Polio Vaccination to be Administered to 9.9m Children

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KABUL - The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), together with UNICEF and WHO, will launch its third national polio vaccination campaign for 2018 from tomorrow (Monday), according to a statement.

Over the next five days, around 8.9 million children under the age of five will be targeted for vaccination against polio across the country, the statement said. However, 1.2 million children from areas inaccessible to vaccination teams will miss the vaccine. Those right will not be protected from the polio virus.

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