

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

October 2020

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PAKISTAN
POLIO
ERADICATION
PROGRAMME



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



210,000
frontline workers



60%
of frontline workers
are female



2,100
social mobilizers

WPV1 + cVDPV2 Cases:

- In the month of October, 3 additional WPV1 cases were reported, bringing the total WPV1 case count to 81 in 2020.

The geographical distribution of these cases is as below:

- Punjab:** Layyah (1), Muzaffargarh (1)
- Balochistan:** Pishin (1)

- In the month of October, 10 cVDPV2 cases were reported bringing the total cVDPV2 case count to 89 in 2020.

The geographical distribution of these cases is as below:

- Sindh:** Karachi (6)
- Punjab:** Jhang (1)
- Balochistan:** Quetta (1), Panjgur (1), Killa Abdullah (1)

Campaigns in October 2020:

- A Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) campaign was launched from 26 October to 1 November in 128 districts across Pakistan. The campaign was inaugurated on World Polio Day on 24 October by the Prime Minister of Pakistan and provincial leadership. The Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa also inaugurated the campaign at Torkham border along with the Governor of Nangahar province of Afghanistan.

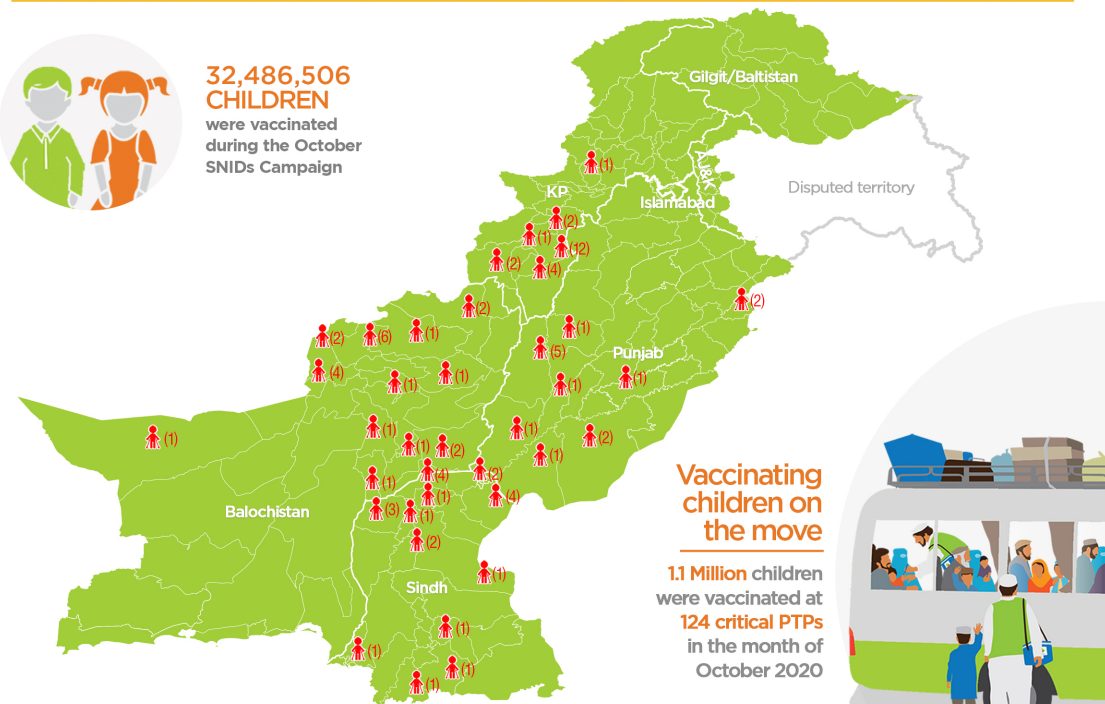
- During the campaign, more than 210,000 frontline workers vaccinated close to 32 million children in 33 districts of Punjab, 33 districts of Balochistan, 41 districts of Sindh, 8 districts of Gilgit-Baltistan, 10 districts of AJK and 1 district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The campaign was conducted in compliance with strict COVID-19 preventative standard operating procedures to ensure the safety and security of the children, communities and polio teams.

Additional activities:

- A N-STOP review meeting was held from 2 to 3 October 2020 to collectively review the performance and challenges of key epidemiological zones.
- A Development Group meeting was convened on 16 October 2020 with the primary purpose of to deliberate on the strategy of the programme and give inputs for the National Emergency Action Plan (NEAP) 2021.
- As part of World Polio Day celebrations, the programme organized various events to promote polio eradication efforts including community walks, seminars and bicycle rallies.
- Provincial Taskforce (PTFs) meetings were organized in the provinces ahead of campaign to review the status of campaign preparedness and planning. In the meetings, the provincial stakeholders pledged their full support to campaign activities.



32,486,506
CHILDREN
were vaccinated
during the October
SNIDs Campaign



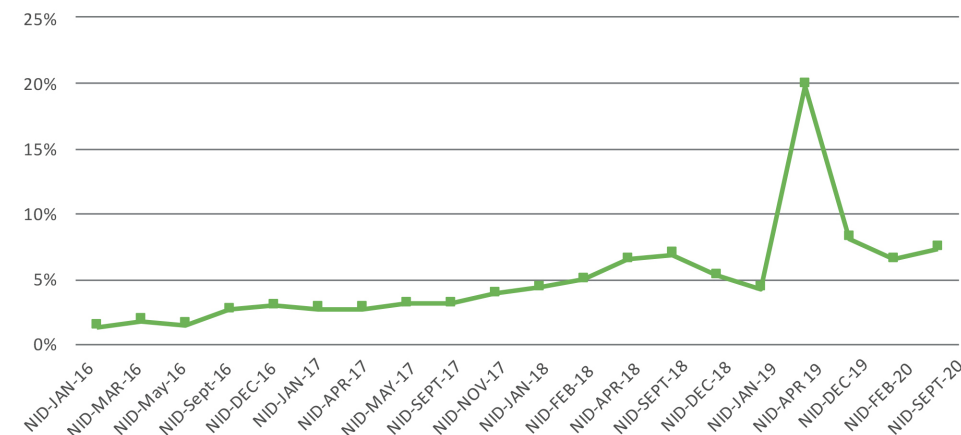
Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) Campaign



Wild Poliovirus Case (2020)

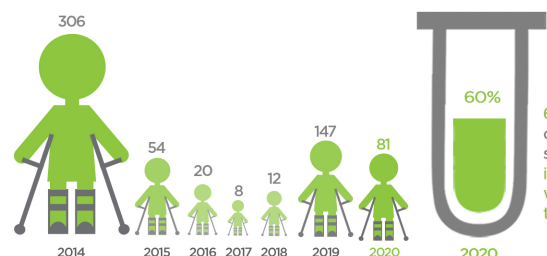
Coverage of Children Not Reached During Campaigns

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

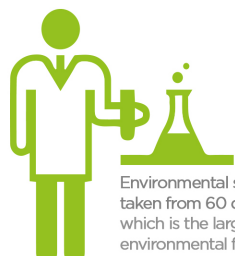


No. of wild polio cases		Proportion of positive environmental samples		No. of infected districts (WPV1 cases, environmental samples)	
October 2019	October 2020	October 2019	October 2020	October 2019	October 2020
92	81	45%	60%	56	59
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	21%	40%	1	1
5	14	36%	61%	8	12
14	22	69%	79%	21	22
66	22	25%	14%	16	9
7	23	48%	79%	10	15
0	0	0%	0%	0	0

*Point in time comparison; data as of 2nd November, 2020. Copyright: NEOC/2020



60%
of environmental
samples taken
in October 2020
were positive for
the polio virus



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