

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

June 2021

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PAKISTAN
POLIO
ERADICATION
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 the month of June, no new WPV1 or cVDPV2 cases have been confirmed by the surveillance system. As of 30 June, the total case count remains one for WPV1 and eight for cVDPV2 in Pakistan. The last WPV1 case of 2021 in Pakistan was reported in January, while the last of the eight cVDPV2 cases was confirmed in the month of April.

Campaigns in June 2021:

- The Pakistan Polio Eradication Programme launched a five-day sub-National Immunization Days (sNIDs) campaign to vaccinate over 33.5 million children aged under five years in 124 districts of Pakistan. The Prime Minister, Imran Khan, inaugurated the June sNIDs in Islamabad on 7 June, re-affirming the strong national commitment and resolve to end polio. During the campaign, approximately 223,000 frontline workers administered polio drops to the eligible children while adhering to strict COVID-19 protective measures.
- The June sNIDs was also supplemented by the health camps initiative which assisted around 78,000 beneficiaries, particularly women, in 41 super high-risk union councils for polio. They received free healthcare services including consultations with a medical doctor, free medicines and routine immunization and polio vaccinations. The teams were also able to administer polio drops to approximately 3,500 zero dose, refusals and missed children during the seven-day health camps initiative.

Additional activities:

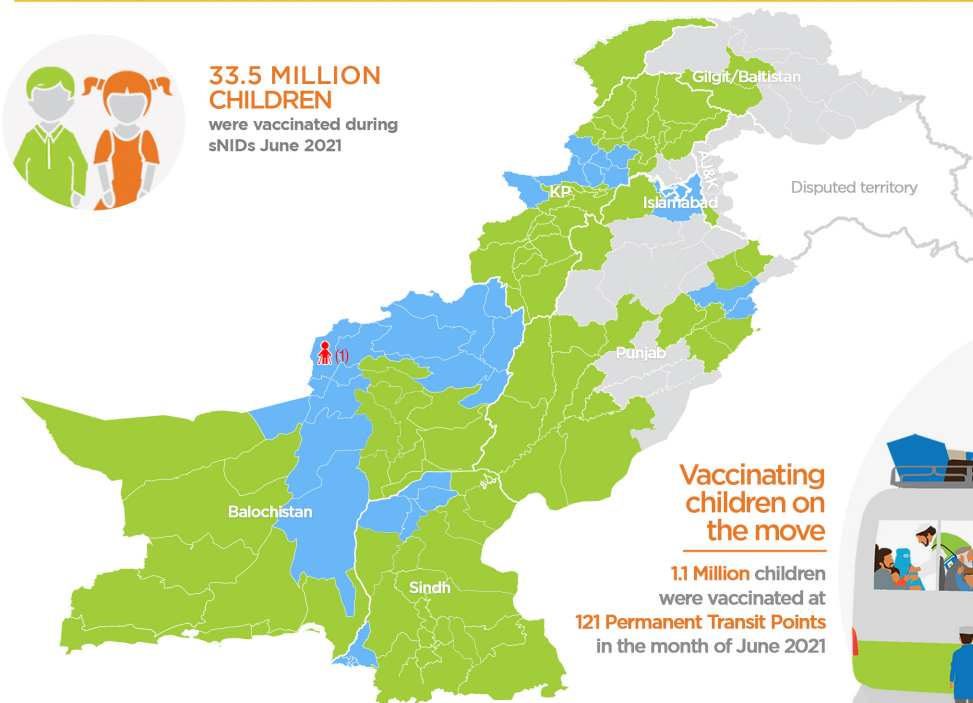
- The Prime Minister, Imran Khan, presided over the National Task Force (NTF) meeting on polio eradication at his office on 7 June. The meeting was attended by the NTF members including Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

Chief Ministers, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Health, Federal and Provincial Chief Secretaries, Pakistan Army Engineer-in-Chief, members of the Polio Oversight Board (POB), Regional Directors of partner organizations WHO and UNICEF as well as national officials. Dr Shahzad Asif Baig, Coordinator, National Emergency Operation Centre briefed the NTF on the status of polio in Pakistan while updating them on the achieved milestones and the remaining challenges. At the end of the meeting, the NTF appreciated efforts of the programme and agreed upon the need for increased local ownership and oversight of the programme. Provinces with high-risk areas for polio should be supported with adequate resources to improve overall health service delivery, prioritizing provision of nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene services. The continued dedicated support of the armed forces and police for the safety and security of frontline workers was applauded.

- A delegation of the Polio Oversight Board (POB), led by chair Christopher Elias, visited Pakistan to assess the status of eradication efforts under the Pakistan Polio Eradication Programme at the beginning of June. The POB delegation met with high-level Government officials including the Prime Minister, the Chief of Army Staff, and the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Health, as well as the management of the Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs), during their one week visit. Members of the POB also joined frontline workers in the field to observe the June sNIDs campaign in Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta. During the mission, Dr Al-Mandhari (WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Director) and Mr Laryea-Adjei (UNICEF South Asia Regional Director) commended the successes yet warned against complacency and urged that the hard work be continued until the last child is reached with vaccination.



33.5 MILLION
CHILDREN
were vaccinated during
sNIDs June 2021



Vaccinating
children on
the move

1.1 Million children
were vaccinated at
121 Permanent Transit Points
in the month of June 2021



tOPV2 campaigns

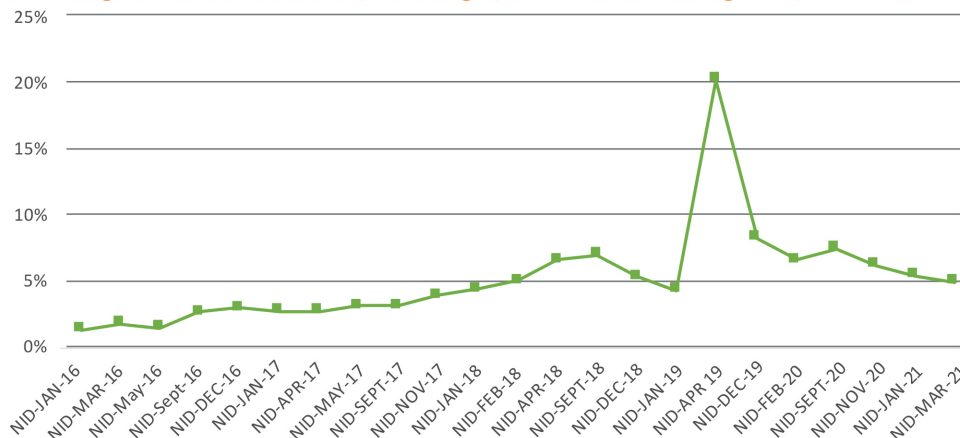
Sub-National Immunization Days (sNIDs) Campaign



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

June 2020 June 2021

60	Pakistan	1
0	AJK	0
0	GB	0
0	Islamabad	0
4	Punjab	0
20	Sindh	0
21	KP	0
15	Balochistan	1

Proportion of positive environmental samples

June 2020 June 2021

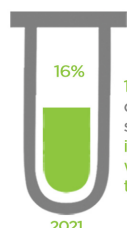
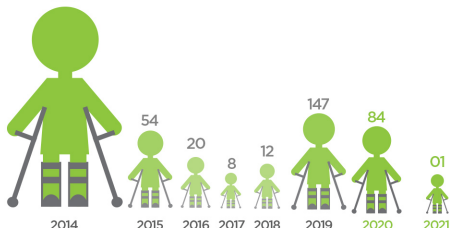
57%	Pakistan	16%
0%	AJK	0%
0%	GB	0%
17%	Islamabad	38%
55%	Punjab	14%
81%	Sindh	14%
15%	KP	10%
76%	Balochistan	26%

No. of infected districts
(WPV1 cases, environmental samples)

June 2020 June 2021

54	Pakistan	22
0	AJK	0
0	GB	0
1	Islamabad	1
8	Punjab	5
22	Sindh	6
9	KP	4
14	Balochistan	6

306



16%
of environmental
samples taken
in June 2021
were positive for
the poliovirus



Environmental samples are
taken from 60 detection sites
which is the largest
environmental footprint
in the world

*Point in time comparison; data as of 12 July 2021, Copyright: NEOC/2021