

# GAZA POLIO CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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ROUND 2 - 15 OCTOBER 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS:

Day 2 of the **second round of an emergency polio vaccination campaign in Gaza**, in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) continued with strong progress.

### Day 2 update:

- ✔ Momentum remained high on Day 2 of the Phase-I campaign in central Gaza. The administrative coverage reported **64 122** children under 10 years were vaccinated with polio vaccine (nOPV2) and **51 727** children between 2 and 10 years received Vitamin A dose.
- ✔ Social mobilization efforts on ground were supervised to ensure families and guardians brought their children to the nearest vaccination sites.
- ✔ Building on the lessons of the first two days the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) recommended several strategic adjustments to enhance the campaign operations and quality. These include strengthening engagement of the social mobilizers and the Intra-Campaign Monitors (ICM) in identifying any pockets with unvaccinated target children and sharing their findings immediately with the EOC for mid-course correction.
- ✔ The number of children under 10 years who have received **polio vaccine in the first two days of the campaign in Central Gaza is 156 943**. The number of children between 2 and 10 years who received **Vitamin A in the first two days of the campaign is 128 121**.

### Reports from Independent Monitors on Day 2 show that:



A **higher number of fixed sites** combined with the deployment of crowd control support in the second round contributed to **better management of fixed site operations across Phase I**.



ICM data showed **coverage of 91% based on parental/guardian recall**.



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## DAY 2 BY THE NUMBERS:

Administrative coverage data shows:



### Children reached with polio vaccination on Day 2:

a total of **64 122 children** under 10 years were reached **with polio vaccine**.



### Children reached with Vitamin A on Day 2:

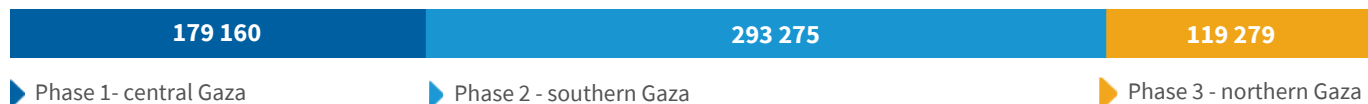
a total of **51 727 children** between 2 and 10 years received **Vitamin A**.

As in the first round, the second round of the campaign will be conducted in three phases:



\*Pending further coordination

### Target population for polio in Round 2 (children aged under ten years):



### NOTE:

The **first round** was successfully implemented from 1-12 September 2024 and vaccinated 559 161 children, or an estimated 95% of eligible children at governorate level, according to independently conducted post-campaign monitoring.

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