

GID Employee of the Month

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Kpandja Djawe

Madagascar experienced an outbreak of cVDPV1 in 2020 that continued unabated for several years. In 2023 and 2024 KP was deployed as the GPEI coordinator in Madagascar and was able to work with the government and partners to implement a series of national polio campaigns to stop the polio transmission. Under his leadership the country was able to successfully respond to the polio outbreak and there have been no polio detections in Madagascar for over a year. His diplomacy and humor allowed for an effective outbreak response during a challenging period when the Ministry of Health would not officially acknowledge the existence of poliovirus within their country. His ease in collaborating with leaders and staff alike across all levels of the health system and partner organizations, as well as his expert organization of the response efforts, were significant contributing factors to controlling the outbreak. We thank him for his years of dedicated service as GPEI coordinator in Madagascar while separated from his family, and we congratulate him on a major success story for GPEI in 2024!



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