

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

June 2020

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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:

- In the month of June, 4 additional WPV1 cases were reported, bringing the WPV case count in 2020 to 57. The following is the geographical distribution of these cases:

- Balochistan:** Chagai (1)
- KP:** South Waziristan (1)
- Punjab:** Rajanpur (1)
- Sindh:** Karachi (1)

- In the month of June, 2 additional cVDPV2 cases were reported, bringing the total cVDPV2 case count in 2020 to 52. The following is the geographical distribution of these cases:

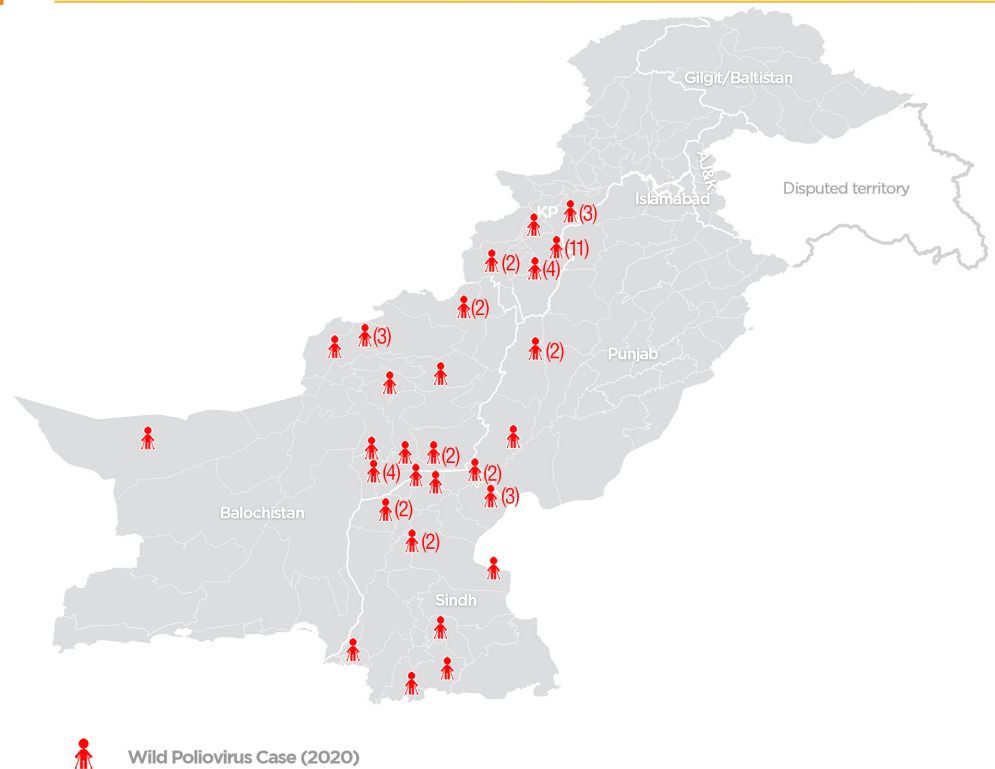
- Punjab:** Muzaffargarh (1)
- Sindh:** Karachi (1)

COVID-19 Response Activities:

- The meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Polio Eradication (TAG) was held virtually on 11 and 15 June 2020. The strategic objectives of the programme were discussed during the meeting. The following points are key recommendations from the meeting: (1) elimination of cVDPV2 through multiple large scale campaigns without exacerbating transmission of COVID-19, (2) maintaining control of WPV1 through targeted campaigns and outbreak responses, (3) ensuring the complete transformation of the programme's structures, processes and operations. Lastly, the SIA resumption plan and calendar for the remaining months of 2020 were finalized and endorsed by the TAG experts.
- With the endorsement and finalization of the SIA

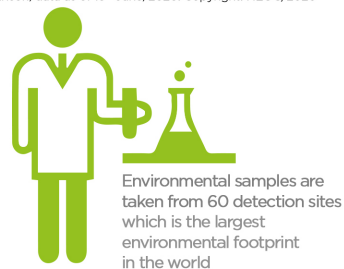
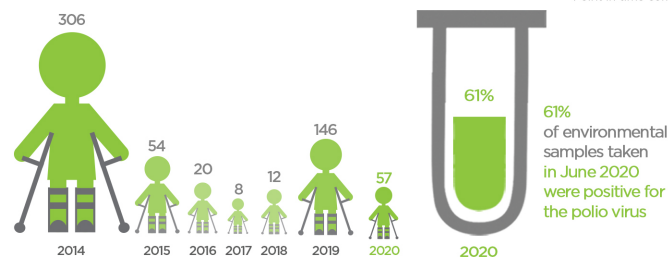
resumption plan by TAG experts and later by the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the programme began preparations for a small scale cVDPV2 case response campaign starting on 20 July 2020. This small-scale campaign in July will be conducted in selected 23 Union Councils (UCs) of Karachi, 10 UCs of Quetta, 44 UCs of Faisalabad, 14 UCs of Attock and all 78 UCs of South Waziristan. To minimize the threat of COVID-19 transmission amongst frontline workers and communities, the programme developed standard operation procedures (SOPs) for frontline workers to adhere to during campaigns, especially with regards to the safe handling of children during vaccination and ensuring proper social distancing. In addition, the programme initiated the procurement of face masks, hand sanitizers and thermometers to further guarantee the safety of frontline workers during the upcoming campaign.

- The meeting of the National Steering Committee (NSC) on Polio Eradication was held virtually on 24 June, with participation from senior management of the programme at national and provincial levels as well as other relevant partners. The meeting was held to apprise programme management on the strategic objectives discussed at the TAG meeting and to discuss planning for the finalized SIA resumption plan and calendar for 2020.
- The Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) meeting was held for Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria from 29 June to 1 July, 2020. The Government of Pakistan Health Authority, led by the Special Adviser to the Prime Minister for Health, Dr. Zafar Mirza, held a meeting with the IMB on Polio Eradication Programme on June 30.



No. of wild polio cases		Proportion of positive environmental samples		No. of infected districts (WPV cases, environmental samples)	
June 2019	June 2020	June 2019	June 2020	June 2019	June 2020
44	57	43%	61%	42	52
0	0	25%	17%	1	1
5	3	34%	58%	6	8
3	18	59%	84%	15	21
34	21	34%	16%	14	8
2	14	44%	79%	6	14
0	0	0%	0%	0	0

*Point in time comparison; data as of 15th June, 2020. Copyright: NEOC/2020



Coverage of Children Not Reached During Campaigns

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

