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GAZA POLIO CAMPAIGN UPDATE

11 SEPTEMBER 2024

HIGHLIGHTS:

Day 10 update (Day 1, phase 3 of campaign, northern Gaza – 10 September 2024)

Central Gaza:

✔ Total number of children under ten years of age vaccinated in central Gaza: **195 747***

Southern Gaza:

✔ Total number of children under ten years of age vaccinated in southern Gaza: **250 694***
(239 148 for Khan Younis and 11 546 for Rafah)*

Northern Gaza:

✔ Total number of children vaccinated under ten years of age in northern Gaza (including Gaza city governorates): **81 335***

Total:

✔ Total number of children under ten years of age vaccinated for central, southern and northern Gaza: **527 776***

**preliminary data, subject to updates*



Campaign dates for northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates:
10-12 September 2024.



A WHO mission visited northern Gaza, including Al-Shifa Hospital, to monitor the ongoing polio campaign, **deliver fuel for the campaign** and conduct a medical evacuation.



Communities were enthusiastic about the vaccination efforts, with a large number of families **bringing children to the 117 fixed sites** to receive nOPV2.



Social media, supplemented by social mobilization on the ground, including by the use of megaphones, played a key role in **mobilizing families to vaccinate their children.**



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MONITORING OF THE CAMPAIGN:

- An expert from WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region’s Polio Programme, in collaboration with WHO occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), trained the first batch of 45 independent monitors from The Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET), which is supported by partners. These monitors will conduct Post-Campaign Monitoring (PCM) to assess the quality and impact of the vaccination efforts in central and southern Gaza from 12-13 September 2024.
- On 11 September 2024, another PCM training is scheduled for 20 additional monitors from northern Gaza, to conduct PCM through 14-15 September 2024.

BY THE NUMBERS:

For the polio vaccination campaign in northern Gaza:



Number of **teams** deployed: **231**



Number of **supervisors** for the campaign: **67**



Number of **vaccine carriers: 240**, supplemented with an additional 39 cold boxes and 1600 icepacks



Number of **social mobilizers: 208**



Polio teams and supervisors are well-trained in managing vaccines and cold chain.



All **53 mobile teams** actively searched and vaccinated children in their assigned areas.

NOTE:

Thanks to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) partners, donors, and Member States of the Region for their support, and to the **UAE for their allocation of critical funding** of US\$ 5m towards the polio vaccination campaign.