

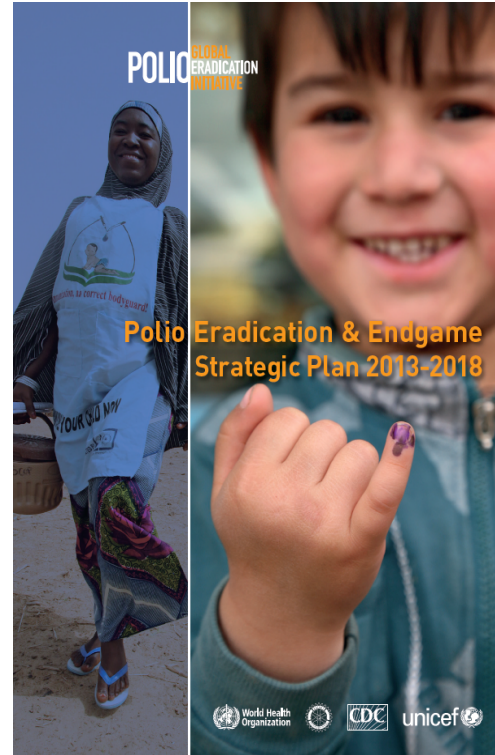
Polio Legacy Transition Planning: Status Update

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Polio Endgame Strategic Plan 2013-18

- **Objective 1**
 - Polio virus detection and interruption
- **Objective 2**
 - Immunization systems strengthening and OPV withdrawal
- **Objective 3**
 - Containment and certification
- **Objective 4**
 - *Legacy planning*





KEY COMPONENTS of TRANSITION PLANNING

Maintaining and mainstreaming polio functions

Ensure that those functions needed to maintain a polio free world after eradication (such as surveillance, outbreak preparedness and response, and containment) are mainstreamed as ongoing public health functions



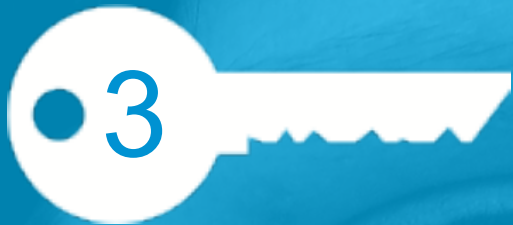


KEY COMPONENTS of TRANSITION PLANNING

Sharing lessons learned to improve child health

Ensure that the knowledge generated and lessons learned from polio eradication activities are shared with other health initiatives





KEY COMPONENTS of TRANSITION PLANNING

Transition polio functions to improve child health

Where feasible, desirable, and appropriate,
transition capabilities and processes to
support other health priorities



THE GPEI WORKFORCE (N=30,000+)

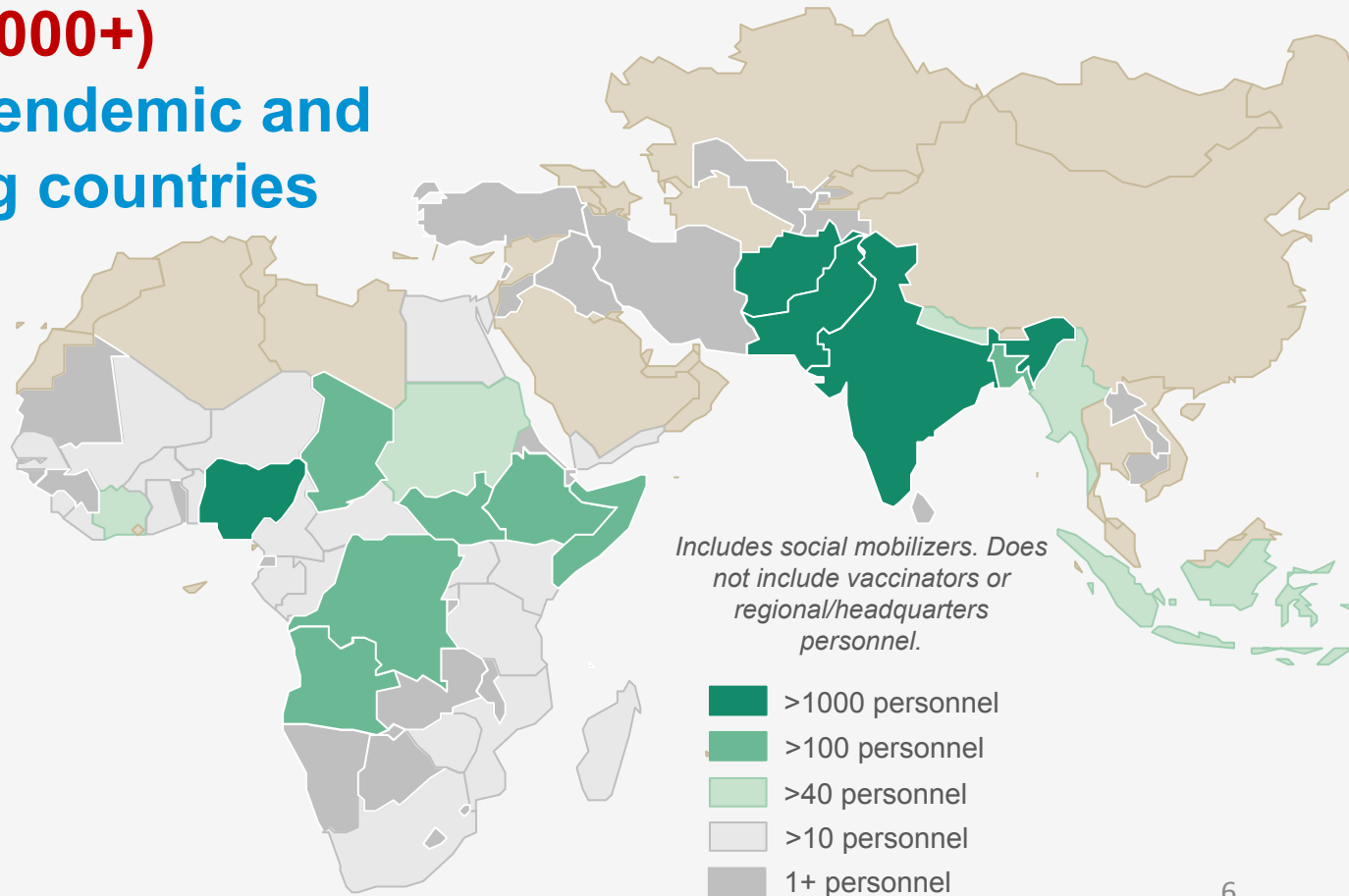
is focused in endemic and
transitioning countries

Millions of vaccinators

Tens of thousands of
local social mobilizers

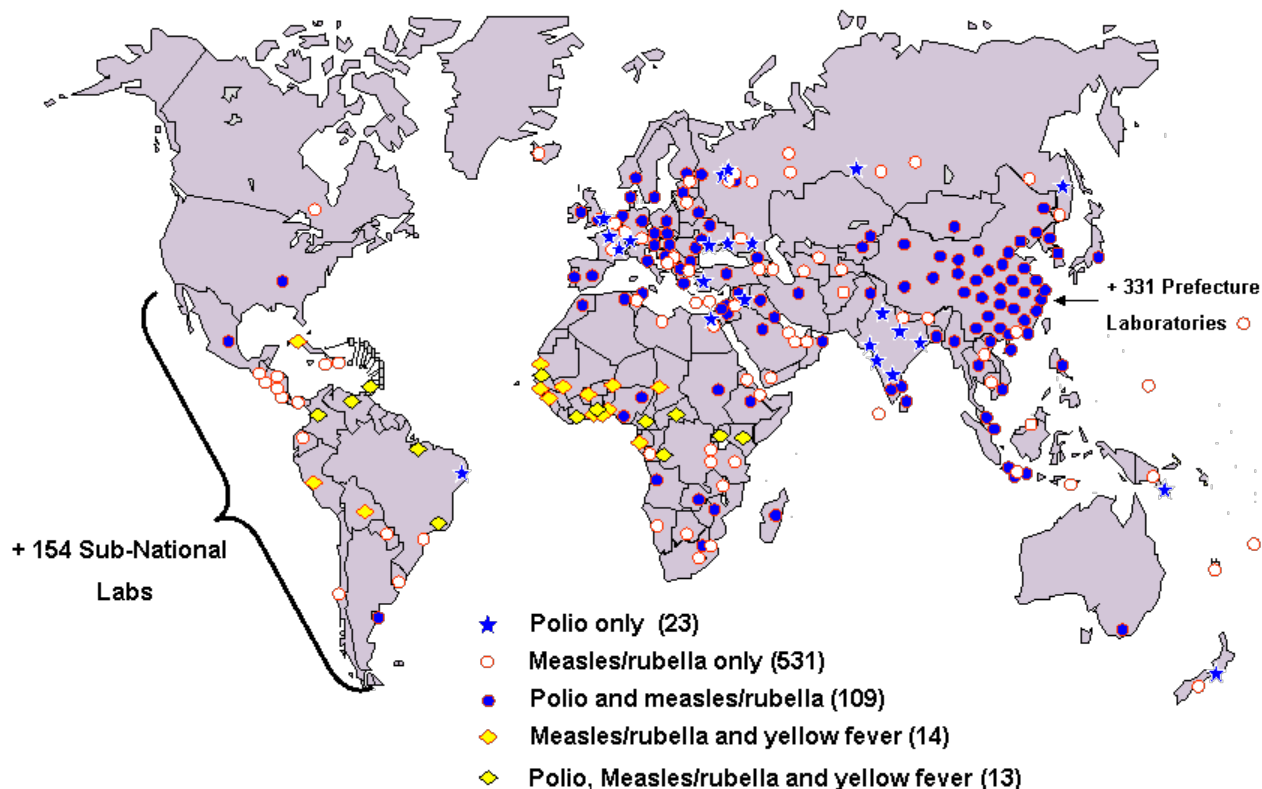
Thousands of skilled
technical staff

Hundreds of highly
skilled technical
managers/leaders



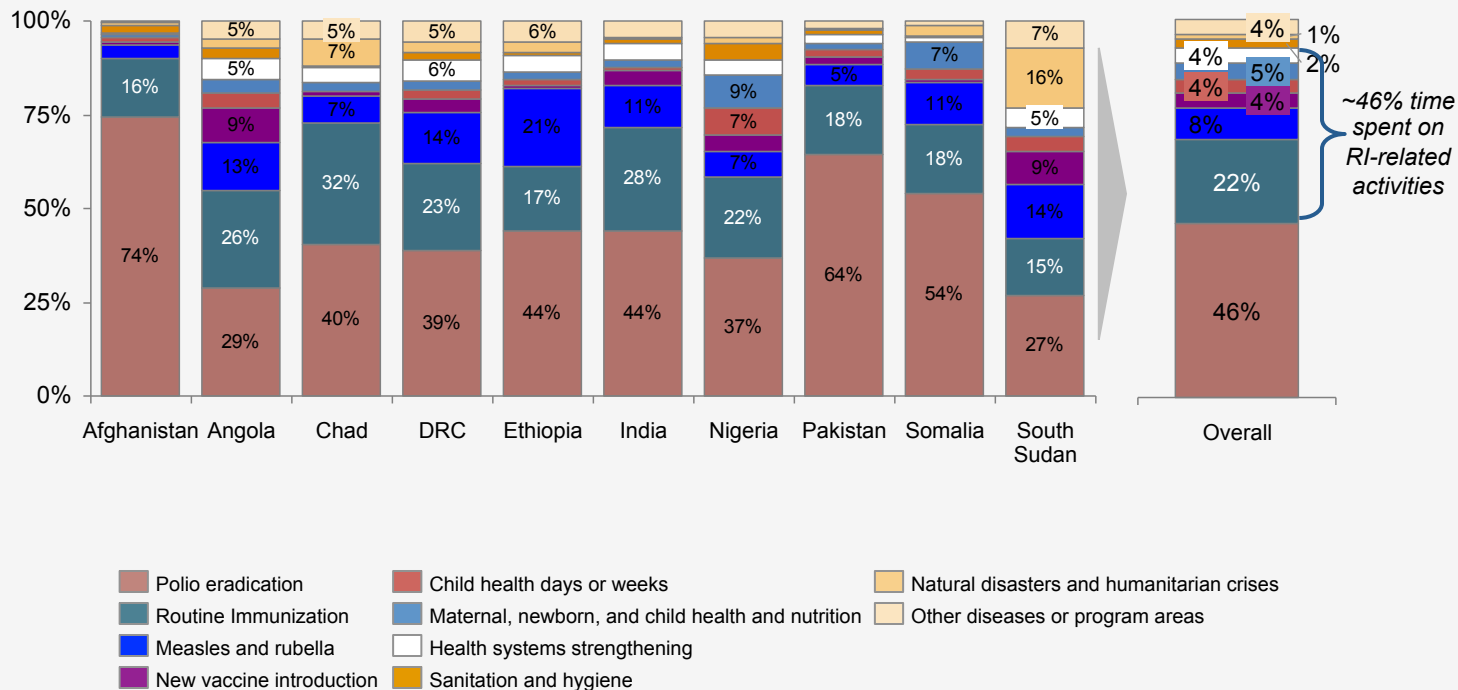
Examples of “Legacy-in Action”

Building on the Polio Laboratory & Surveillance Network (>700 labs)



Polio country personnel time at ~22% for RI and ~46% for RI & related activities (other EPI) in focus countries

Estimated time allocation of polio personnel by country



Use of the Polio Assets/Infrastructure in Nigeria's Response to Ebola

- IMS (Incident Management System) ➡ Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

➡ Supported by Polio team

- Incident manager
- Data management team
- Logistics and operational support
- Supervision and monitoring
- Accountability
- Surveillance (AFP surveillance officers)

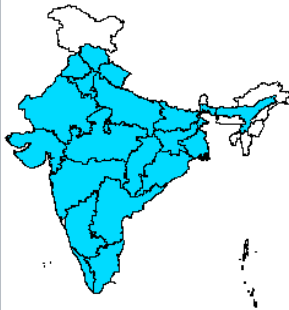


- Partner organizations co-located in EOC
- Field Epidemiology & Laboratory Training Program (FELTP) support for case investigations/surveillance/contact tracing
- Improvised to establish treatment center.....
 - Mentoring of clinical staff

India -- Intensification of routine immunization



Routine Immunization monitoring through polio network: Jan to Dec 2014

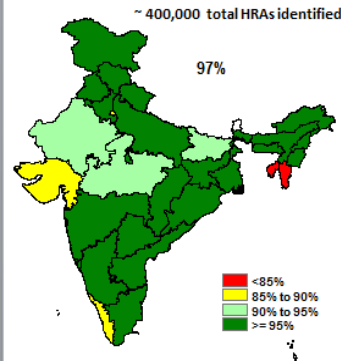


• Sessions monitored	: 280,000
• Children monitored	: 1.5 million
• SMOs involved	: 372
• Field Volunteers	: 964
• Social Mobilizer Network	: 960

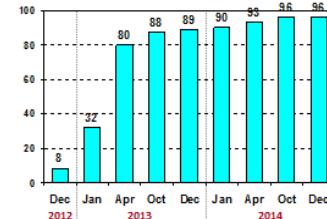
- **Data generated on:**
 - Level of involvement of govt. in RI
 - Reasons for low RI coverage
 - Quality of immunization activities including social mobilization activities
 - Availability of vaccines & other logistic supplies

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High risk areas included in RI microplans



Percent HRAs included in RI microplans
9 priority states

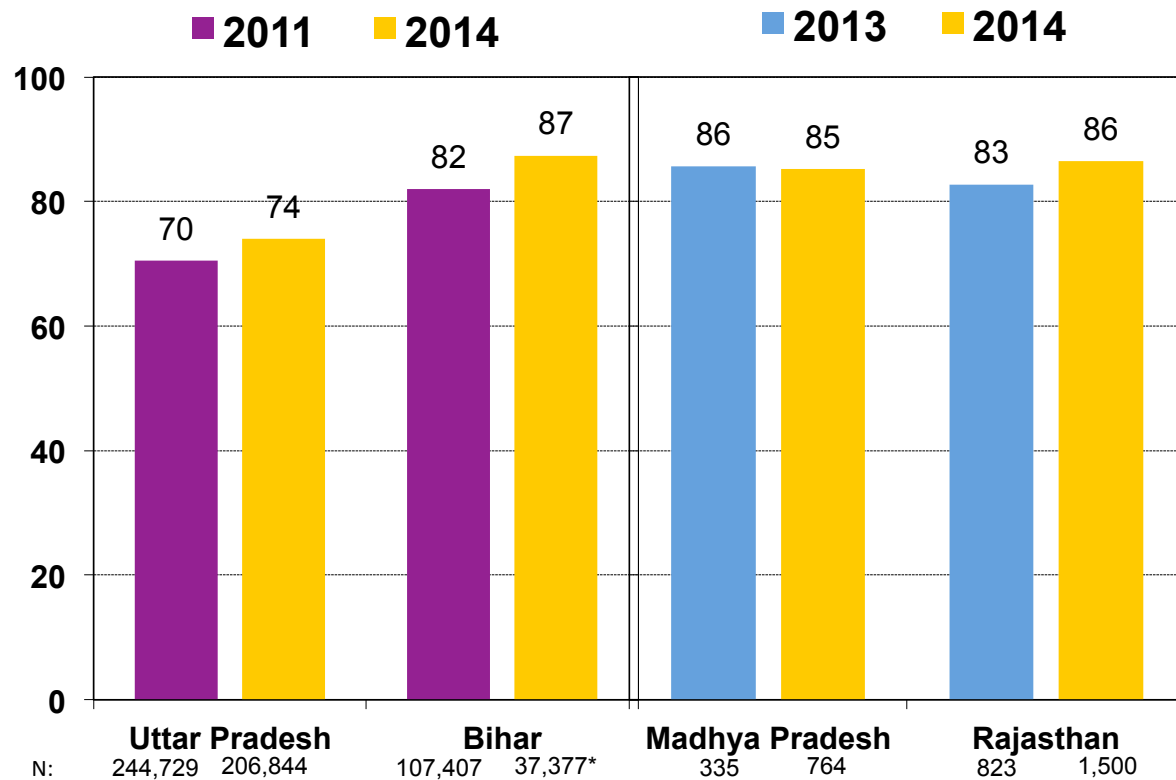


Data as on 20 Jan 2015

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Polio network house to house monitoring data

Percentage DPT 3 coverage



Data Source : RI House to House monitoring data

* Bihar data as of
May 2014

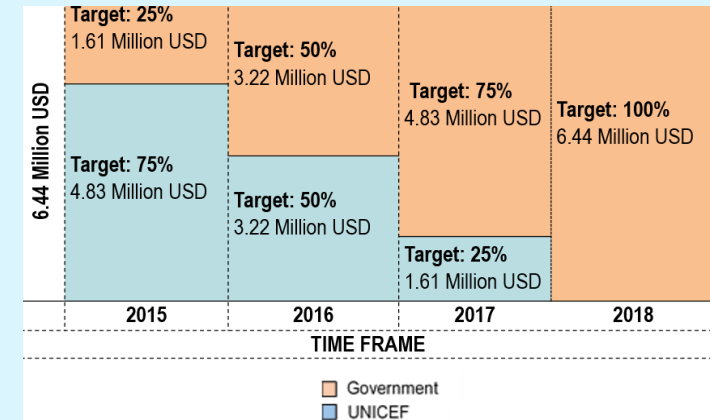
Social Mobilization Network

Uttar Pradesh, India (N=8,000+)



- Progressive transition starting with best performing blocks.
- To maintain continuity and quality, the funding and HR management continue through existing 3rd party
- UNICEF will maintain its role in oversight, quality assurance and capacity development, as well as management at the higher levels.
- **Scope - increase demand for:**
 - full routine immunization coverage,
 - support Measles Elimination 2020,
 - continuing its existing convergent health/sanitation/nutrition polio-plus initiatives.

Scale-up/Scale-down by GoOUP/UNICEF to maintain SMNet structure and activities



Polio Legacy Transition Planning Toolkit

1. Transition Guidelines and Appendices
2. Polio Legacy Transition Planning – Frequently Asked Questions
3. Polio Legacy Communication Slides
4. Lessons Learned -- an example (from the global perspective) of a Lessons Learned paper
5. India Lessons Learned and Transitioning (country example)
6. Lessons Learned Framework – Guidelines for documenting lessons learned at the country level

GPEI website: (<http://www.polioeradication.org/Resourcelibrary/Resourcesforpolioeradicators.aspx>).

Polio Legacy

Transition Planning Guidelines

Organisation

1. Identify a governing body
2. Ensure donor and civil society engagement
3. Establish a coordination & oversight team
4. Define the timeline
5. Develop a communication & advocacy strategy

Steps in developing a plan

1. Map resources, assets, functions
2. Document lessons learned
3. Transition simulation exercise
4. Link transition objectives with regional/national health priorities
5. Determine transition strategies
6. Build a business case
7. Mobilise resources
8. Facilitate stakeholder agreement on final transition strategies
9. Finalise execution plan(s)

GPEI PRIORITIES FOR TRANSITION PLANNING

in 2015-2016

Raise awareness of the importance and urgency of transition planning amongst donors, country governments and other stakeholders.

Ensure all countries that have been polio free for 12 months have established transition plans by **Q3 2016**.

Develop greater understanding of technical models, costs and financing mechanisms for successful transitions.

Begin to rigorously capture the lessons learned from the polio eradication effort.



Priority countries for GPEI transition planning:

- **Afghanistan**
- **Angola**
- **Chad**
- **DR Congo**
- **Ethiopia**
- **India**
- **Nigeria**
- **Pakistan**
- **Somalia**
- **South Sudan**

Recent Regional Activities/Progress

- **Designation of Legacy Focal Points by AFRO, EMRO and SEARO and corresponding UNICEF regional offices to serve on the Legacy Management Group (LMG) of the GPEI**
- **Designation of IMG-RI and Gavi reps on LMG**
- **Formation of Cross-Cluster Legacy Working Group in AFRO**
- **Transition workplans and budgets under development by EMRO, AFRO, SEARO and the UNICEF regional offices**

Independent Oversight Of Legacy Planning

- **Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) will serve as the independent oversight group**
- **Creation of an IMB polio legacy sub-group reporting to Sir Liam Donaldson**
- **To be constituted to reflect a wide range of interests beyond polio, helping GPEI to think in new ways and to build partnerships**
- **The current IMB would not be affected or diminished, still primarily focused on objective 1**

Some Issues for Discussion

- **Risks and consequences of not conducting good polio legacy transition planning**
- **Polio Legacy and the Global/regional policy framework**
How does Polio Legacy interface with:
 - GVAP
 - Measles and rubella elimination
 - Immunization systems strengthening
 - GAVI health systems strengthening
- **Relevance beyond immunisation and Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPD) surveillance**