



## Consolidate and Maintain functionality of integrated VPDs Community surveillance in Sudan

### Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Program
- ◆ Unit: Polio & Immunization Department

### OBJECTIVES

As Sudan remains at risk for cVDPV2 outbreak, with potential risk of international spread as classified by the International Health Regulations, this project's main goal is to support Sudan to revise their national preparedness and response general guidelines, including the update/revision of national guidelines specific to polio (including cVDPVs) outbreaks. for notified case investigation and verification to enhance the surveillance data base and the response.

### BENEFICIARIES

VPD Preparedness and response officers.  
National RRTs at state and district levels.

### REGIONS OF WORK

The 18 states of Sudan.

### PROJECT PHASES

**Phase 1** -A technical working group will be formulated to develop or update the National plans of action for VPD outbreak preparedness and response. This will be followed by 3 2-day workshops at the national level to update preparedness and response plan for VPDs.

Phase 2 – A 5-day ToT will be conducted for national RRTs on responding to VPDs, which will be followed by 10 3-day trainings workshops for RRTs at the state and district levels on responding to VPDs.

<b>Project Start and End Date</b>	<b>8/1/2021 – 7/31/2022</b>
<b>Partner Organizations</b>	<b>Sudan Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), WHO</b>
<b>Funded by</b>	<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</b>

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Sudan was affected by an outbreak of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) in 2020 after being polio-free country for 11 years. Although no cVDPV2 were detected in the country in 2021, Sudan remains at risk for cVDPV2 outbreak, with potential risk of international spread as classified by the International Health Regulations in November 2021. Nevertheless, the existing national preparedness and response plan in the country tackles VPDs in general with no guidelines specifically elaborated for polio or cVDPVs outbreaks. In this context, GHD will support the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) in Sudan to revise their national preparedness and response general guidelines, including the update/revision of national guidelines specific to polio (including cVDPVs) outbreaks.

### **Currently . . .**

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### **What's next . . .**

Exert the efforts needed to complement what was done earlier by providing support to enforce the implementation. GHD will work closely with FMOH to identify focal points who will support in the preparations of the working groups, trainings and workshops.

## **By the Numbers**

**1 developed preparedness and response plan for VPDs at the national level.**

**25 National RRTs trained on responding to VPDs.**

**250 RRTS at state and district levels trained on responding to VPDs.**

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