

# **Improve Performance of Immunization Program in Egypt**

#### **Project Information**

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

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The main objective is to support Egypt's' Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) to achieve its organizational goal of increasing vaccination coverage in all districts to reach >95 percent and stop cVDPV transmission through strengthening immunization coverage and AFP Surveillance in the country. In addition to prioritization of support for outreach immunization in hard to reach/remote areas.

### **REGIONS OF WORK**

The project is being implemented in Egypt in six frontier governorates in 38 districts.

#### **BENEFICIARIES**

The project's main beneficiaries are EPI and surveillance staff from the districts.

#### PROJECT PHASES

This project involves two phases as the following:

Phase I – Conduction of 2-day training workshops on immunization performance improvement in 6 priority governorates

Phase II – Conduction of outreach immunization sessions in the 6 frontier governorates in 38 districts

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project aims to support Egypt MOHP in increasing vaccination coverage in all districts to reach >95 percent and stop cVDPV transmission through strengthening immunization coverage and AFP Surveillance in the country. GHD will support conducting training workshops targeting EPI and surveillance staff in 6 new governorates according to the epidemiological situation in the country. GHD will also support the conduction of routine vaccination services to populations who live in hard-to-reach areas in frontier governorates aiming to increase the immunity of children at these areas against vaccine preventable disease which will lead to a decrease in the incidence rate of vaccine preventable diseases.



<b>Project Start and End Date</b>	10/1/2022 - 07/31/2023
Funded by	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
Collaborators	Egypt MOHP

## **Currently...**

At this time Egypt is affected by cVDPV2, linked to an outbreak originating in Sudan, there are 10 positive samples reported in 2021 in some governorates and one positive sample reported in 2020. The widening gap in population intestinal mucosal immunity in young children since the withdrawal of OPV2 in 2016, delayed introduction of IPV vaccine and gaps in routine immunization coverage are risk factors for cVDPV incidence and its continued spread.

#### What is next . . .

Through this project, GHD will support MOHP Egypt to improve the performance of immunization program in Egypt and increase vaccination coverage in all districts to stop cVDPV transmission through strengthening immunization coverage and AFP Surveillance in the country. Through integrated outreach services, vaccination, nutrition and health promotion activities (health education outreach sessions) will also increase awareness on the importance of vaccination.

#### **OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS**

3600 health care workers will be trained on improving performance of immunization program in 6 high priority governorates

456 outreach immunization sessions will be conducted in 38 districts

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