



GAZA POLIO CAMPAIGN UPDATE

10 SEPTEMBER 2024

HIGHLIGHTS:

Day 8 and Day 9 update (Day 4 and Day 5, phase 2 of campaign, southern Gaza – 8 and 9 September 2024)

Central Gaza:

- ✔ Total number of children under ten years of age vaccinated in central Gaza (as of Day 9): **195 664***

Southern Gaza:

- ✔ Total number of children vaccinated in southern Gaza: **250 660*** (239 114 for Khan Younis and 11 546 for Rafah)*

Total:

- ✔ Total number of children under ten years of age vaccinated for central Gaza and southern Gaza: **446 324***

**preliminary data, subject to updates*



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



The Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) members and 15 independent monitors consistently observed that more than **95% of children in southern Gaza had received polio vaccines** by the end of Day 8.



To reach an additional estimated 5000-10 000 children in Rafah who may not have been reached for any reasons, **vaccines will be offered in five large health facilities** until 11 September 2024 in southern Gaza.









As of 10 September 2024, nOPV2 vaccines will no longer be offered in central Gaza as the catch-up vaccination activities from Phase 1 come to an end in this location. Routine immunization activities will continue.



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BY THE NUMBERS:

For phase 3 of 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**
-  Social mobilization is ongoing via **radio messaging and megaphones**, with the support of UNICEF.
-  Daily missions will aim to **vaccinate children living in areas that require special coordination** –at two fixed sites.
-  A **key lesson** learnt for this phase and the next round of the vaccination campaign is **to ensure the supervisors of vaccination teams are linked with those monitoring social mobilizers**, to improve community mobilization towards vaccination at the fixed sites.
-  The team faced various **challenges** ahead of the start of the campaign in northern Gaza; however, the campaign eventually started on the scheduled date.

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