

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

July 2021

پاکستان انسداد پولیو پروگرام
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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 July, no new WPV1 or cVDPV2 cases have been confirmed by the surveillance system. As of 31 July, the total case count remains one for WPV1 case and eight for cVDPV2 in Pakistan. The latest WPV1 case of 2021 in Pakistan was confirmed in January, while the most recent eight cVDPV cases were confirmed in the month of April.

Campaigns in July 2021:

In July, the Pakistan Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI) did not have any polio vaccination campaigns. PEI planned and implemented vaccination activities for traditional seasonal harvest movements in Khairpur, Sindh and continued vaccinating at 121 permanent transit points.

Additional activities:

Upon completion of the sNID in June - during which 33.5 million children aged under five years in 124 districts received polio drops - PEI went into post-campaign review with key stakeholders. All provinces reviewed key programmatic campaign data - including results from the third-party monitors - during various meetings and made recommendations to address challenges.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 24 July announced an additional US\$9.5 million support to PEI. The funding will be used to vaccinate approximately 16 million children during door-to-door immunization campaigns in 84 highest-risk districts as well as an additional US\$376,000 to provide personal protective equipment against COVID-19 for the frontline campaign workers. The funding, which will be utilized

being made available by the UAE in 2021. The Emirates, a long-time supporter of Pakistan's polio programme and its main funder, has provided over US\$200 million in financial support since 2014.

Provincial Task Force Meetings were held in all four provinces between 27-30 July, under the chairmanship of Provincial Ministers for Health and participation of senior government officials including Chief Secretary, and PEI staff to review performance of the June sNID and ensure the necessary preparations for the following campaign.

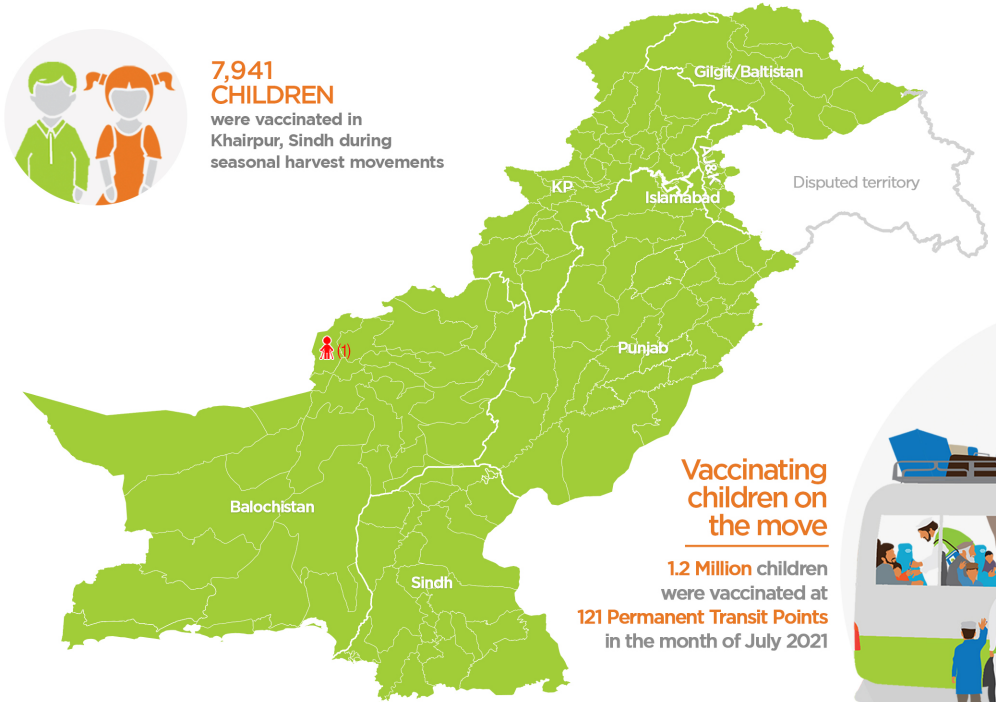
On 30 July, Dr Faisal Sultan inaugurated the sNIDs campaign (running from 2 to 6 August) at the National Emergency Operation Center (NEOC) attended by Dr. Rana Safdar, Director General, Health, Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination, Dr Shahzad Baig, PEI National Coordinator, among others. Following, the campaign was launched in all provinces by senior government leadership.

In July, the Independent Monitoring Board issued the 20th report "Another chance: don't let it slip away" based on its quarterly meetings with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). The report sets out strategic issues confronting the polio programme and offers recommendations on the way forward.

The GPEI Technical Advisory Group (TAG) chairman visited Pakistan to review progress towards polio eradication at the country level and give technical advice on local strategy, priorities, and programme operations. He made recommendations on actions required to achieve success and review implementation of previous recommendations.



7,941 CHILDREN
were vaccinated in Khairpur, Sindh during seasonal harvest movements



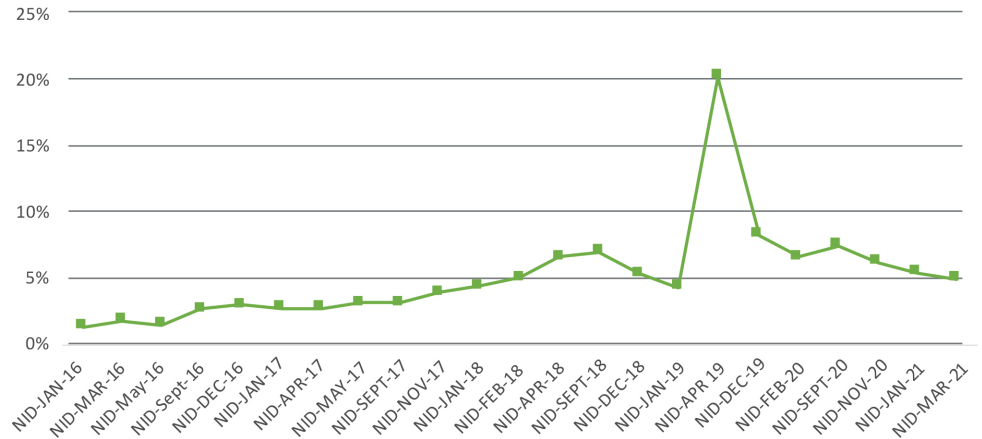
Vaccinating children on the move
1.2 Million children were vaccinated at 121 Permanent Transit Points in the month of July 2021



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		Proportion of positive environmental samples		No. of infected districts (WPV1 cases, environmental samples)	
July 2020	July 2021	July 2020	July 2021	July 2020	July 2021
66	1	55%	13%	55	22
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	14%	30%	1	1
6	0	55%	10%	9	5
22	0	79%	12%	22	6
22	0	15%	9%	9	4
16	1	76%	21%	14	6

*Point in time comparison; data as of 31 July 2021. Copyright: NEOC/2021

