



Supporting activities of (WaSH) and Environmental Surveillance (ES) to consolidate Polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan

Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Programs
- ◆ Unit: Environmental Health

OBJECTIVES

This project focuses on supporting Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion (WaSH) and Environmental Surveillance (ES) activities to consolidate Polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan.

BENEFICIARIES

The project's main beneficiaries are the EPI Team and Environmental Health Team.

REGIONS OF WORK

This project was implemented in Afghanistan.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GHD's technical team in collaboration with a national consultant to develop a technical capacity assessment tool to assess technical and operational coordination mechanisms set for WaSH and polio activities. This will be followed by conducting a virtual meeting with five assigned focal points in Afghanistan to explain the approach, present the objectives of the project, and explore priority areas in need for WaSH and Polio interventions. Also, GHD will conduct a two-day mapping workshop with the Environmental Health team of Afghanistan to understand the characteristics of existing WaSH and Polio programs and their activities, especially in health care facilities at community level health care.

Furthermore, several trainings workshops will be conducted; GHD will conduct training for 20 participants on strengthening technical capacity on WaSH in Health Care Facilities and coordination mechanisms. The second workshop is a 2-day WaSH and Polio training which includes information, education and communication (IEC) materials to increase community awareness and knowledge, this training will be rolled out to 100 community health worker / volunteer to raise awareness. GHD will deploy 100 community health worker / volunteer to the field to distribute IEC materials and fliers in their communities (health centers, community centers, etc).

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)



PROJECT Phases

The project involves two main phases:

Phase I: Preparations and planning: Develop a technical capacity assessment tool to assess technical and operational coordination mechanisms set for WaSH and Polio activities, conduct virtual meeting with focal points in Afghanistan to explain the project approach. Understand the characteristics of existing WaSH and Polio programs.

Phase II: Implementation: Conduct training for strengthening technical capacity on WaSH in Health Care Facilities, conduct training on WaSH and Polio training for Environmental health specialists and CHWs. Deploy 100 CHWs/Volunteers to the field to distribute IEC materials

Currently . . .

According to the 2019-2023 Polio Endgame Strategy, integrating WaSH activities is required for strengthening governance and management to improve the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)'s emergency standpoint, and affect the efficiency and effectiveness of multiple related-program areas such as Nutrition and the Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child health; whose quality is highly reliant on clean and adequate access to WaSH services, especially in health care facilities (HCF).

What is next . . .

The current situation of the WaSH and EPI programs in Afghanistan will be defined throughout this project and will focus on supporting Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion (WaSH) and Environmental Surveillance (ES) activities to consolidate Polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan. This will take place through providing consultation on the coordination structures for WaSH and Polio at national levels on joint coordination and planning activities as well as developing awareness raising materials and conducting training sessions on WaSH and Polio at community levels.

OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS

20 EPI staff at the national level will be trained on strengthening technical capacity on WaSH in Health Care Facilities and coordination mechanisms

100 CHWs/Volunteers will be trained and deployed in the field to distribute the IEC material

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