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WPV1 CASES IN APRIL

11

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6

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN APRIL

0.81M

CHILDREN VACCINATED IN APRIL

1,890

PEOPLE PRESUMPTIVE FOR COVID-19 WERE DETECTED AND REPORTED

43,225

PEI WORKERS ENGAGED IN COVID-19 RESPONSE

734

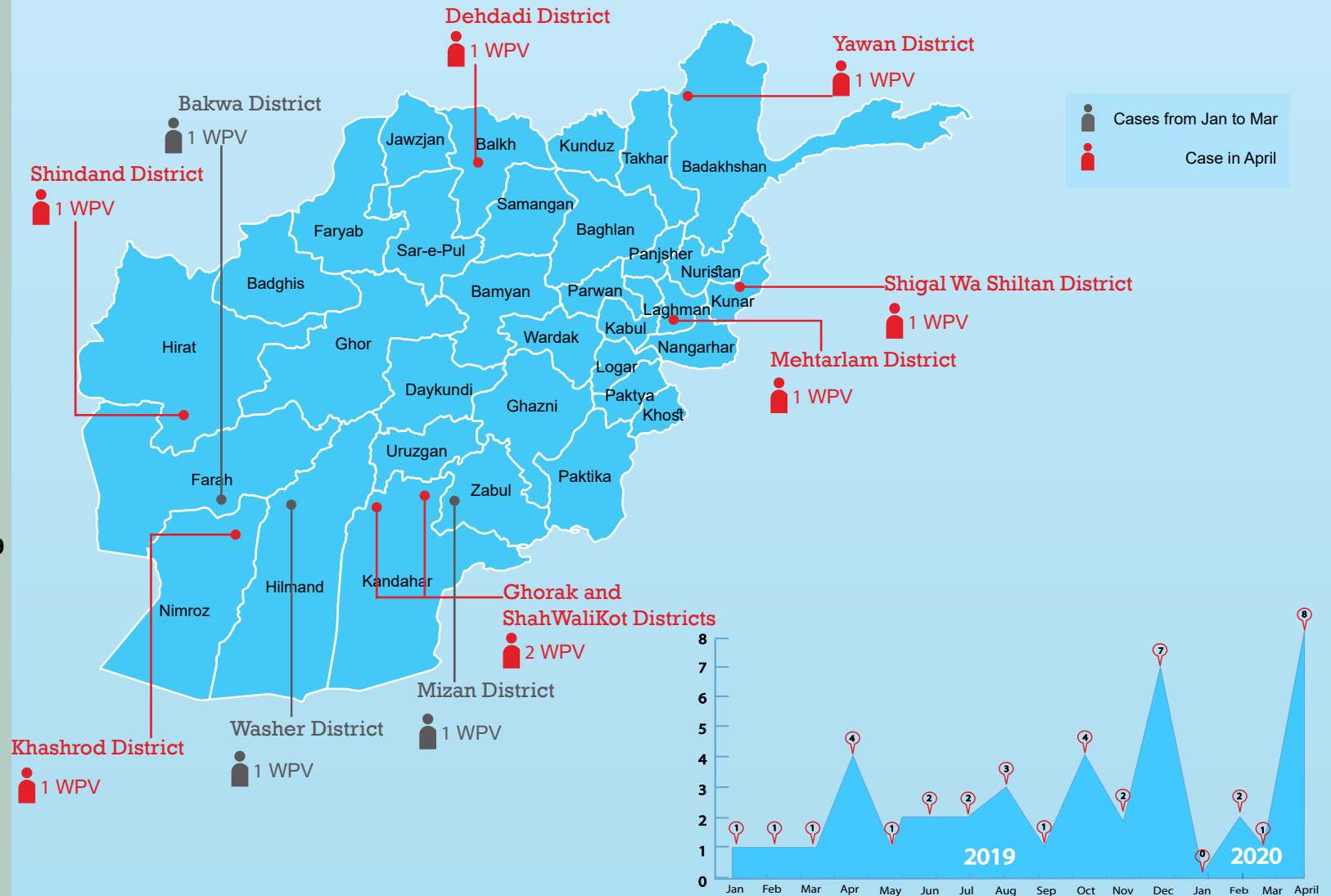
PERMANENT TRANSIT SITES

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CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS



# POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN APRIL 2020



Data as of 30 April 2020

WILD POLIOVIRUS CASE COUNT 2019-2020



## POLIO TRANSMISSION

- 8 children with wild polio virus (WPV1) were confirmed in April 2020 from 7 different provinces in South, West, North, North East, and Eastern regions, including Balkh and Badakhshan



## AFP ENVIRONMENTAL & COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE

- Some 177 children with acute flaccid paralysis (78 girls and 99 boys) were reported in April. Of these, lab results for 36 AFP cases were classified as “non-polio”. The remaining lab results (141) are pending classification
- In all regions, the non-polio AFP rate remained above 10, stool adequacy above 90%, and non-polio enterovirus rate stayed between 7-14%
- Six new WPV1 positive environmental samples were confirmed. Four from Kandahar, one from Helmand & one from Nangarhar provinces

## PEI support to COVID-19

- Total 1,890 people presumptive for COVID-19 were reported
- 230 people confirmed to have COVID-19
- 1,216 Government & NGO partners were trained
- 30,125 Health Professional (Incl: Paramedics/ Nurses) were trained
- 47,822 community & religious influencers reached for training & support



## COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 17 cross-border vaccination points, 42 cross-border teams & 734 permanent transit sites (PTTs) were made operational across Afghanistan
- Permanent transit teams vaccinated 776,818 children, while cross-border teams vaccinated 33,609 children against polio
- 483 children under 10 were given OPV in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites that received returnees and refugees from Pakistan and Iran
- 2,660 returnee children have received OPV and 286 have been vaccinated with IPV since Jan 2020
- In compliance with the International Health Regulations (IHR), 18 international travelers were vaccinated

## POLIO SURVEILLANCE NETWORK TRAINED TO SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE

The Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) Polio Surveillance Network comprising 20,481 people, including volunteers was trained to detect and report people who may have COVID-19. The network engaged in active surveillance visits to the health facilities, and risk communication and community engagement to raise awareness.

The network is also building the capacity of different stakeholders (government, NGO partners, health professionals/ paramedics/nurses, and community/ religious influencers) in case definition and active surveillance.



### Social Mobilization:

- 4,226 social mobilisers (ICN) raised awareness on COVID-19 and demonstrated proper handwashing practices with soap
- 822,000 households comprising 1,367,712 people, including 689,831 women received COVID-19 prevention awareness
- 26,981 community influencers and locals attended COVID-19 awareness sessions
- 900 social mobilizers of ICN attended COVID-19 orientation on protection measure for frontline workers

### Media engagement

- some 20 video and 18 audio public service announcements, highlighting the importance of hygiene and preventive measures for COVID-19 were aired via 120 radio stations and 50 TV channels
- A series of 20 radio and 10 TV roundtable discussions and media briefings were done via radio and TV channels
- The Polio Free Afghanistan Facebook page reached over 6.5 million social media users with COVID-19 messages
- A total of 27 Journalists were briefed on COVID-19 through the support of the polio programme

### Hygiene supplies:

- Polio social mobilizer in South and East regions provided 457,283 soap bars to caregivers

### other

- Some 6,000 sets of protection items, and hand sanitizers and masks were distributed to the social mobilizers.
- Social mobilizers reported 564 people presumptive for COVID-19 to the surveillance teams



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