



# GAZA POLIO CAMPAIGN UPDATE

ROUND 2 - 20 OCTOBER 2024 (DAY 6/DAY 2 OF PHASE 2)

## HIGHLIGHTS:

Day 6 of the ongoing round of vaccination campaign - Day 2 of the second phase - continued to reach additional children in southern Gaza.

### Day 6 update (Day 2, phase 2 of round 2 campaign, southern Gaza):

#### Southern Gaza:

- ✔ The preliminary coverage figures from Day 6 of the polio campaign (Day 2 of phase 2) suggest **90 716 children** had been vaccinated with novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (**nOPV2**). A total of **70 722 children** received Vitamin A.
- ✔ A total of **236 544 children** under 10 years of age were vaccinated in southern Gaza by the end of Day 2 of this second phase.
- ✔ The total coverage of nOPV2 in areas outside the humanitarian pause was impressive - in facilities such as Moaia Health Centre in Rafah, and Abasan Primary Health Centre and Egyptian Hospital in Khan Younis - and showed most target vaccination numbers were met.
- ✔ Some areas, such as Abasan El Jadida and Al-Qastal, were behind on their coverage targets, and are receiving additional attention, including through catch-up activities, in the following days.



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### Vaccine and cold chain management

- ✔ Cold chain management was well maintained. Vaccines and cold boxes reached all necessary distribution points in both Khan Younis and Rafah.
- ✔ Owing to a shortage of vaccine carriers, the team pivoted to use cold boxes at fixed sites as a backup, to ensure the continuity of cold chain management. Teams operated in both fixed sites and mobile units. Notably, only one team was stationed at fixed sites (except in large health facilities), while the rest were deployed as mobile teams to cover more ground. This enabled greater coverage in shelter homes/tents.
- ✔ Some logistical challenges, such as issues with transportation, were highlighted during the Emergency Operating Centre (EOC) meeting. The EOC advised teams to keep track of transportation and prepare all aspects well ahead of the rest of the vaccination days to ensure teams arrived on time.

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### Vitamin A and logistics supply

- ✔ A shortage of Vitamin A capsules was reported at the Japanese Health Center. Additionally, there was a shortage of tally sheets, polio attendance sheets, and other supplies at certain facilities. Supplies were replenished in a timely manner from the central cold chain store.
- ✔ Efforts are underway to rectify these stockout issues of supplies, such as Vitamin A capsules and tally sheets, through better coordination and timely supply delivery to prevent further gaps during the remaining vaccination efforts.

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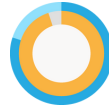
### Social mobilization

- ✔ Mobilization efforts were helpful, with several social mobilizers engaging with the teams. However, this needs improvement for greater coordination and coverage. The EOC advised all social mobilizers and mobile teams to coordinate in ensuring children in shelter homes/tents are covered.
- ✔ Social mobilization played a crucial role in boosting attendance.

## Intra-Campaign Monitoring (ICM)



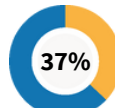
ICM monitors assessed 46 household clusters **covering 332 families**, with a total of **800 children sampled**.



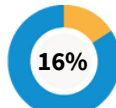
Based on recall, **95%** of the children **were immunized**, while **80%** of this was confirmed by **finger-marking verification**.



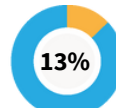
**Reasons** for children not being vaccinated:



absence\*



illness



refusal

\*refers to children being absent either when visited by a mobile team or when a family wanted to visit fixed sites

## DAY 6 BY THE NUMBERS:

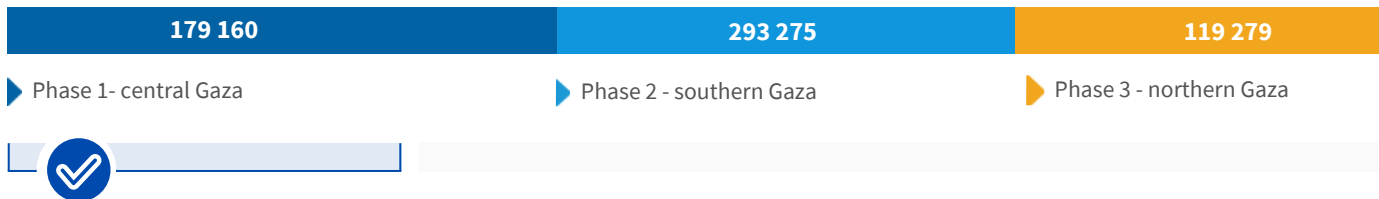


Children under 10 years reached with polio vaccines on Day 6: **90 716**



Children aged between 2-10 years who received Vitamin A: **70 722**

## Target population for polio vaccine in Round 2 (children aged under ten years):



**Reached 101%**  
of the target population for phase 1



Families who mentioned short message service (**SMS**) as their primary source of campaign information for the campaign: **32%**



Families who mentioned **posters** as their primary source of campaign information for the campaign: **17%**



Families who mentioned **megaphones** as their primary source of campaign information for the campaign: **17%**

### NOTE:

The **first round** was successfully implemented from 1-12 September 2024 and vaccinated 559 161 children, or an estimated 95% of eligible children at governorate level, according to independently conducted post-campaign monitoring.

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