

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

September 2021

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PAKISTAN POLIO ERADICATION PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE



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 September, no new WPV1 or cVDPV2 cases have been confirmed through the surveillance system. As of 30 September, the total case count remains one for WPV1 and eight for cVDPV2 in Pakistan. The last WPV1 case was confirmed in January, while the last of the eight cVDPV2 cases was confirmed in April.

Campaigns:

- The programme carried out the initial outbreak response round (RO) from 30 August in three districts DI Khan, Tank and South Waziristan, vaccinating close to 500,000 children.
- In September, a nation-wide campaign was held reaching 41,460,238 children under five years with the polio vaccine and a vitamin A supplement. It covered all areas of Pakistan for the third time this year. The September campaign was held in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from 17-21 September, Punjab, Sindh and Baluchistan from 20-24 September and South Waziristan on 27-30 September.

Additional activities:

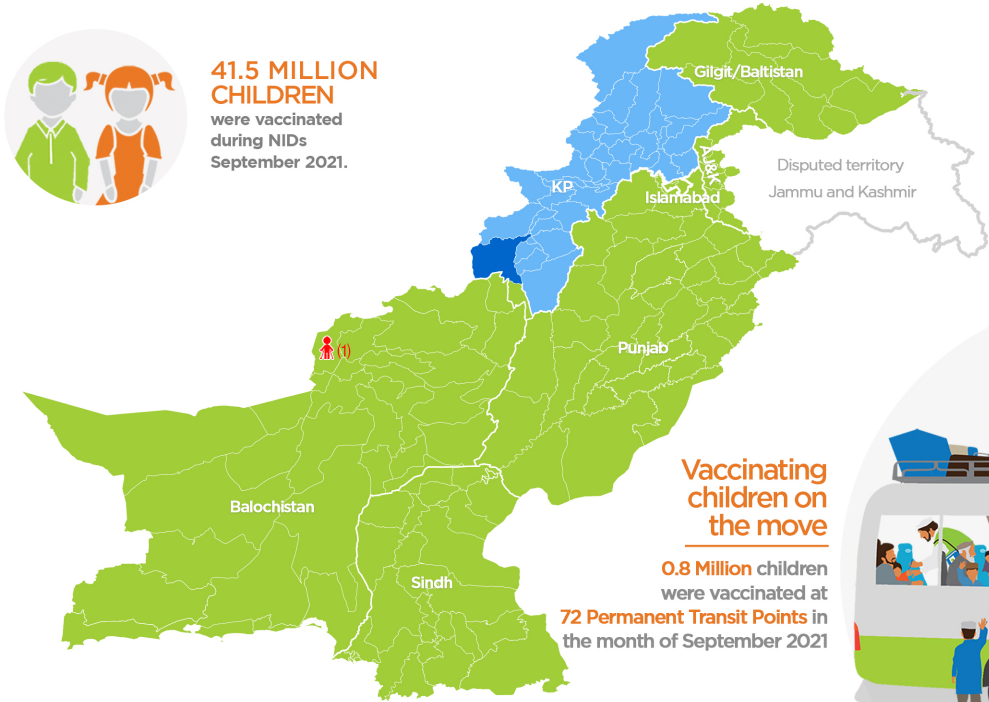
- In September, the programme held thorough reviews of the progress and challenges

recorded during the August sub-National Immunisation Drive (SNID) with all provinces. The series of reviews by leadership steered improvements to increase the quality of the campaigns.

- A round table on immunization for children was organised on 14 September with private sector Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and Pakistani start-up founders. Key pledges of support to the programme were made by CEOs and start-up founders.
- In Sindh, a Provincial Task Force meeting on polio eradication was held on 17 September 2021. In this meeting, government leadership highlighted the urgency of addressing key challenges to improve campaign quality.
- On 17 September, the nation-wide campaign was inaugurated by Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health, Dr Faisal Sultan, urging all parents to get their children vaccinated and polio programme staff to re-double efforts to ensure every eligible child was reached to solidify current progress.



41.5 MILLION CHILDREN were vaccinated during NIDs September 2021.



Vaccinating children on the move

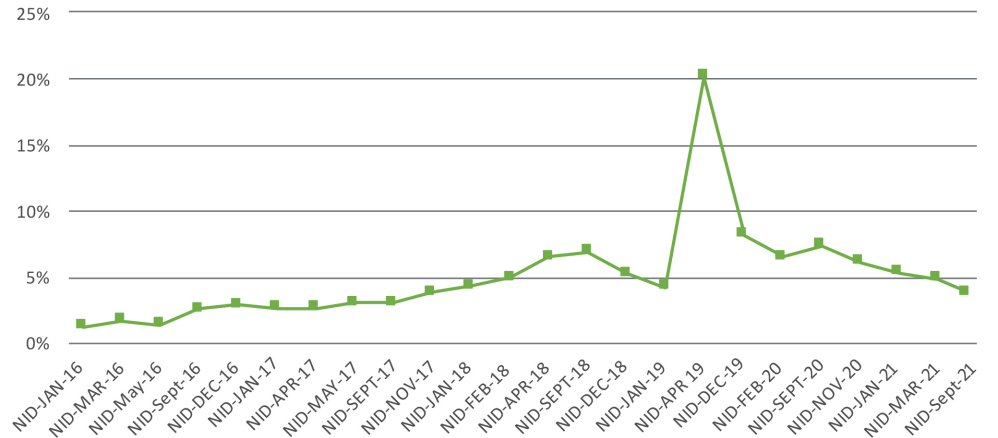
0.8 Million children were vaccinated at 72 Permanent Transit Points in the month of September 2021



Blue square: tOPV districts
Green square: bOPV districts
Red icon: 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)	
September 2020	September 2021	September 2020	September 2021	September 2020	September 2021
78	1	56%	10%	59	22
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	33%	25%	1	1
12	0	57%	8%	11	5
22	0	78%	10%	22	6
22	0	14%	9%	10	4
22	1	78%	18%	15	6

*Point in time comparison; data as of 30 September 2021. Copyright: NEOC/2021

