

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

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39.4M
average no. of children < 5
targeted during NIDs



265,000
frontline workers



62%
of frontline workers
are female



2,100
social mobilizers

WPV + cVDPV2 Cases:

- 12 additional WPV cases were reported in the month of April, bringing the WPV case count in 2020 to 48. The geographical distribution of these cases includes the following:
 - KP:** Bannu (1), Tank (1)
 - Balochistan:** Pishin (1), Jaffarabad (1), Jhal Magsi (1), Nasirabad (1), Zhob (1)
 - Sindh:** Khairpur (1), Ghotki (1), Kambar (1), Jacobabad (2)
- 5 new cases of cVDPV2 cases were reported in the month of April, bringing the cVDPV2 case count in 2020 to 44. The geographical distribution of these cases includes the following:

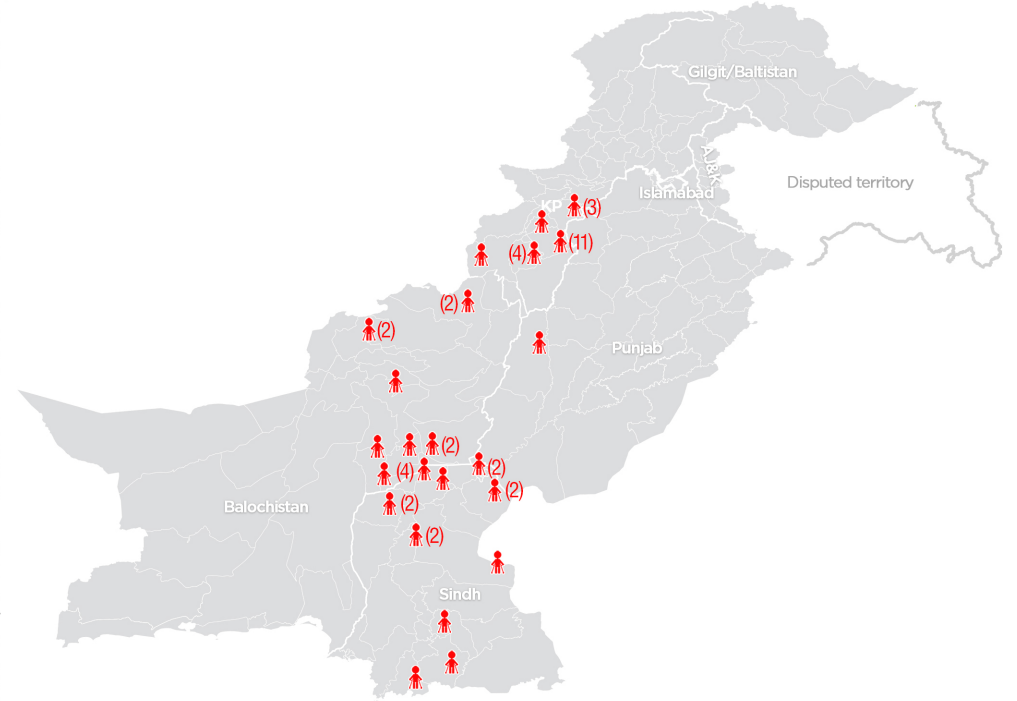
- KP:** South Waziristan (1), Peshawar (2), Lower Dir (1)
- Punjab:** Faisalabad (1)

COVID-19 Response Activities:

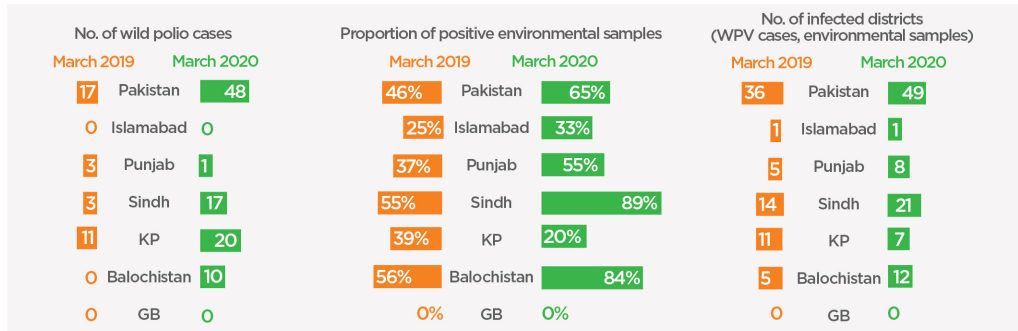
- Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, all polio SIAs, including NIDs, SNIDs, case/outbreak responses and transit vaccinations have been halted. Meanwhile, the following points are updates on the programme's assistance to Pakistan's COVID-19 response by the end of April 2020:
 - Active surveillance for influenza-like illness (ILI), severe acute respiratory infections (SARI), and suspected COVID-19 have been integrated into the ongoing AFP active and passive surveillance system, while high-priority active sites are visited at least

weekly. 1,025 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 4419 suspected COVID-19 cases and 498 probable COVID-19 cases were reported during these active surveillance visits.

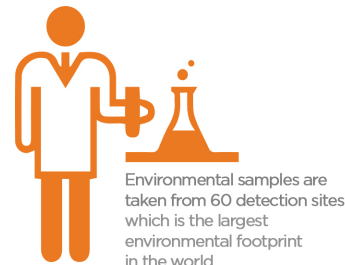
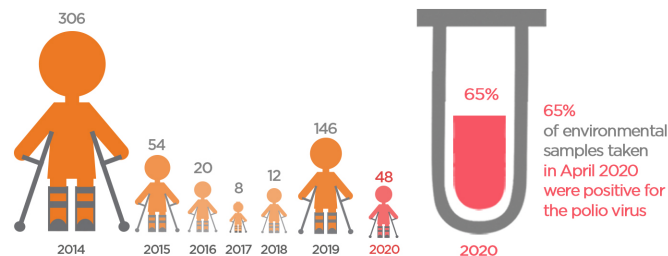
- The programme has been engaged in the integration of existing data reporting tools in order to collate data on COVID-19 case investigations, rapid response and contact tracing. Data received at district and provincial level is collated as assessments and daily SitReps, which are then shared with the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), the main governmental body leading the COVID-19 response.
- Laboratory staff of the programme have also been involved in testing COVID-19 samples since 25 March, 2020. A total of 4,903 samples by the end of April. Trainings have also been conducted for data entry operators at laboratories.
- In total, 26 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) focal persons have visited 736 health facilities to assess isolation and triage centres. During these visits, 8,049 healthcare workers have been oriented on standard IPC practices as per WHO guidelines.
- Over 3 million people have been reached through 236 COVID-19 awareness messages posted by the social media cell of the programme. The call-centre for polio has also been repurposed as the national helpline for COVID-19 and a total of 313,485 calls have been answered relating to COVID-19. Additionally, orientations have been conducted with 3,500 journalists and bloggers to counter negative media and COVID-19 myths.



Wild Poliovirus Case (2020)

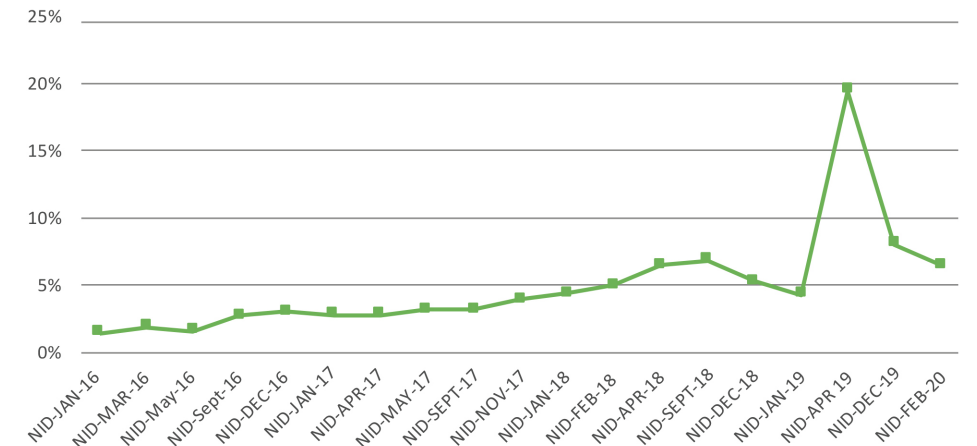


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Coverage of Children Not Reached During Campaigns

Percentage of Still Missed Children (Out of Target) in Tier 1 Districts during NIDs (2016-2020)



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