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WPV CASE IN MAY

8

TOTAL WPV CASES IN 2019

2

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN MAY

1M

CHILDREN VACCINATED IN MAY

6,243

SOCIAL MOBILIZERS

2,153

FEMALE SOCIAL MOBILIZERS

369

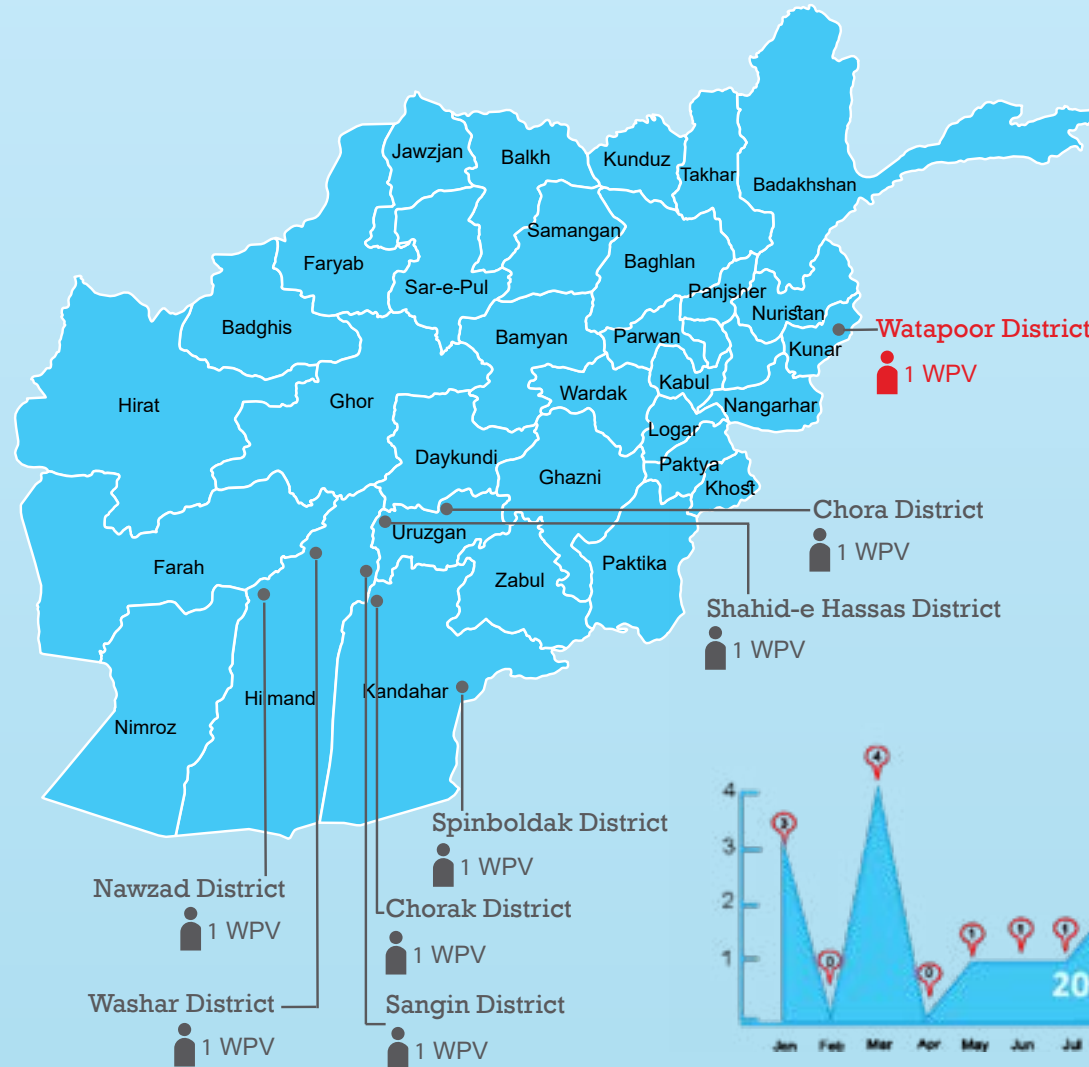
PERMANENT TRANSIT TEAMS

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CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS



POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN MAY 2019





POLIO TRANSMISSION

- One new wild poliovirus (WPV1) case was reported in March.
- The National Rapid Response Team conducted an epidemiological investigation in response to the detection of the WPV1 case reported from Wata-poor District of Kunar Province.



AFP AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 266 acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases (115 girls and 151 boys) were reported in May. Overall in 2019, 1,548 AFP cases have been reported, of which 1,327 have been discarded as “non-polio AFP” and 213 cases are pending classification.
- In all regions, the Non-polio AFP rate is above 8, stool adequacy above 91%, and non-polio enterovirus rate ranges between 7 - 15.
- Two WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in May, One from Helmand Province, and another from Kandahar Province.



COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 17 cross-border vaccination points, 46 cross-border teams & 369 permanent transit teams (PTTs) were operational across Afghanistan in May 2019.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 971,281 children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 72,614 children against polio in May.
- 1,609 children were given OPV and 363 children were vaccinated with IPV respectively in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in March.
- 5,457 international travelers were vaccinated in March in compliance to the International Health Regulations (IHR).
- 7,230 returnee children received OPV, 1,784 returnee children received IPV since January 2019.



Kandahar Youth Joins the Fight against Polio

“I remember the day my three-year-old neighbour Abdullah didn’t come to my family’s shop with his sisters the way he usually did. When asked about him, I was told by his family that he had been paralyzed by polio,” said Shafiullah, a 19-year-old volunteer in south Afghanistan.

“At that moment, I promised myself that I would fight polio in Kandahar.” Abdullah’s father told Shafiullah that he had refused the polio vaccine every time vaccinators knocked at the door. He regrets this now, but it’s too late: Abdullah is paralyzed for life.

Shafiulla’s mission is to persuade families to vaccinate their children every time the vaccine is offered. During his free time, he joins community outreach volunteers in house-to-house visits and community meetings to encourage vaccination.

Shafiullah says he feels satisfied every time he engages with his community to advocate for polio vaccination. “This is the smallest thing I can do for the children of Kandahar. Our goal is not to miss any child. Every child has the right to live a healthy life, free of polio.”



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