2 WPV CASES IN AUGUST

12 TOTAL WPV CASES IN 2018

6 POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT SAMPLES IN AUGUST

9.9 m CHILDREN TARGETED IN NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAYS

9.1 m DOSES OF VACCINE GIVEN IN NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAYS

72,000 FRONTLINE WORKERS
(Overall 11.2% female: 26.2% of urban workers, 5% of rural)

7,000 SOCIAL MOBILIZERS
(Overall 30% female)

423 PERMANENT TRANSIT TEAMS

15 CROSS-BORDER VACCINATION POINTS

Data as of 31 August 2018
Nahied is one of the social mobilisers who work with the polio eradication team. She is trying to make history for her country by eradicating polio. This has been a tough journey for her. Nahied was married at just 13 years old. She was not allowed to see her own family, and forbidden from going to school. Nahied was forced to stay at home. “I was just a child when my husband’s family owned me. As a woman, our only right is to produce more and more children,” she says. “Girls have a big responsibility – we must be a wife, mother, sister and daughter. Yet, we have no value. My parents sold me for 15,000 Afs (US$217). The family that bought me was poor and my new husband was much older.” - Nahied

In her twenties, Nahied finally gained her independence and joined the polio eradication team. “Before I started working, I had no money. I had to borrow food from my neighbor to feed my children, which I couldn’t pay back.” Now, Nahied is proud to serve her community by ensuring every child is vaccinated against polio. She has worked on a number of nationwide campaigns. Nahied manages 12 other women, and supports them to ensure no child misses the vaccine. A child in her community got polio because his parents refused the vaccine, and he is now paralyzed for life. “I know how important my job is. I do it for all children, not just my own.”

Thanks to her work on the polio programme, Nahied can afford to send all her children – including her daughters – to school. Polio eradication is not just saving lives, it is transforming society.