



## POLIO TRANSMISSION

- No new wild poliovirus (WPV1) cases were reported in April.
- 3 WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in April 2018. 2 positive samples were collected from Rarobat collection site, and 1 from Loya Wala site in Kandahar city, Kandahar province, bringing the total number of positive samples to 15 in 2018.



## AFP AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 202 acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases (87 girls and 115 boys) were reported in April. Overall in 2018, 1,112 AFP cases have been reported, of which 909 have been discarded as “non-polio AFP” and 192 cases are pending classification.
- Non-polio AFP rate is 17, stool adequacy above 96%, and non-polio enterovirus rate is ranging from 7% to 18%.



## SUPPLEMENTARY IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES

- A sub-national immunization days (SNID) campaign was conducted on 9-13 April. It targeted around 6 million children under the age of 5 years with OPV in 187 districts of 24 provinces.



## COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 15 cross-border vaccination points, 42 cross-border teams and 449 permanent transit teams (PTTs) were operational across Afghanistan during March 2018.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 1,154,828 children against polio and cross-border teams vaccinated 70,893 children in April.
- A total of 2,289 children under the age of 10 were vaccinated with OPV and 1,458 with IPV by teams in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in April.
- In compliance with International Health Regulations (IHR), 11,740 international travelers were vaccinated during April.

# POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN

## APRIL 2018



**0**  
WPV CASES IN APRIL

**7**  
TOTAL WPV CASES IN 2018

**3**  
POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN APRIL

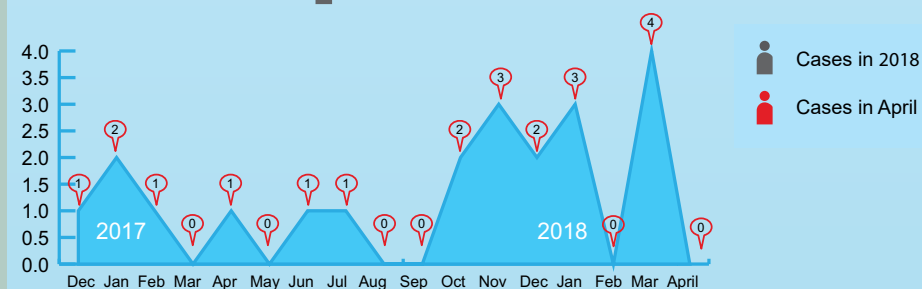
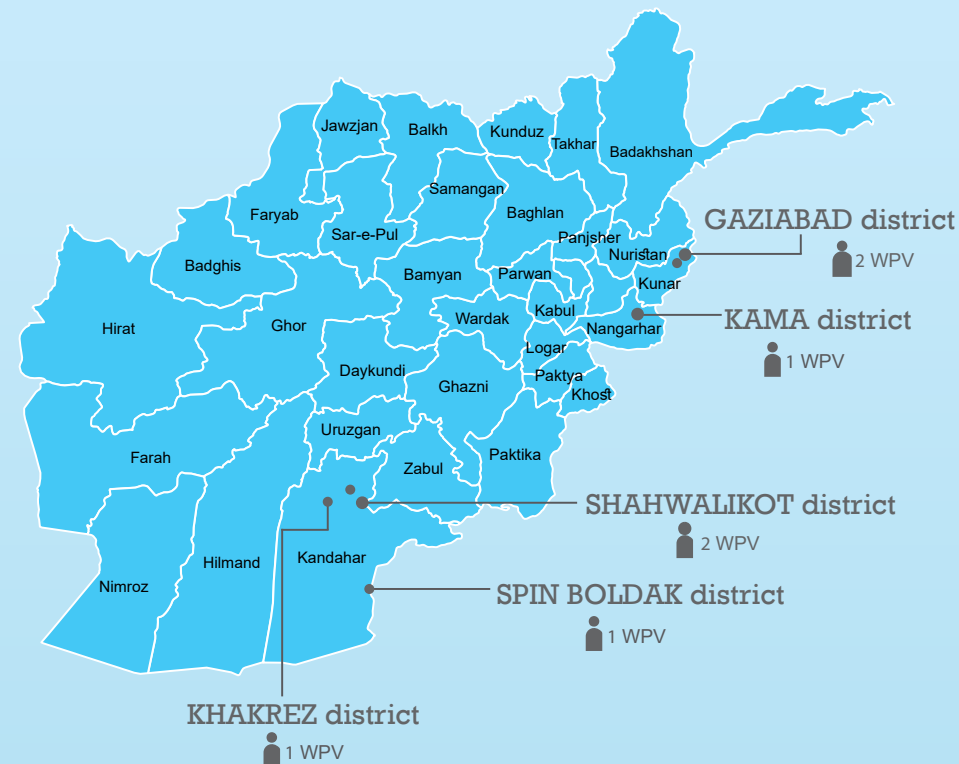
**6 m**  
CHILDREN VACCINATED

**449**  
PERMANENT TRANSIT TEAMS

**15**  
CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS

**37,111**  
FRONTLINE WORKERS  
(Overall 10% female: 45.9% of urban workers, 0.9% of rural)

**8,4 m**  
DOSES OF VACCINE GIVEN



WILD POLIOVIRUS CASE COUNT 2017-2018

Data as of 30 April 2018



## Reaching Rural Areas

Azadi radio is one of the three biggest radio channels covering all of Afghanistan, even remote rural areas. It started transmission in Afghanistan in 2002. Radio Azadi is now an official partner of the polio eradication programme, and will provide extensive coverage to create awareness, and improve knowledge about the vaccine and virus.

## 306 PIECES OF NATIONAL EARNED MEDIA COVERAGE

### TOP HEADLINES IN MEDIA:

- Aryana Saeed's message on polio vaccine
- Biggest danger to children is the lack of vaccination in insecure areas
- New polio outbreak confirmed in Konar province

## Mobile Mullahs

In Kandahar, southern Afghanistan, local mullahs work to convince their communities about the importance of polio eradication. The so-called 'mobile mullah' teams conduct advocacy visits to religious and Islamic scholars to discuss and share information about vaccination. This approach has proven effective: most have understood the importance of vaccination to children's well-being. In addition, the mobile mullahs organize community meetings to inform local communities about vaccination.



# 44%

reduction in chronic refusals in Nangarhar. Social mobilizers succeeded in reducing refusals from 418 to 234 families in April.

# 600

social mobilisers were trained on field mircoplans - an integrated plan that enables effective vaccination and data collection.

# 8,263

full-time social mobilisers reached families with life-saving information about polio. 1966 are female.

24%  
are women



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