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WPV1 CASES IN DECEMBER 2020

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WPV1 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN DECEMBER 2020

36M+

CHILDREN VACCINATED IN 2020

60,222

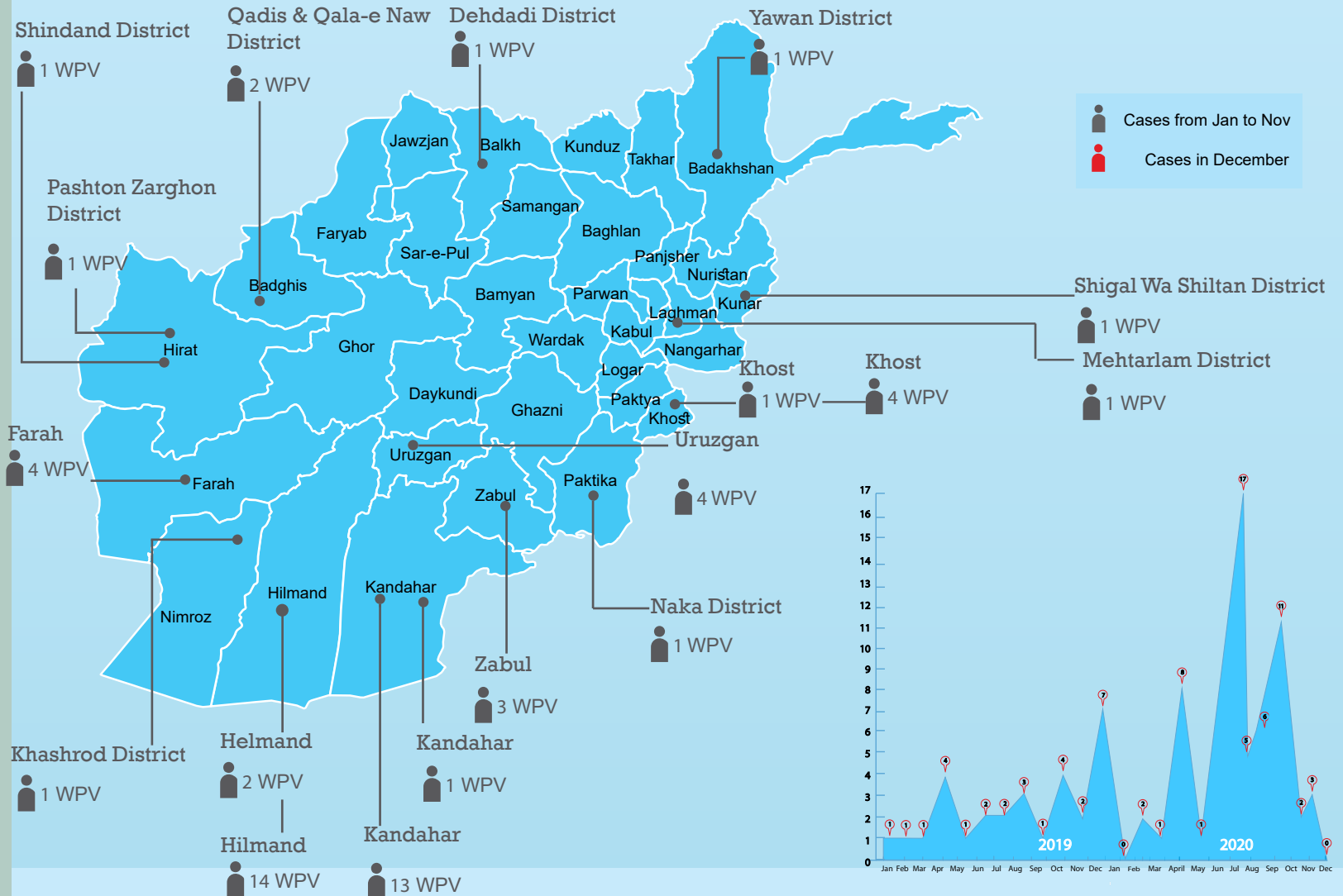
SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASES REPORTED UPTO END OF DECEMBER 2020

124,348

SURVEILLANCE NETWORK MEMBERS AND FRONTLINE POLIO WORKERS TRAINED IN DETECTING AND REPORTING COVID-19 (THROUGH MULTIPLE TRAININGS)

POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN

DECEMBER 2020





POLIO TRANSMISSION

- No new cases of Wild Poliovirus (WPV1) were confirmed in December 2020



AFP ENVIRONMENTAL & COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE

- 148 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) - 59 females and 94 males - were reported in December 2020. A total of 3,804 AFP cases have been reported since the beginning of 2020. Of this, 3,208 cases have been discarded as non-polio. About 296 cases are pending final classification
- In December 2020, the non-polio AFP rate remained above 11, stool adequacy stood above 88%, and non-polio enterovirus rate ranged between 9-18% in all regions
- 1 new WPV1 positive environmental sample was confirmed in December 2020

PEI support to COVID-19 Jan-Dec 2020

- 60,222 suspected cases of COVID-19 were reported, of which 9,046 tested positive
- 5,945 government and NGO partners were trained on COVID-19 surveillance
- 114,456 health professional (Including paramedics/nurses) were trained on COVID-19 surveillance
- 213,295 community and religious influencers were reached for training and support



NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES

- Three NIDs were conducted in 2020, targeting 9.9 children. Some 3.3 million children in inaccessible areas remained unvaccinated.
- Two SNIDs and four case response campaigns were also conducted, targeting high risk areas



COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- In 2020, permanent transit teams vaccinated 7,826,439 children under 5 years of age with OPV
- Cross border teams vaccinated 749,155 children under 10 years of age with OPV in 2020
- Teams for international travellers vaccinated 45,437 people with OPV in 2020
- 10,203 returnee children were vaccinated with OPV and 885 were vaccinated with IPV

Trekking through the snow to deliver vaccines

Vaccinators tackle winter conditions and challenging contexts during Afghanistan's last polio campaign of the year.

On a wintery November day, vaccinators across Afghanistan wrapped up warm, checked that they had facemasks and hand sanitizer, and headed out into the cold morning. Their mission? To reach 9.9 million children with polio vaccines, before snowfall blocked their way.

From valley peaks to muddy lanes, we look at some of the environments where vaccinators work, as well as some of the key challenges that have made 2020 one of the toughest years for polio eradicators.

Panjshir province

For some vaccinators, the first snows had already arrived. At the top of the Panjshir valley, Ziaullah and Nawid Ahmad started their day at 7 a.m.

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Key communication activities

Multiple mass media and interpersonal communication campaigns were conducted in 2020.

- By the end of December 2020, some 3,638 workers (35% female) of the Immunisation Communication (ICN) Network had conducted awareness raising sessions for parents and caregivers, religious and community influencers, medical professionals, and academic institutions in different communities of the south, southeast, east and west regions
- The ICN conducted numerous health information sessions and referrals in 2020 to promote routine immunisation (RI) in the south and east regions. A total of 285,536 women and children (114,838 i.e. 72%, of the total 159,605 referred in the east region and 170,698, i.e. 47% of the total 360,792 referred in the south region) received RI in health facilities
- Continuous community engagement and advocacy interventions contributed to the reduction of vaccine refusals. The number of refusals reduced from 61,321 in January 2020 to 53,390 in November 2020, showing a 4% reduction in refusal to vaccinate accessible children
- The number of children remaining unimmunised after catch-up activities reduced from 11,963 in January to 7,597 in November 2020 in Dand, Kandahar City, showing a 1.9% reduction based on a total target of 230,442 children under five years of age in Dand, Kandahar City
- Continuous community engagement and advocacy interventions contributed to the reduction of refusals. In Afghanistan, the number of refusals reduced from 61,321 in January 2020 to 53,390 in November 2020. Based on the number of accessible children, this represents a reduction from 0.9% to 0.5%
- 16,507 local authorities' representatives and 42,480 religious leaders and community influencers engaged in promoting vaccine uptake through individual or small group meetings in the south, east, south-east and west regions
- Various TV campaigns totaling more than 8,000 minutes of air time were broadcast. A total of 55 round table discussions were broadcast by various TV networks, and 150 videos promoting vaccine uptake were shared on social media
- Radio campaigns totaling more than 500,000 minute of air time were broadcast together with more than 150 radio round table discussions

