



## GAZA POLIO CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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### HIGHLIGHTS:

#### Day 3 and Day 4 updates:

- ✔ Phase 1 of the polio campaign in central Gaza, the first of two rounds, culminated in a higher number of children vaccinated as compared to estimated targets.
- ✔ On 5 September 2024, health workers focused on catching up with missed or unvaccinated children at four designated health facilities. Additionally, five fixed sites in central Gaza provided support to vaccinate children, based on demand.
- ✔ Number of children under ten years of age vaccinated on Day 3 (4 September 2024): **28 044**.\*
- ✔ Number of children under ten years of age vaccinated on Day 4, as part of catch-up activities: **2555**.\*
- ✔ Number of children vaccinated over the last four days: **189 591**\* (approximately 120% of the initial estimated target of 157 000 for central Gaza. This increase can be attributed mainly to families bringing their children from parts of southern Gaza to receive vaccines).

\* preliminary data

### As phase 1 of central Gaza closes out:

The campaign will **continue at four large fixed sites** in Deir al Balah, Nuseirat and Al-Zewaida in the coming days, alongside **five additional fixed sites**. Families of any eligible children who still require vaccines will be advised to access these sites.

Transit and mobile team activities **are not working any more in central Gaza**, following the end of the humanitarian pause, effective from 4 September 2024.



## BY THE NUMBERS:

### Preparations for phase 2 of the campaign in southern Gaza:

Dates: 5-8 September 2024



Target population: **343 000**



Number of teams: **534**



**151 team supervisors** will support the teams, and **7 data managers** will collate and manage data.



**Teams: 91 fixed site teams, 400 mobile teams (including 16 transit teams) and 42 special teams**, with 134 teams mobilized from central Gaza and 20 reserve teams that are on standby.



**Cold chain equipment** was mobilized from central Gaza and delivered to the four distribution points in Khan Younis and one in Dier Al-Balah (at the WHO office).



**Supplies and logistics**, including 490 vaccine carriers, 90 cold boxes, and other materials were transferred to Khan Younis on 4 September 2024.



**Logistics for transport**, cold chain distribution, and supervisor movement were finalized, and supplies (tally sheets, zip locks, supervisory sheets) were distributed.



**Special teams and coordinated missions** will be considered for areas in southern Gaza where they may be a need (in seven fixed vaccination sites: five in South/East Khan Younis and two in Rafah).

### Preparations for phase 3 of the campaign in northern Gaza:

For the preparations of the third phase of the campaign, in northern Gaza, social mobilization of communities will begin from 7-8 September 2024. Preparations to finalize microplans, which serve as guides to reach every child, are also underway. Supplies and logistics will be mobilized from southern to northern Gaza on 8 September 2024 in coordination with relevant parties.

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