

# GAZA POLIO CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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ROUND 2 – 19 OCTOBER 2024 (DAY 5/DAY 1 OF PHASE 2)

## HIGHLIGHTS:

Phase 2 of the second polio vaccination campaign was successfully launched on 19 October 2024 in southern Gaza.

### Day 5 update (Day 1, phase 2 of campaign, southern Gaza)



Central Gaza: As a catch-up,  
**626 children received nOPV2.**

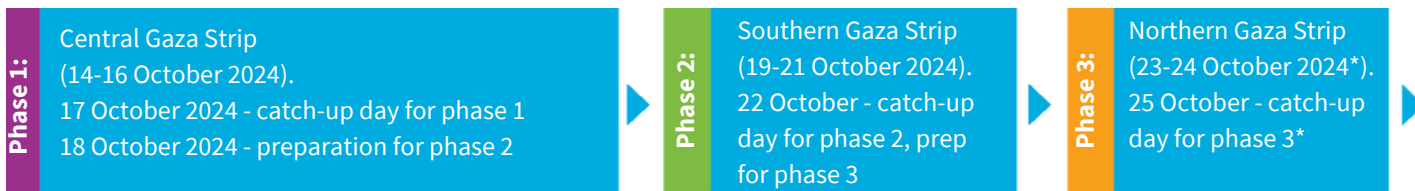


**481 children**  
received Vitamin A.

### Southern Gaza:

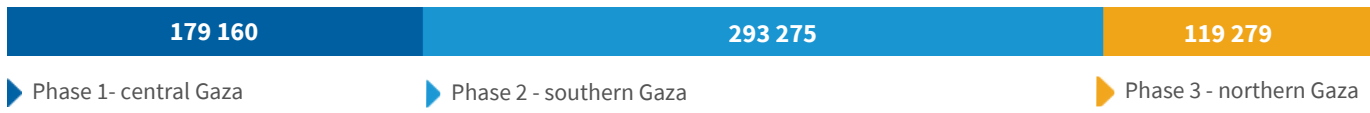
- ✔ Strong community turnout continued in Khan Younis and Rafah Gaza with 145 202 children under 10 years receiving polio vaccine (nOPV2) and **119 055** children between 2 and 10 years received Vitamin A dose on Day 5 of the campaign.
- ✔ By end of Day 5, the cumulative number of children under 10 years who have received polio vaccine is **329 384**.
- ✔ The cumulative number of children between 2 and 10 years who received Vitamin A is **269 163**.
- ✔ Some minor delays were faced as teams started their day, but all logistical challenges were promptly managed at the distribution centres by the supervisors under the coordination of the EOC. Importantly, it was noted there were significantly less issues faced than on the first day of phase 2 in Round 1.
- ✔ Vaccination activity was conducted both inside and outside of the humanitarian pause areas in Khan Younis and Rafah with WHO, UNICEF, UNRWA, and MOH technical staff provided supportive supervision across 12 municipalities. Improvements in team coordination were based on observations made on Day 5 and further streamlining will be implemented, particularly outside of the humanitarian pause area.

**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):**



**DAY 5 BY THE NUMBERS:**

Children reached with **polio vaccination** on Day 5: Administrative coverage data shows a total of **145 202** children under 10 years were reached with polio vaccine.

Children reached with **Vitamin A** on Day 5: A total of **119 055** children between 2 and 10 years received Vitamin A dose.

**Fifteen ICM monitors** from MAP **supported 72 health facilities**. Their observations, which are shared in the evening meetings will be used to course correct issues.

A **shortage of vaccine carriers** was identified, requiring cold boxes to be used at fixed sites as an alternative. The shortage is attributed to a higher number of fixed sites (140) in this round.

**Stockouts of Vitamin A** were reported from eight health facility sites due to inadequate distribution by the team supervisors, prompting immediate corrective action. The EOC recommended supervisors to ensure Vitamin A is distributed according to target levels to avoid future stockouts.

**Town criers and megaphone announcements were deployed** in most areas, but coordination between mobilizers and vaccination teams needs to be further strengthened. Moving forward, the engagement of social mobilizers with mobile teams should be strengthened to improve community outreach, which is the recommendation of the EOC.

**Coordination continues** to closely manage all vaccination activities outside of the humanitarian pause areas in southern Gaza.

**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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