



Global Health  
Development

# Enhance country polio and VPDs outbreak preparedness & response in Afghanistan, Yemen and Somalia and other outbreak countries

## Project Information

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

## OBJECTIVES

To work closely with MOHs and country partners to develop/update National Plans of Action for VPD Outbreak Preparedness and Response in Afghanistan, Somalia and Yemen quickly and effectively, including RRT capacity building and deployment in order to prevent, detect and respond to VPD outbreaks according to country-specific needs,

## BENEFICIARIES

The project's main beneficiaries are the MOHs and RRT Teams in Afghanistan, Somalia and Yemen and outbreak countries.

## REGIONS OF WORK

This project was implemented in Afghanistan, Somalia and Yemen and any outbreak countries.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In Afghanistan, GHD country team will review the composition of the RRT in Afghanistan, upon the review completion, three workshops on polio and other VPD emergencies will be conducted, each for three days. Around 90 provincial teams will participate in these workshops to respond to polio and other VPD emergencies in the targeted areas in Afghanistan. Additionally, GHD will provide technical and logistical support and support the deployment of 20 RRTs in the targeted areas.

In Yemen and Somalia, GHD will support formulate a technical group to develop/update the National Plans of Action for VPDs outbreak preparedness and response in Somalia and Yemen. Followed by conducting three workshops in Yemen and three workshops in Somalia to update the preparedness and response action plan for VPDs. Then conducting two five-day ToT trainings for the national RRTs (one in Yemen and one in Somalia) for 25 participants each. Furthermore, to strengthen the capacity of provincial and district staff in preparedness and response of VPD outbreak, GHD will support conducting 8 workshops in Yemen and another 8 in Somalia for RRT at national, regional, and provincial level on responding to VPDs.

Moreover, GHD is planning to support WPV and cVDPV outbreak response field activities through mobilizing human resources (i.e consultants, FETPs, RRTs, national experts) according to the needs of the countries.

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<b>Partner Organizations</b>	-
<b>Funded by</b>	<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).</b>
<b>Collaborators</b>	<b>Ministry of Health in Afghanistan, Somalia and Yemen and outbreak countries</b>



## PROJECT Phases

The project involves two main phases:

**Phase I:** Preparations and planning: Formulate a technical group to develop/update the National Plans of Action for VPDs Outbreak Preparedness and Response in Somalia and Yemen. Also, review the composition of RRT in Afghanistan.

**Phase II:** Implementation: Conduct training workshops on preparedness and response to VPDs in Somalia and Yemen. Furthermore, conduct training workshop to respond on polio and other VPD emergencies in the targeted areas in Afghanistan and provide technical and logistical support and deployment of RRT in Afghanistan.

## Currently . . .

EMR continues experience outbreaks of cVDPV, measles, yellow fever, diphtheria, and other VPDs. Comprehensive preparedness and response strategies, including research during outbreaks, will limit the impact of such outbreaks on health and national finances. Optimizing outbreak preparedness and response capacity in high-risk countries is highly needed to ensure rapid case detection and strong outbreak response to quickly stop transmission of cVDPV2 and minimize the risk of seeding new emergences

## What is next . . .

Throughout this project, GHD will work closely with MOHs and country partners to develop/update National Plans of Action for VPD Outbreak Preparedness and Response in Afghanistan, Somalia and Yemen quickly and effectively, including RRT capacity building and deployment.

## OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS

160 RRT team members at national, regional, and provincial level will be trained on responding to VPDs in both Somalia and Yemen

90 provincial team members will be trained on polio and other VPD emergencies in Afghanistan

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