

# Empowering the EPI team to minimize missed opportunity to increase EPI coverage in Afghanistan

#### **Project Information**

- Department: Public Health Programs
- Unit: Polio and Immunization

## **OBJECTIVES**

Through this project GHD will support Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) in training health staff on data quality and use, as this remains as one of the challenging areas for most of the provincial EPI team.

### **BENEFICIARIES**

The project's main beneficiaries are provincial health staff at regional, provincial and health facility level.

## **REGIONS OF WORK**

This project will be implemented in Afghanistan.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

GHD through this project will support the MoPH to build the capacity of the provincial health staff on data use at the regional, provincial and health facility level through conducting three-day training in 7 batches (20 - 25 participants per batch). Also, GHD will provide logistic support to procure and install solar TV screens for Comprehensive Health Centers (CHC), District Hospital and provincial hospitals of high-risk provinces for Polio, and measles outbreaks. A total of 40 solar TV screens will be procured for the 40 main health facilities to provide essential health messages, particularly, immunization messages.

Furthermore, GHD will support conducting a five-day international training on data management and the STATA analytical software to the national and provincial EPI staff on data management.

Project Start and End Date	August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022
Partner Organizations	-
Funded by	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
Collaborators	Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), National EPI program.



#### **PROJECT PHASES**

The project involves two main phases: <u>Phase I:</u> Preparation: develop the training materials and curriculum for the data use training.

<u>Phase II:</u> **Implementation:** Conduct regional training workshops on data use and the international training. Also, provide logistic support to procure and install solar TV screens for Comprehensive Health Centers (CHC), District Hospital and provincial hospitals of high-risk provinces for Polio, and measles outbreaks.

#### Currently ...

The inadequate data use at the health facility level and low awareness at the community level still exist as a challenge to reach the optimal coverage of the EPI to achieve the target of stopping the circulation of WPV, measles and rubella, as well as their elimination.

#### What is next...

GHD through this project will support MoPH in training health staff on data quality and use, as this remains as one of the challenging areas for most of the provincial EPI team.

#### **OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS**

**160** provincial health staff will be trained on data use.

**25** national and provincial EPI team will be trained on data management and one of the analytical software.

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