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WPV CASE IN FEBRUARY

2

TOTAL WPV CASES IN 2020

1

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN FEBRUARY

6.7M

CHILDREN TARGETED IN FEBRUARY

1.9M

CHILDREN MISSED DUE TO INACCESSIBILITY

2,926

SOCIAL MOBILIZERS

883

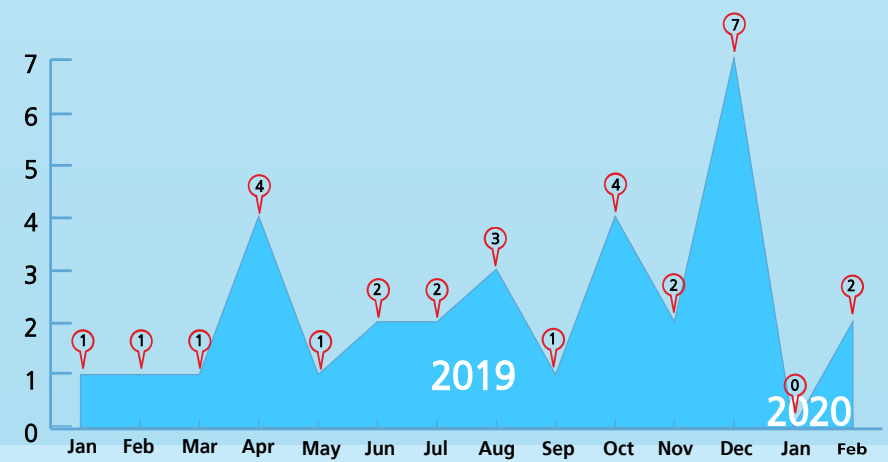
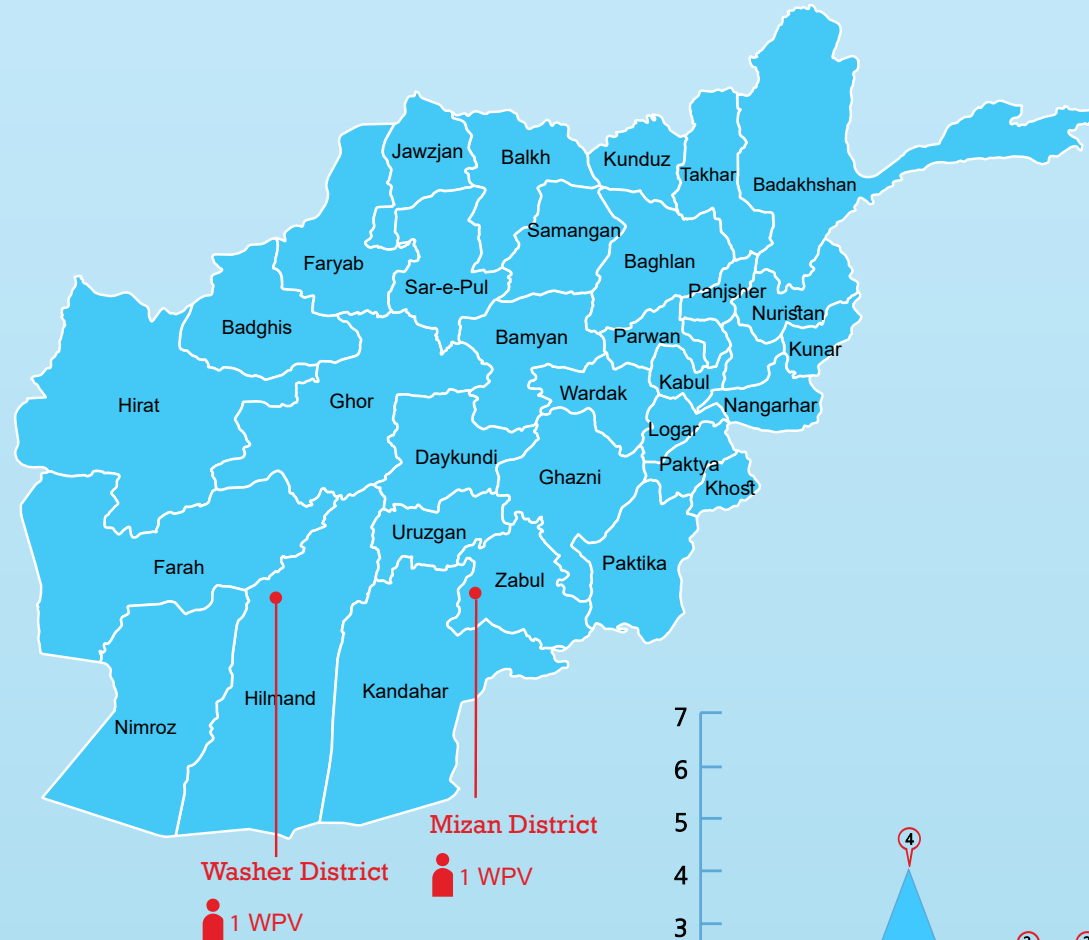
PERMANENT TRANSIT SITES

19

CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS



# POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN FEBRUARY 2020



Data as of 29 February 2020

WILD POLIOVIRUS CASE COUNT 2019-2020



## POLIO TRANSMISSION

- Two children with wild polio virus paralysis (WPV1) were confirmed in February 2020, each from Washer district of Helmand and Mizan district of Zabul.



## AFP AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE

- 111 children with acute flaccid paralysis (46 girls and 65 boys) were reported in February. 9 of these children's test results were "non-polio" and 102 of the tests are pending classification.
- In all regions, the non-polio AFP rate is above 5, stool adequacy above 90%, and non-polio enterovirus ranges between 2-17%.
- One new WPV1 positive environmental sample was confirmed from Kandahar province in February.



## SUPPLEMENTARY IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES

- February SNID was conducted across the country, targeting 6.7M children under 5 with OPV in 219 districts of 23 provinces against polio.



## COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 19 cross-border vaccination points, 63 cross-border teams & 883 permanent transit sites (PTTs) were operational across Afghanistan in February 2020.
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 1.8M children, and cross-border teams vaccinated 124,309 children against polio in February 2020.
- 1,080 children under 10 were given OPV and 174 children were vaccinated with IPV respectively in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites receiving returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran in February.
- 1,678 returnee children received OPV and 261 were vaccinated with IPV since Jan 2020.
- 12,408 international travelers were vaccinated in February in compliance to the International Health Regulations (IHR).

## COFFEE WITH POLIO EXPERTS – DR. HAMID JAFARI, WHO

Dr. Hamid Jafari, Director of Polio Eradication for the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region, speaks to us about the actions the programme is taking to turn the tide against the poliovirus in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the region.

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### Enhance vaccine uptake

- PolioFreeAfghanistan facebook page reached 1.8 million users promoting polio vaccine uptake with current followers 101,000. Sixty five female recruits as vaccinators and social mobilisers in south at key health facilities promoting vaccine uptake,
- 65 female vaccinators and social mobilisers were recruited in south at key health facilities to deliver polio and health promotion messages.
- Total 11,042 teachers and students, 7,500 influencers and 65 traditional birth attendants (in West) got polio awareness sessions across Afghanistan.
- In Kandahar, 35 nomad representatives attended polio advocacy meeting at the South Emergency Operations Center EOC.
- Social mobilizer in outreach session in East immunized 11,688 children
- Social mobilisers tracked and recorded 7,496 newborns, out of which 4,166 (55.5%) received OPV Zero-doses at Health facilities.



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