



# Strengthening immunization Public Private partnership in Afghanistan

## Project Information

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

## OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this project is to support the private sector in building the capacity of its health care providers in case of VPDs notification, avail Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, and support the ministry of health to conduct regular supportive supervision.

## BENEFICIARIES

The project's main beneficiaries are the Ministry of Public Health and Private For-Profit Health Service Providers

## REGIONS OF WORK

This project was implemented in Afghanistan.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GHD will provide technical support to develop the training material and training curriculum on data quality and reporting for the private sector. After approval of the training material, GHD's country team, in close coordination with NEPI, will conduct the six 3-day regional training workshops for the private sector on data quality, reporting, and early detection and notification. Also, GHD will provide technical and logistical support to the NEPI to develop and distribute IEC material to all private health facilities which are providing immunization services. At the same time, provincial EPI team will be supported to conduct supportive supervision at the provincial level. On average, five supervisory missions will be conducted per province by provincial EPI teams to cover a total of five provinces.

<b>Project Start and End Date</b>	<b>August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022</b>
<b>Partner Organizations</b>	-
<b>Funded by</b>	<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).</b>
<b>Collaborators</b>	<b>Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), the private sector, CSOs representative, and Gavi through MoPH</b>



## PROJECT Phases

The project involves two main phases:

**Phase I:** Preparations: develop the training material and training curriculum on data quality and reporting for the private sector

**Phase II:** Implementation: Conduct the regional trainings workshops on data quality and reporting system for the private sectors. Support the supportive supervision visits to the private health sectors.

## Currently . . .

The private health service provider is a crucial component to improve immunization coverage equitably. GHD, in collaboration with CDC last year, conducted a study to define the private health sector's role and engagement in immunization, with the goal of improving routine immunization coverage in low-performing provinces in Afghanistan.

Based on the study findings, currently there is no reporting system for the private sector; either the private sector activities are not reported or reported through the public health facilities. It was also reflected that the private sector either was not investing in immunization IEC material or the messages were not in line with the NEPI messages. Furthermore, there was weak or no supportive supervision and feedback mechanism for private sector.

## What is next . . .

Under this project, GHD will support the private sector in building the capacity of its health care providers in case of VPDs notification, avail Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, and support the ministry of health to conduct regular supportive supervision.

## OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS

+200 supportive supervision visits to the private health sectors to be conducted

90 private health facility staff to be trained on data quality and reporting system

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