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WPV1 CASE IN MAY

12

WPV1 CASES IN 2020

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WPV1 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN MAY

318

CHILDREN VACCINATED IN MAY

5,994

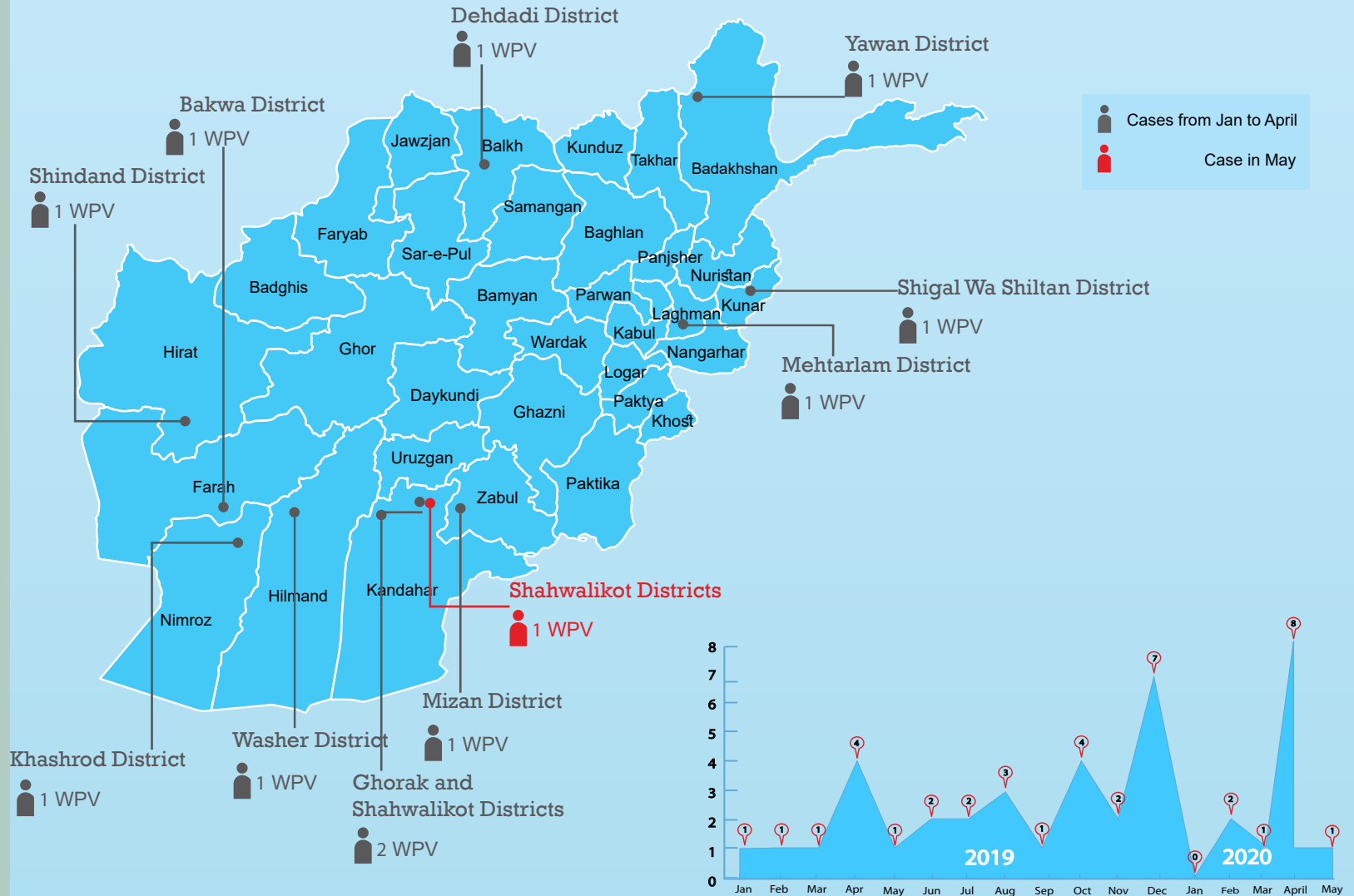
SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASES REPORTED

30,898

TOTAL SURVEILLANCE NETWORK PERSONAL TRAINED IN DETECTING AND REPORTING COVID-19 CASES



POLIO SNAPSHOT AFGHANISTAN MAY 2020



Data as of 31 May 2020

WILD POLIOVIRUS CASE COUNT 2019-2020



POLIO TRANSMISSION

- One case of wild polio virus (WPV1) was confirmed in May 2020 from Shahwalikot district of Kandahar province



AFP ENVIRONMENTAL & COVID19 SURVEILLANCE

- 161 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (80 girls and 81 boys) were reported in May. All these cases are pending laboratory classification.
- The non-polio AFP rate remained above 8, stool adequacy above 90%, and non-polio enterovirus rate at 9% in all regions
- Four new WPV1 positive environmental samples were confirmed in May - two from Kandahar and one each from Hilmand and Herat provinces

PEI support to COVID19

Between Jan-May 2020:

- Total 11,530 suspected COVID-19 cases were reported, of which 3,205 people tested positive for the disease
- 1,594 government & NGO partners were trained
- 45,781 health professional (Including: paramedics/nurses) were trained
- 30,898 members of the Surveillance Network (community-based surveillance volunteers & Polio Surveillance Focal Points) and 8,951 polio frontline workers were trained



COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES

- 318 children under the age of 10 years were given OPV in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites that received returnees and refugees from Iran
- Polio vaccination activities continued to stay postponed due to COVID-19 outbreak

PEI REPOSITIONED TO SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE

The PEI swiftly repositioned itself at the very beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak to support the response. Using its wide network, the programme has contributed to the surveillance and reporting of COVID-19 cases as well as dissemination of public health messages.

Though polio campaigns had to be postponed due to the pandemic, the programme has continued to maintain its AFP surveillance. This is offering critical insight into where exactly the programme needs to respond most urgently once the campaigns are able to resume.

As part of the on-going COVID-19 response, the programme has trained the Surveillance Network (community-based surveillance volunteers & Polio Surveillance Focal Points), health service providers (public and private), government and NGO staff, and polio frontline workers on COVID-19 and AFP surveillance. On the other hand, religious leaders and community influencers have been trained on disseminating COVID-19 and vaccination related public health messages and reporting AFP cases.



Social Mobilization

- 814,802 caregivers including 444,681 females were reached through interpersonal public health campaigns on COVID-19 in South, South East, West and North East regions
- 6,946 community influencers were engaged in public health campaigns on COVID-19 through interpersonal communication in small groups
- 1,067 ICN workers including 334 females attended COVID-19 orientation sessions focusing on key messages and Front Line Workers' protection
- 114,519 women attended COVID-19 awareness sessions facilitated by Female Mobilizer Vaccinators in 330 health facilities in South, East and West regions
- COVID-19 call centre in the West region answered 954 calls related to COVID-19 symptoms, quarantine, patient care as well as local rumors

Community surveillance

- 1,793 people presumptive for COVID-19 were reported by the ICN
- Contact tracing for 119 people confirmed with COVID-19 was carried out by the ICN in the East region

Media engagement

- 19 radio and six TV discussions supported by the polio programme were aired in the South, South East and West regions
- 12 journalists attended briefing sessions on COVID-19 key messages in the East region
- Spots were aired 3,149 times on 55 TV stations and 13,060 times on 120 radio stations
- 2.2 m people were reached through the Facebook public health campaign



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