

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

February 2020



PAKISTAN POLIO ERADICATION PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE



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 February, bringing the WPV case count in 2020 to 30. The geographical distribution of these cases includes the following:

- **Balochistan:** Sibi (1), Sohbatpur (1), Zhob (1)
- **KP:** Lakki Marwat (2), Karak (1), Tank (1), South Waziristan (1)
- **Punjab:** DG Khan (1)
- **Sindh:** Naushero Feroze (2), Shikarpur (1)

13 additional cVDPV2 cases were reported in the month of February, bringing the cVDPV2 case count in 2020 to 25.

The geographical distribution of these cases includes the following:

- Khyber Pakhtunkwa: Bajour (1), Bannu (1), Khyber (7), Nowshera (1), Mardan (1), Lakki Marwat (1), Lower Dir (1)

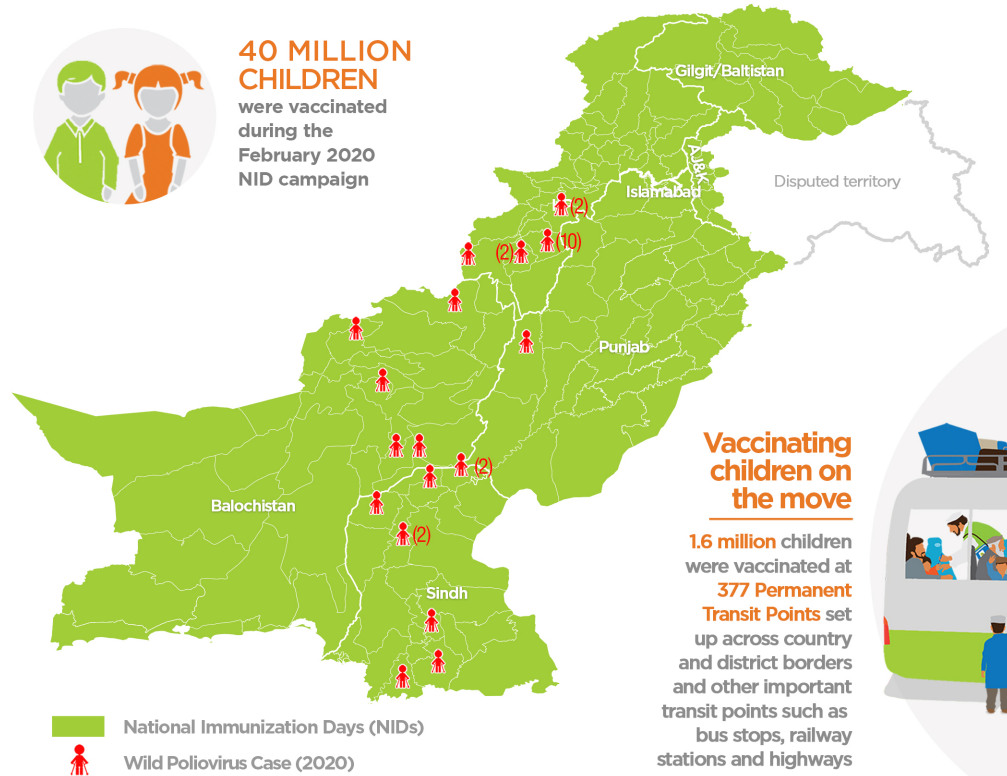
Campaigns in February 2020:

- A National Immunization Days (NID) campaign took place across all provinces of Pakistan from 17-21 February, 2020. A total of 40 million children were vaccinated with OPV during this campaign.
- When comparing data from the previous two NID campaigns in April 2019 and December 2019, the programme has achieved substantial declines in the percentages of 'Still Refusals' to the vaccine. In April 2019 NID, 'Still Refusals' were 4.5%, which dropped to

1.4% in the December 2019 NID, and then to 0.6% in the February 2020 NID.

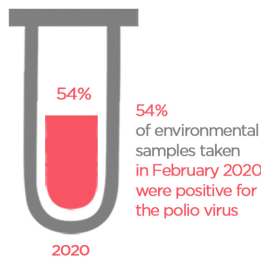
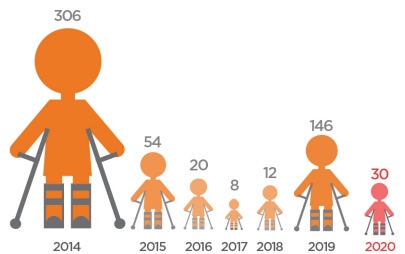
Additional Activities:

- A briefing for donors was held on 6 February, 2020. The briefing provided donors an update on Pakistan's polio eradication effort, including resources required for programme operations.
- The Sehat Tahafuz Polio Call-Centre was inaugurated on 6th February, 2020 by the Federal Minister for Health, Dr. Zafar Mirza.
- A series of Provincial Task Force Meetings (PTFs) were held in the provinces ahead of the February NID campaign in order to ensure campaign preparedness. Senior provincial leadership were engaged in the Provincial Task Force Meetings and expressed their commitment to guaranteeing high quality NID campaigns in their respective provinces.
- During a four-day visit to Pakistan, the Secretary General of the United Nations (UNSG), Antonio Guterres, visited a kindergarten school in Lahore during the February NID campaign. During this visit, the UNSG vaccinated three students with the polio vaccine and expressed great appreciation for the efforts of the Government of Pakistan and the Pakistan Polio Eradication Programme to eradicate polio.
- Several bilateral meetings took place with partners and donors at the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) throughout February, including meetings with Rotary International, Global Affairs Canada and JICA.



No. of wild polio cases		Proportion of positive environmental samples		No. of infected districts (WPV cases, environmental samples)	
February 2019	February 2020	February 2019	February 2020	February 2019	February 2020
6	30	44%	54%	27	44
0	0	0%	50%	0	1
1	1	36%	40%	4	5
1	9	47%	89%	11	19
4	15	42%	12%	9	10
0	5	63%	74%	3	9
0	0	0%	0%	0	0

*Point in time comparison; data as of 20th February, 2020. Copyright: NEOC/2020



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

Coverage of Children Not Reached During Campaigns

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

