

<p><b>STANDARD SECTOR INDICATOR CODE:</b> HE-122</p>	<p><b>Suspected Cases of Acute Flaccid Paralysis with Sudden Onset in PCV Community:</b> Number of suspected cases of acute flaccid (floppy) paralysis (AFP) with sudden onset in children less than 15 years of age in the PCV community since the last reporting period.</p>	
<p><b>HEALTH SECTOR</b></p>	<p><b>Sector Schematic Alignment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Project Area:</b> Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health</li> <li>• <b>Project Activity Area/Training Package:</b> Infant and Young Child Health</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Type:</b> Intermediate-term Outcome</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Suspected Cases</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation:</b> <b>Sex:</b> Male/Female <b>Age:</b> &lt;5 years, 5-9 years, 10-14 years</p>
<p><b>To be counted for this indicator the following criteria must be met:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the Volunteer or their counterpart hears or learns about a case of paralysis with loss of muscle tone (the muscle becomes limp and cannot contract) in a child under 15 years of age in their community they must have reported the case to the appropriate local authorities</li> </ul> <p><b>Definitions:</b></p> <p><b>Acute flaccid paralysis:</b> is defined as the rapid progression of paralysis, from onset to maximum paralysis, with loss of muscle tone, (“floppy” paralysis as opposed to spastic or rigid paralysis) AND paralysis (defined as weakness, loss, or diminution of motion). Since, polio is difficult to confirm, all cases of acute flaccid paralysis in the community are treated as suspected polio until confirmation occurs.</p> <p><b>Poliomyelitis:</b> is a virus that enters through the mouth and is transmitted from human to human usually through the fecal-to-oral route. It is preventable by giving three doses of the polio vaccine in the first year of life.</p>		
<p><b>Rationale:</b> Acute flaccid paralysis is the primary indicator for the occurrence of polio. In 2011, global incidence rates of polio were dramatically reduced, and a large reduction was seen again in the early months of 2012, thereby, renewing hopes for eliminating polio. Oral polio vaccine is highly effective at preventing polio, available globally and inexpensive (about US 10 cents per dose, or 30 cents to protect a child).</p>		
<p><b>Measurement Notes:</b></p> <p>The Volunteer is not expected to measure anything for this indicator. If the Volunteer hears of a suspected case of polio or sudden onset of paralysis, please notify the local health authorities.</p>		
<p><b>Data Quality Assessments (DQA):</b> DQA are needed for each indicator selected to align with the project objectives. DQAs review the validity, integrity, precision, reliability, and timeliness of each indicator. For more information, consult the Peace Corps MRE Toolkit.</p>		
<p><b>Alignment with Summary Indicator:</b> No Link</p>		