

# PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

## August 2020

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### 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:

- In the month of August 2020, 2 additional WPV1 cases were reported, bringing the total WPV1 cases count in 2020 to 67. The geographical distribution of these cases is as below:
  - Punjab:** DG Khan (1), Bahawalpur (1)
- No additional cVDPV2 cases were reported in August, keeping the total cVDPV2 case count in 2020 at 52.

#### Campaigns in August 2020:

- A Sub-national Immunization Days (SNID) campaign was launched in 130 districts of Pakistan from August 13-17. The campaign was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan and Provincial Chief Ministers on 14th of August across Pakistan. During this campaign, more than 32 million children received the polio vaccine. In addition to polio drops, children between 6 to 59 months of age also received vitamin A supplement.
- This is the second Sub-national campaign following a four-month suspension of door to door campaigns in the wake of prevailing coronavirus situation in the country. To ensure the protection of frontline workers and families during the campaigns, the programme

developed COVID-19 preventative measures and thoroughly trained frontline workers on how to maintain them during campaign rounds.

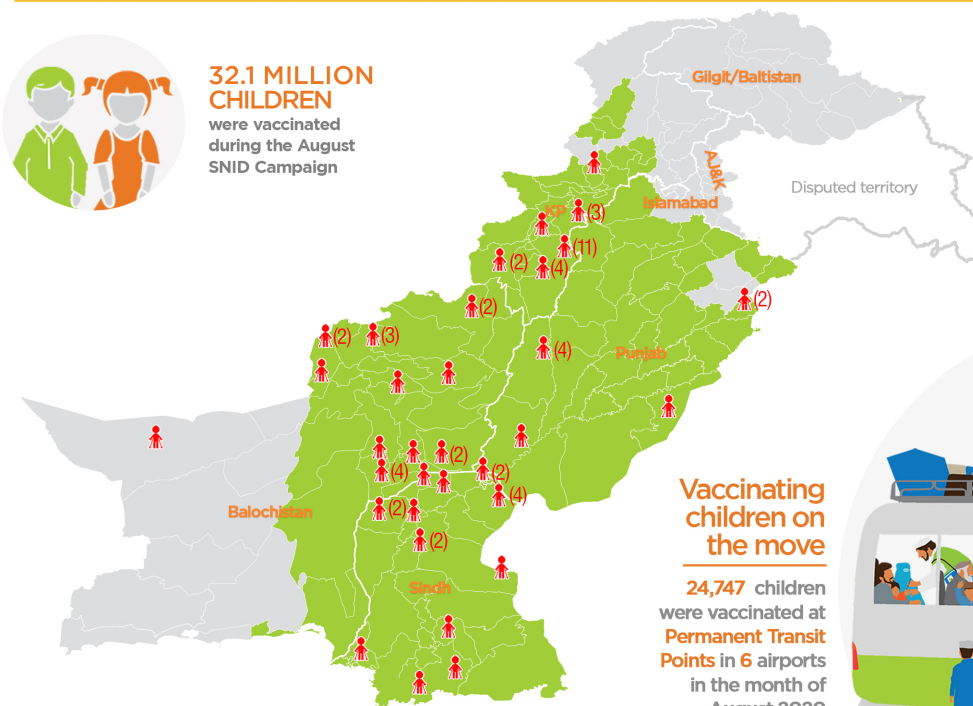
- To operationalize these procedures, infection prevention and control equipment was also distributed, such as hand sanitizers, face masks and thermometers.

#### Additional activities:

- Provincial Taskforce (PTFs) Meetings were organized in the provinces ahead of the campaign to review the status of campaign preparedness and planning. All provincial stakeholders assured their full support and cooperation to the campaign in their respective provinces.
- August campaign helped to determine revised operational modalities which will be put into effect during the September NID campaign to be launched from 21-25 September. This includes revised team structures during campaign, the use of simplified logbooks, recording and reporting, or the resumption of door marking on all households visited in order to improve supervision and monitoring. The September campaign will aim to vaccinate up to 40 million children under the age of 5 across the country.



32.1 MILLION CHILDREN were vaccinated during the August SNID Campaign



#### Vaccinating children on the move

24,747 children were vaccinated at Permanent Transit Points in 6 airports in the month of August 2020



#### No. of wild polio cases

August 2019	August 2020
70	67
0	0
5	8
8	21
52	22
5	16
0	0

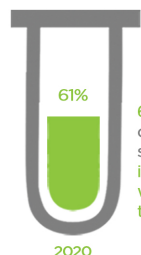
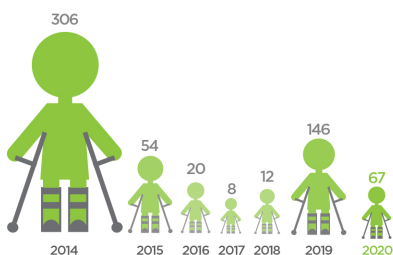
#### Proportion of positive environmental samples

August 2019	August 2020
43%	60%
27%	25%
35%	60%
64%	80%
28%	15%
43%	78%
0%	0%

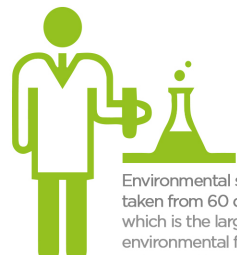
#### No. of infected districts (WPV cases, environmental samples)

August 2019	August 2020
47	54
1	1
7	8
17	22
15	9
7	14
0	0

\*Point in time comparison; data as of 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020. Copyright: NEOC/2020



61% of environmental samples taken in August 2020 were positive for the polio virus



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)

