

Incentivize the Frontline Health Workers (vaccinators and provincial supervisors) to increase vaccination coverage in Afghanistan

Project Information

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

SCOPE OF WORK

The main objective of this project is to improve the quality of immunization services at the grassroot level and increasing the immunization coverage.

BENEFICIARIES

The project's main beneficiaries are the frontline health workers (vaccinators and provincial supervisors).

REGIONS OF WORK

This project was implemented in Afghanistan.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GHD through this project will recruit a consultant to develop SOPs, implementation guidelines, incentive criteria, and regularly analyze the data to evaluate the performance criteria for 12 months. A two-day orientation workshop will be conducted at the national level targeting 34 frontline health workers.

Project Start and End Date	August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023
Partner Organizations	-
Funded by	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
Collaborators	National Expanded Program on Immunization (NEPI), Ministry of Public Health (MoPH)



PROJECT PHASES

The project involves two main phases:

Phase I: Preparation: contract the consultant and develop SOPs, implementation guidelines and incentive criteria.

<u>Phase II:</u> Implementation: A two-day orientation workshop will be conducted at the national level targeting 34 frontline health workers.

Currently...

As immunization is one of the best public health interventions, which save millions of live each year. Yet despite tremendous progress, vaccination coverage has plateaued in recent years and dropped since 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic. In Afghanistan the immunization coverage is not at the level to stop would polio virus circulation, eliminate measles and prevent other vaccine preventable disease outbreaks. In Afghanistan, the historical challenges faced by the immunization program were further exacerbated given the political context and there was no mechanism to motivate the immunization frontline workers. As a result, despite having enough funds, good strategies and partners the country faced frequent vaccine preventable diseases outbreak and polio cases.

What is next...

Considering the lack of motivation mechanism for the immunization frontline workers GDH will develop SOPs, implementation guidelines and will stablish a technical committee to evaluate the performance of the frontline workers and provide them incentive. Once this mechanism was established it will be handed over to the Ministry of Public Health to continuously follow it up to ensure the sustainability of the project.

OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS

34 frontline health workers.

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