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WPV CASES IN APRIL

7

TOTAL WPV CASE IN 2019

6

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN APRIL

9.2M

CHILDREN TARGETED IN MARCH NID (conducted on 1-5 Apr)

7,500

SOCIAL MOBILIZERS (promoting routine immunization)

2,087

FEMALE SOCIAL MOBILIZERS

578

PERMANENT TRANSIT TEAMS

17

CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS

449,756

CHILDREN INACCESSIBLE IN APRIL

POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN

APRIL 2019



Cases from Jan to March
 Cases in April



Data as of 31 March 2019



POLIO TRANSMISSION

- Four new wild poliovirus (WPV1) cases were reported in April. Three from Helmand province, one from Uruzgan province.
- The National Rapid Response Team conducted an epidemiological investigation in response to the isolation of these new cases.



AFP AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 287 acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases (132 girls and 155 boys) were reported in April. Overall in 2019, 1,277 AFP cases have been reported, of which 1,115 have been discarded as “non-polio AFP” and 155 cases are pending classification.
- In all regions, the non-polio AFP rate is above 8, stool adequacy above 87%, and non-polio enterovirus rate ranges from 7-16.
- Six WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in April, three from Nangarhar, two from Kandahar and one from Helmand.



SUPPLEMENTARY IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES

- A national campaign was planned in March, and conducted on 1-5 April (Western region from 30 March). Campaign was not implemented in 45 districts due to cold weather.
- 449,756 children under five remain inaccessible in April.



COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 17 cross-border vaccination points, 60 cross-border teams and 578 permanent transit teams (PTTs) were operational across Afghanistan in April 2019.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 1,155,035 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 162,631 children against polio in April.
- 2,261 children were given OPV and 616 children were vaccinated with IPV respectively in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in April.
- 7,409 international travelers were vaccinated in April in compliance to the International Health Regulations (IHR).
- 5,621 returnee children received OPV, 1,416 returnee children received IPV since January 2019.



From Lab to Expert Review Committee

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