**POLIO SNAPSHOT**

**AFGHANISTAN**

**JULY 2018**

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**DATA AS OF 30 JULY 2018**

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Engaging Women in Refusal Resolution Committees in Kandahar City

Women are not selected into refusal resolution committees as they are usually not influencers in the community. In Kandahar City, where there is still a high rate of vaccination refusal, we have started to engage more women to address the issue, as women can enter houses and speak to the female caregivers directly.

After campaigns, the Polio programme deploys refusal resolution committees which comprise local influencers, a religious leader, local health workers and supervisory polio frontline workers to negotiate with the refusal families to vaccinate their children.

In July, the programme’s effort to include women in Kandahar City has yielded positive results in reducing the number of refusals. Unlike previous campaigns when the refusal committees were comprised of men only, the refusal committee with female members in Baghazal area of Kandahar City vaccinated 319 children. These families have traditionally refused vaccination. This brought down the number of refusals by 40%.

The programme continues to look for all opportunities to engage more females.