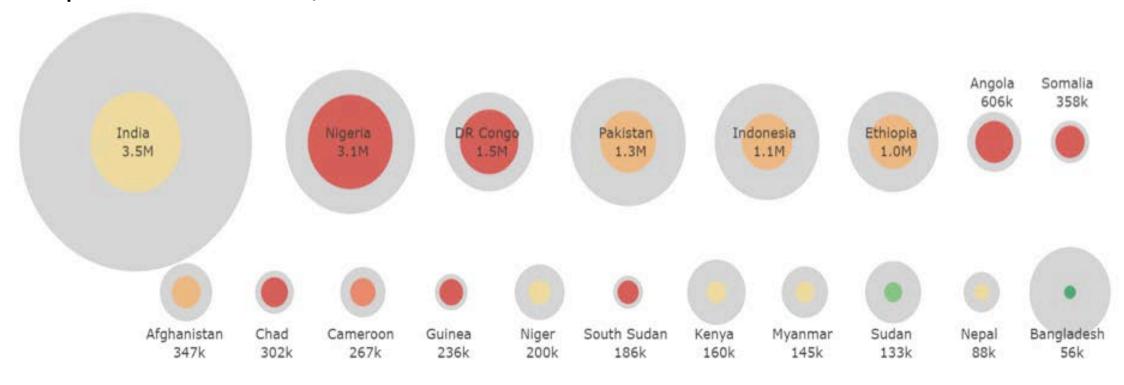


Health Security

Zero-dose children live in communities most vulnerable to outbreaks

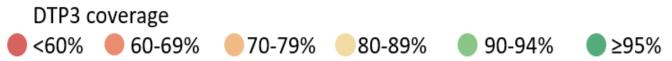


Majority of "zero-dose" children live in countries prioritized for polio eradication / transition*

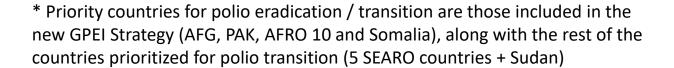


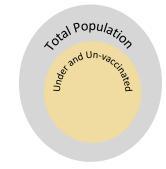


WUENIC 2020



DTP3 coverage according to legend, bubbles sized to total population and number of un/under protected children



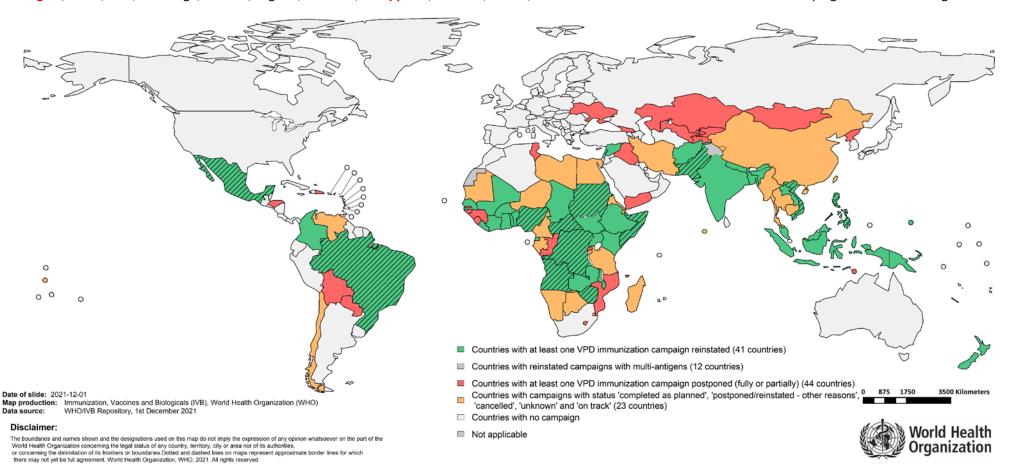




Resumption of immunization activities for polio and other VPDs offer opportunities for integration

VPD campaigns postponed in 44 countries due to COVID-19, with 12 countries conducting multi-antigen campaigns, 1st December 2021

Angola, Brazil, CAR, DR Congo, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Somalia, Sudan, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe have re-instated campaigns with multi-antigens.



The largest single MR catch-up campaign ever to be conducted – led to the protection of over 93 Mn children.

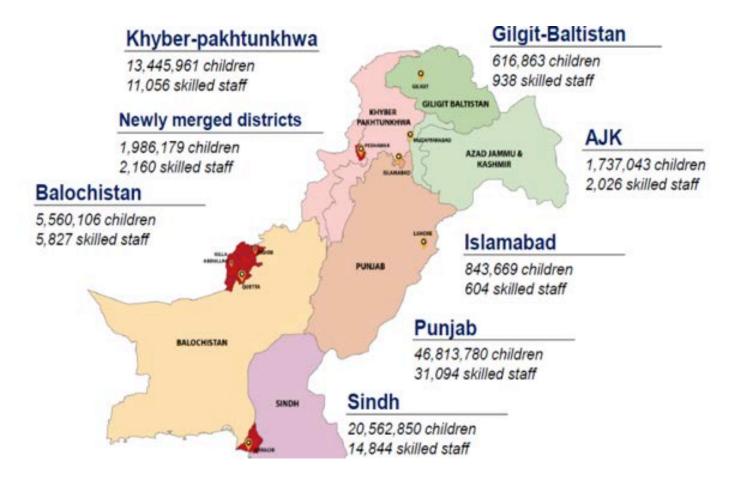
Over 31 Mn under-5s received codelivery of bOPV.

Unprecedented coordination between EPI & Polio at national and sub-national level.

Integration can be further enhanced at lower levels, such as:

- Ensuring data sharing for developing micro-plans
- Field validation of micro-plans by polio staff, esp. addressing planning for high-risk populations
- Identifying and reaching persistently missed children using polio assets and community knowledge

PAKISTAN: COORDINATION FOR THE INTEGRATED bOPV & MR CAMPAIGN, 15-27 Nov 2021

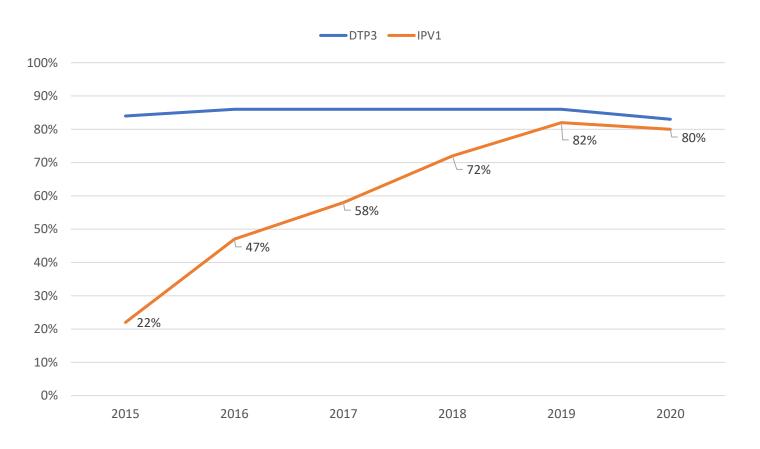






High population immunity against polio is critical to sustain eradication

Global IPV coverage estimates 2016-2020 (WUENIC)





SIAs have been the main platform to increase population immunity against polio, especially in countries with weak or fragile health systems.

Moving forward, essential immunization needs to be strengthened to reach and sustain high coverage.

99 countries need to introduce IPV2. Of the 63 Gavi countries, so far only 9 have introduced IPV2.

Gavi Board will review IPV cofinancing in 2022. Changes can have significant financial implications.

Availability of Hexa-IPV presents opportunities, but product and schedule changes could lead to programmatic risks.

Integration is a "two-way" street:

- 1) Polio networks have provided support to VPD surveillance and immunization services often going beyond polio.
- 2) Moving forward, sustainability of sensitive polio surveillance will necessitate integration with other VPDs.

Integration has progressed on different tracks in countries of the three priority regions.

VPD lab network and trained human resource capacity has been leveraged for COVID-19.

Global health security concerns have catalyzed greater synergies between the WHO programmes (WHE, IVB & POL), in collaboration with others (TB, HIV and external stakeholders).

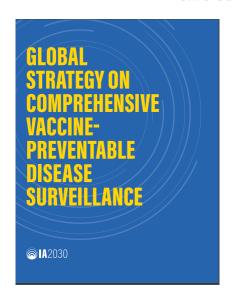
A minimum of US\$300 Million/year external funding will be needed in 2021-30 to strengthen surveillance (living estimate as new VPDs are added and/or new goals developed).

We have an opportunity to move from siloed to integrated surveillance to achieve multiple health

objectives



SMO supporting COVID-19 case investigation





Lab network for polio and MR leveraged for COVID-19









Through IA2030, we can take the necessary actions to reach and sustain global eradication, while strengthening immunization



Delivering comprehensive PHC services in targeted geographies



Generating demand for vaccines through context-specific community engagement



Reaching zero dose communities with targeted, gender sensitive delivery strategies



Expanding integration through unified partnerships



Using emergency capacities to stop cVDPVs and prevent future outbreaks



Sustainable transition out of GPEI and other donor support



Fostering research and programmatic innovations