

POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN

NOVEMBER 2018



2
WPV CASES IN NOVEMBER

21
TOTAL WPV CASES IN 2018

14
POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN NOVEMBER

5.3M
CHILDREN TARGETED IN NOVEMBER
SNID

48,800

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

7,000

SOCIAL MOBILIZERS
(Overall 30% female)

402

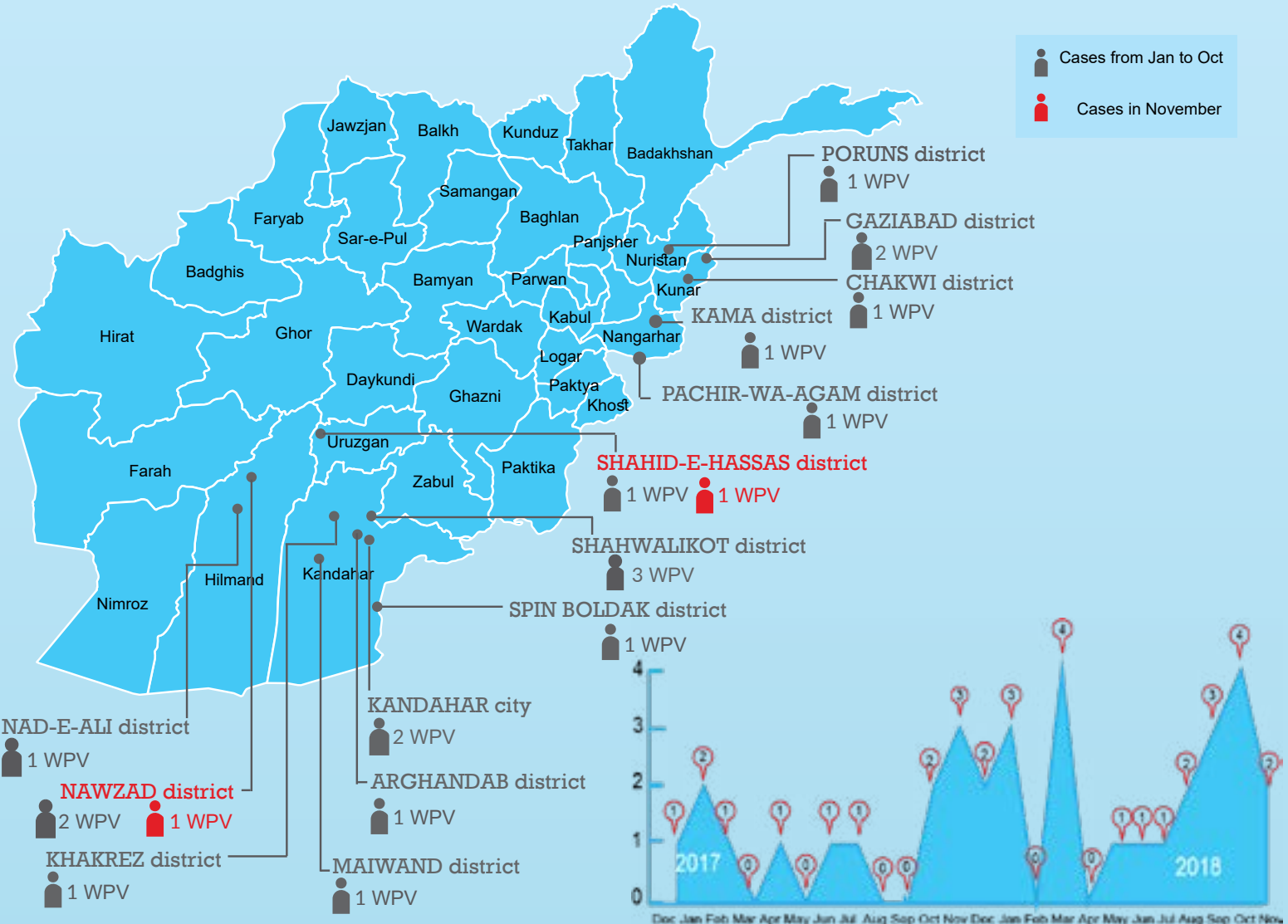
PERMANENT TRANSIT TEAMS

15

CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS

1.3M

CHILDREN INACCESSIBLE IN NOVEMBER





POLIO TRANSMISSION

- 2 new wild poliovirus (WPV1) cases were reported in November. 1 from Nawzad district of Helmand province, the other from Shahid-E-Hasas district of Uruzgan province.



AFP AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 220 acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases (98 girls and 122 boys) were reported in November. Overall in 2018, 3,064 AFP cases have been reported, of which 2,776 have been discarded as “non-polio AFP” and 268 cases are pending classification.
- The Non-polio AFP rate is above 11, stool adequacy above 88%, and non-polio enterovirus rate above 18%.
- 14 WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in October. 6 from Kandahar, 5 from Nangarhar and 3 from Helmand, bringing the total number of positive samples to 64 in 2018.



SUPPLEMENTARY IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES

- November SNIDs campaign was conducted from 5th to 9th in 178 districts of 17 provinces in the country, targeting 5.3 million children under five.
- A vaccination campaign was conducted from 19th to 23rd in all districts of Nuristan in response to the recent polio case. 42,572 children under five were targeted.
- Around 1.3 million children under five weren't reached during the November campaigns. For the first time, Ghazni province was not accessible.



COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 15 cross-border vaccination points, 44 cross-border teams and 402 permanent transit teams (PTTs) were operational across Afghanistan during November 2018.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 1,070,462 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 109,788 children against polio in November.
- 1,750 children were given OPV and 476 children were vaccinated with IPV respectively in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in November.
- 11,149 international travelers were vaccinated in October in compliance to the International Health Regulations (IHR).



Women on a mission: Eradicating polio in Afghanistan

In an area of Afghanistan where women are often forbidden to work, Afia leads a team of polio vaccinators going door-to-door to reach every last child.

“Where I live, it is not safe for a woman to show her face. It is not easy to be a woman or child here. My cousin is just 11 years old and she is already engaged to be married soon. I am lucky... [my father] let me go to school and I have no pressure to get married, because I support my three unemployed brothers. However, if I wasn't working I would also be forced to marry. My job is not just saving children's lives, it is saving my own.”

Read her full story [here](#).



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