

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

November 2020

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40 M
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 November, one additional WPV1 case was reported, bringing the total WPV1 case count to 82 in 2020. The geographical distribution of these cases is as below:
 - Balochistan: Quetta (1)
- No new cVDPV2 case was reported during November, keeping the total count of cVDPV2 cases at 110.

Campaigns in November 2020:

- A National immunisation Days (NIDs) Campaign was held from 30 November to 4 December across Pakistan. The campaign was officially launched in Peshawar by the Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Health, Dr. Faisal Sultan, along with the Provincial Health Minister and the Chief Secretary of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). The government officials also visited the Rapid Response Unit (RRU) to observe some of the Integrated Services Delivery (ISD) interventions being offered in 18 Super High-Risk Intervention Councils (SHRUCs) of KP.
- During the November NIDs, 285,000 frontline workers administered anti-polio vaccine to more than 39 million eligible children under the age of five across the country. The campaign was conducted in compliance with strict COVID-19 preventative operating procedures to ensure the safety and security of the children, health teams, and communities.

Additional activities:

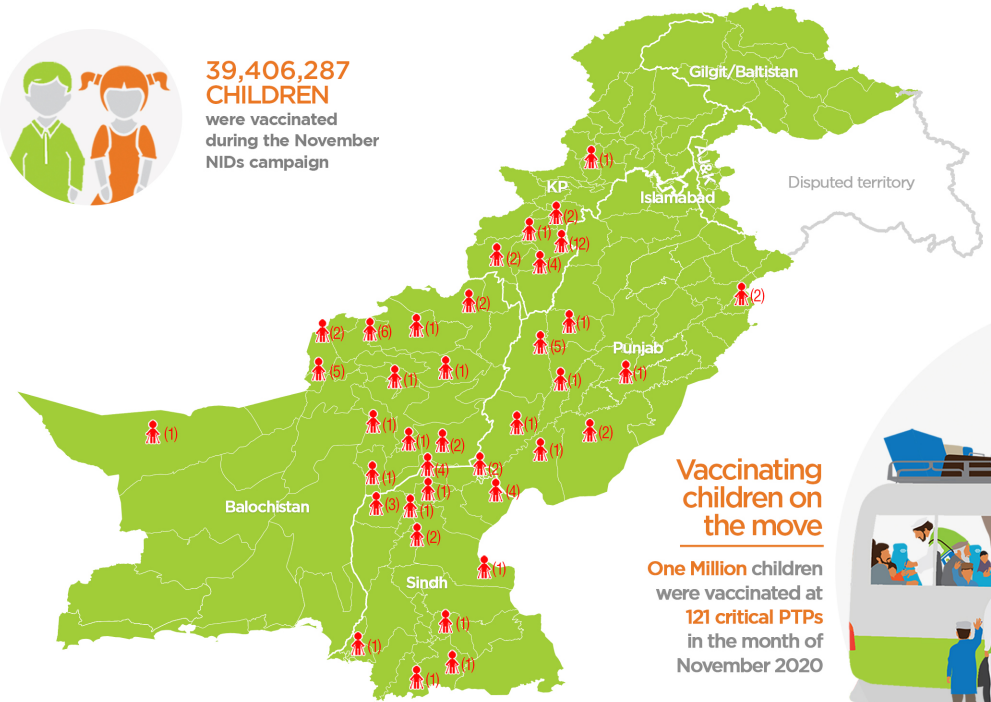
- A virtual meeting by the International Monitoring Board (IMB) was convened on 18 November 2020. The Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Health,

Dr Faisal Sultan, together with the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) Coordinator, Provincial Health Ministers and Secretaries of KP, Sindh and Punjab, represented Pakistan at the forum. Dr Faisal Sultan apprised the IMB members on the ongoing activities of polio eradication, the progress in 2020 and the challenges at national and provincial levels. The IMB Chair and members appreciated Pakistan's efforts of polio eradication while marking that without a strong national and provincial teamwork, barriers to polio eradication will remain a big challenge for the country. The board will also include its findings and recommendations for Pakistan in the next IMB report.

- The National EOC Coordinator, Dr Rana Muhammad Safdar, attended the Polio Support Group meeting convened on 23 November 2020. He briefed the provincial leadership on the general updates of the planned November NIDs campaign and requested additional support to improve the quality of campaigns in respective provinces.
- A series of Task Force meetings were organised in the provinces in order to ensure campaign preparedness ahead of November NIDs. The Polio Team Leads from UNICEF and WHO also attended a meeting in Peshawar and discussed with teams regarding preparations of the campaign and for any further support they needed in this regard.
- A Training of Trainers (ToT) on fIPV was conducted in three districts of Punjab ahead of the campaign planned from 14 December in 113 UCs. A total of 55 district Master Trainers attended the ToT in Lahore, DG Khan and Rajanpur.



39,406,287
CHILDREN
were vaccinated
during the November
NIDs campaign



Vaccinating children on the move

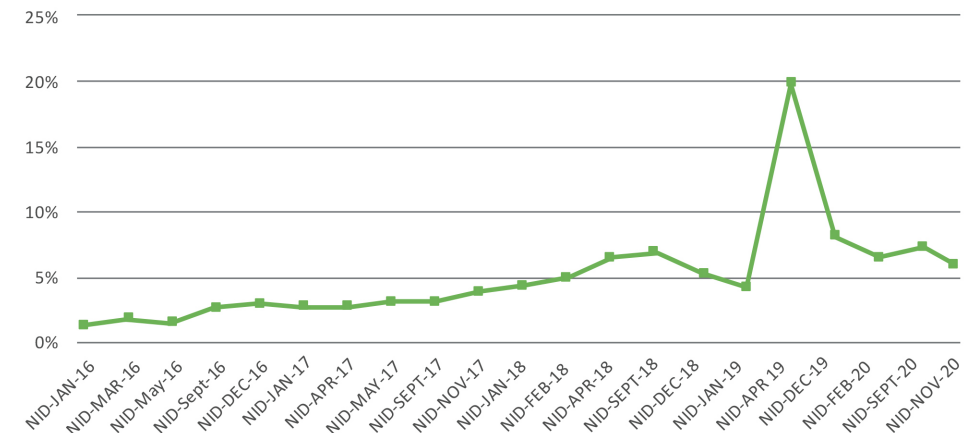
One Million children were vaccinated at 121 critical PTPs in the month of November 2020



■ National Immunisation Days (NIDs) Campaign
● Wild Poliovirus Case (2020)

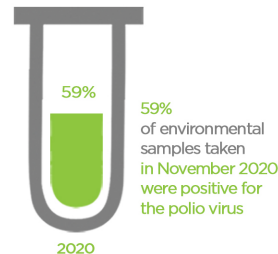
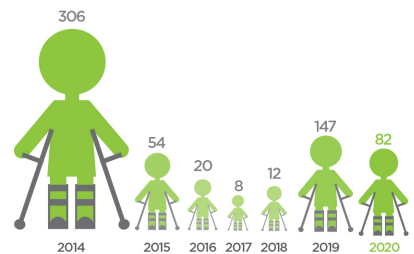
Coverage of Children Not Reached During Campaigns

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)	
November 2019	November 2020	November 2019	November 2020	November 2019	November 2020
115	82	38%	59%	62	60
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	19%	45%	1	1
6	14	38%	60%	9	12
20	22	71%	78%	24	22
80	22	25%	15%	17	10
9	24	52%	79%	11	15
0	0	0%	0%	0	0

*Point in time comparison; data as of 14 December, 2020. Copyright: NEOC/2020



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