

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

August 2021

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PROGRAMME

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40 Million
average no. of children < 5
targeted during NIDs



285,000
frontline workers



62%
of frontline workers
are female



2,100
social mobilizers

WPV1 + cVDPV2 Cases:

- In August, no new WPV1 or cVDPV2 cases have been confirmed by the surveillance system. As of 31 August, the total case count remains one for WPV1 case and eight for cVDPV2 in Pakistan. The last WPV1 case of 2021 in Pakistan was confirmed in January, while the last of the eight cVDPV2 cases was confirmed in April.

Campaigns in August 2021:

- The sub-National Immunisation Drive (sNID) campaign was held from 2-6 August in Balochistan, Islamabad, Punjab and Sindh whilst the campaign was preponed in KP and held from 30 July to 3 August. The sNID covered 68 districts using tOPV in 4 districts and bOPV in 64 districts reaching 23,419,860 out of the targeted 23,743,021 children (98.6%).
- A fractional Inactivated Polio Vaccine (fIPV) campaign was held from 21 August to 1 September in Faisalabad (48 UCs) and Jhang (18 UCs) reaching 200,724 and 100,345 children between 4-59 months respectively.
- In August, there were unique fluctuations in vaccination activities at international cross-border permanent transit points with Afghanistan due to border closures on some days and increased population movement on others days.

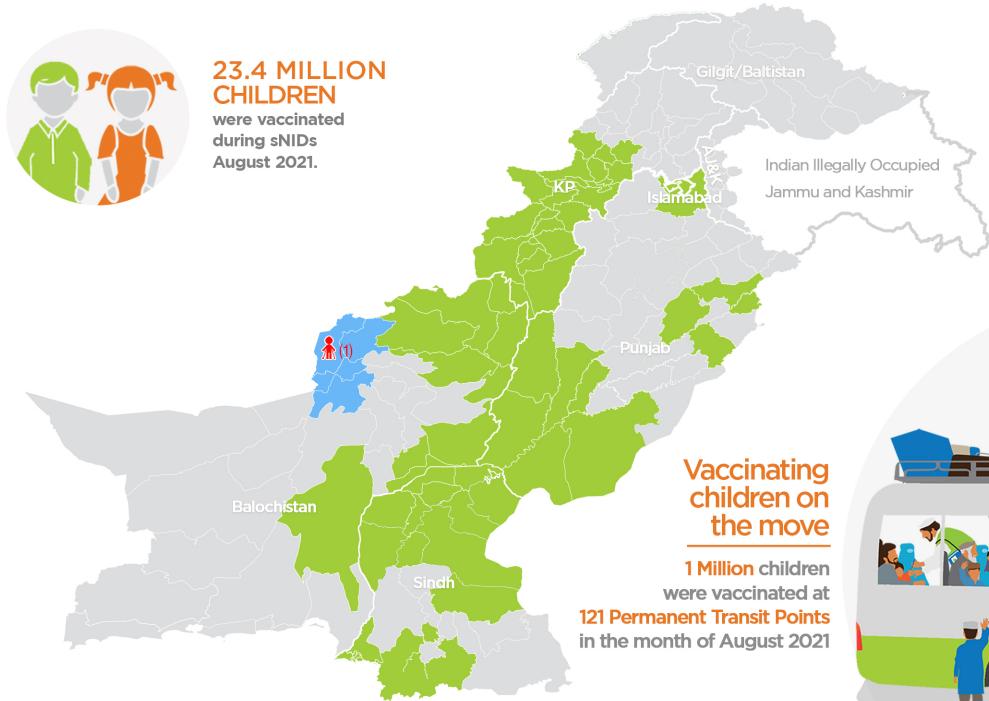
Additional activities:

- On 2 August, Prime Minister Imran Khan met with District Commissioners of the high-risk polio districts to review performance and strength response.

- On 5-6 August, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health, Dr Faisal Sultan, visited polio activities in Baluchistan and held meetings with senior government officials to highlight the urgency of reaching all children with the polio vaccine.
- An all major political parties roundtable was held on 25 August during which parties, both from the government and opposition, reaffirmed their commitment towards polio eradication and signed a joint declaration to support all efforts for a polio-free Pakistan.
- The 29th meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) on the international spread of the poliovirus was convened by the WHO Director-General on 4 August with committee members and advisers attending via video conference, supported by the WHO Secretariat. Although heartened by the apparent progress, the Committee unanimously agreed that the risk of international spread of the poliovirus remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and recommended the extension of Temporary Recommendations for a further three months.
- To promote synergies between the Expanded Program on Immunization and Polio Eradication Initiative, a one-day meeting was held on 12 August. It brought together Provincial and Federal-level senior staff to consolidate the framework for collaboration.



23.4 MILLION
CHILDREN
were vaccinated
during sNIDs
August 2021.



Vaccinating children on the move

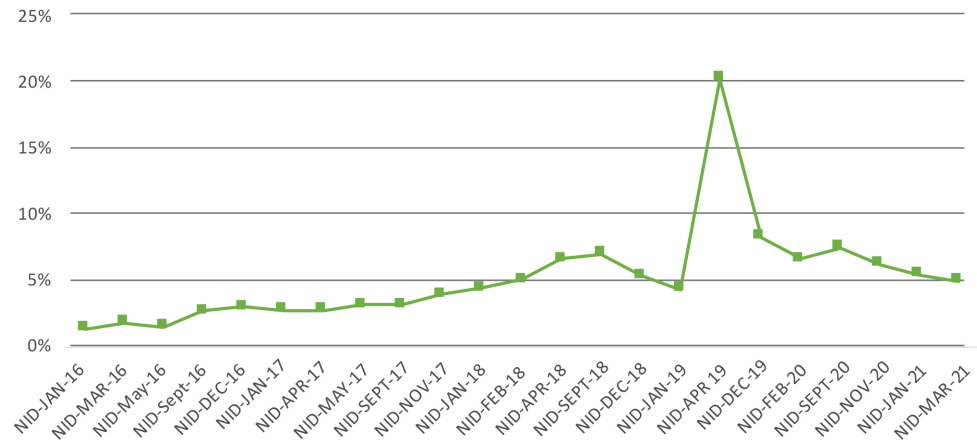
1 Million children
were vaccinated at
121 Permanent Transit Points
in the month of August 2021



tOPV2 districts
bOPV2 districts
Wild Poliovirus Case (2021)

Coverage of Children Not Reached During Campaigns

Percentage of Still Missed Children (Out of Target) in Tier 1 Districts during NIDs (2016-2021)



No. of wild polio cases		Proportion of positive environmental samples		No. of infected districts (WPV1 cases, environmental samples)	
August 2020	August 2021	August 2020	August 2021	August 2020	August 2021
71	1	56%	12%	56	22
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	25%	27%	1	1
8	0	56%	10%	9	5
22	0	79%	11%	22	6
22	0	15%	10%	10	4
19	1	76%	20%	14	6

*Point in time comparison; data as of 31 August 2021, Copyright: NIOC/2021

