



# GAZA POLIO CAMPAIGN UPDATE

9 SEPTEMBER 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS:

### Day 6 and Day 7 update (Day 2 and 3, phase 2 of campaign, southern Gaza - 6 and 7 September 2024)

#### Central Gaza:

- ✓ Total number of children under ten years of age vaccinated in central Gaza (as of Day 7): **195 067\***

#### Southern Gaza:

- ✓ Number of children under ten years of age vaccinated (as of Day 7 of the campaign/Day 3 of phase 2): **26 014\*** (938 from Rafah and 25 076 from Khan Younis)\*
- ✓ Number of children vaccinated per day in southern Gaza: Day 1: **161 188\*** Day 2: **59 378\*** Day 3: **26 014\***
- ✓ Total number of children vaccinated in southern Gaza: **246 580**

#### Total:

- ✓ Total number of children under ten years of age vaccinated for central Gaza and southern Gaza (cumulative, as of Day 7): **441 647\***

Overall, vaccination coverage was lower in southern Gaza than in central Gaza. Some of this can be attributed to several children having received vaccines during the first phase in central Gaza, owing to strong community engagement and traditionally high acceptance of vaccination.

*\*preliminary data, subject to updates*



The three-day campaign was extended by a day – over 8 September 2024- in southern Gaza **to reach some highly populated areas**, including some areas that required special coordination.



Estimated target population for southern Gaza (children aged under ten years): **340 000**



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Additional mobile teams will focus on camps with tents, to ensure **no child is missed** in Khan Younis and Rafah.



Mobile teams will pay attention to **newborns who need vaccination**, including those living in shelters, who are not being brought to fixed sites for vaccination.



The vaccine cold chain is being managed effectively.

### Oversight of the campaign:



**The Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) meets daily** to review team performance, logistics and locations covered, among other details, and to ensure children in high-priority locations receive vaccines.



**Close supervision**, including by intra-campaign monitors, is continuing and strategic recommendations are being shared with the EOC on a regular basis.



Monitors deployed for the campaign have been **streamlining coordination** between vaccination teams and social mobilizers.



**Post-campaign monitoring (PCM)** in central and southern Gaza is set to begin on 12 September 2024.

### Preparations for phase 3 of the campaign in northern Gaza:

- The microplan, which guides teams to reach every child wherever they live, for northern Gaza has been prepared.
- Some cold chain supplies have already been delivered to northern Gaza.
- The campaign in northern Gaza is set to begin on 10 September 2024, as a result of the extension of vaccination by an additional day in southern Gaza.
- Dates of implementation for northern Gaza: 10-12 September 2024.

#### NOTE:

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