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KEY POLIO INDICATORS FOR CHILDREN IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Benin

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 88%; # of cases (2004): 6
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 85%

Burkina-Faso

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 83%; # of cases (2004): 9
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 97t%

Cameroon

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 72%; # of cases (2004): 13
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 86%

Cape Verde

1-year oldsimmunized for Polio3 (2003): 79%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): --%

Central African Republic

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 40%; # of cases (2004): 30
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 90%

Chad

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 48%; # of cases (2004): 22
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 85%

Congo

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 50%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 86%

Democratic Republic Of The Congo

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 55%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 62%

Côte D'Ivoire

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 54%; # of cases (2004): 17
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 97%

Equatorial Guinea

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 39%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): --%

Gabon

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 31%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 87%

The Gambia

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 90%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 91%

Ghana

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 80%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 99t%

Guinea

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 43%; # of cases (2004): 5
Vitamin A supplementati on coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 95%

Guinea-Bissau

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 75%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 80%

Liberia

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 39%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 40%

Mali

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 65%; # of cases (2004): 18
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 68%



Polio Status in Sub-Saharan Africa as a Whole:

In 2004, Africa recorded approximately 85% of all polio cases in the world (1,037 cases). An epidemic caused by low immunity across the region, and spurred by a suspension of immunization campaigns in Nigeria, re-infected 12 previously polio free countries and re-established transmission in 5 (Côte d'Ivoire, the Sudan, Burkina-Faso, Central African Republic and Chad). To close down the epidemic, 23 African nations will come together in 2005 to synchronize mass immunization campaigns aiming to reach 100 million African children. However, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is facing a critical funding shortfall of US\$75 million for 2005 and US\$200 million for 2006, and therefore seeks funding support from donors. Photo: UNICEF WCAR/Kent Page

Mauritania

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 75%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 89t%

Niger

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 51%; # of cases (2004): 25
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 77t%

Nigeria

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 39%; # of cases (2004): 786
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 79%

Sao Tome & Principe

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 94%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): --%

Senegal

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 73%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 83%

Sierra Leone

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 60%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 87t%

Togo

1-year olds immunized for Polio3 (2003): 63%; # of cases (2004): 0
Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate, 6-59 months (2002): 95%

Source: UNICEF SOWC 2005 and WHO/UNICEF HQ, 15 Feb 2005. Data not available indicated by --.

Countries that have achieved a 2nd round of vitamin A coverage greater than or equal to 70% identified by 't'. West & Central African Polio NIDs:

Polio-Endemic Countries Nigeria, Niger. Countries Having Re-established WPV Transmission: Burkina-Faso, CAR, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire.

Other Countries Having Suffered WPV Importation: Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Togo. High-Risk DRC, Congo, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gabon.