

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

November 2021



PAKISTAN POLIO ERADICATION PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE



WPV1 + cVDPV2 cases:

In November, no new cases of WPV1 and cVDPV2 were reported in Pakistan. As of 30 November, there remains one WPV1 case in Pakistan and eight cases of cVDPV2 in the country. The last wild polio case was confirmed in January, while the last cVDPV2 case was confirmed in April.

Campaigns:

From 15–27 November, the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) and the Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI) worked together for one of the largest immunization campaigns around the world, with over 93 million children vaccinated against Measles and Rubella over a span of 12 days. The campaign targeted children aged between nine months and 15 years, while those aged up to five years also received the oral polio vaccine at fixed sites around the country.

Additional activities:

- On 3 November, the 30th meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) on the international spread of poliovirus was convened by the WHO Director-General.
- The Polio Oversight Board (POB) visited Pakistan from 22-26 November, 2021. This was the Board's second visit this year, with the last visit concluding in June. POB members travelled to three provinces of the country, Balochistan, Sindh

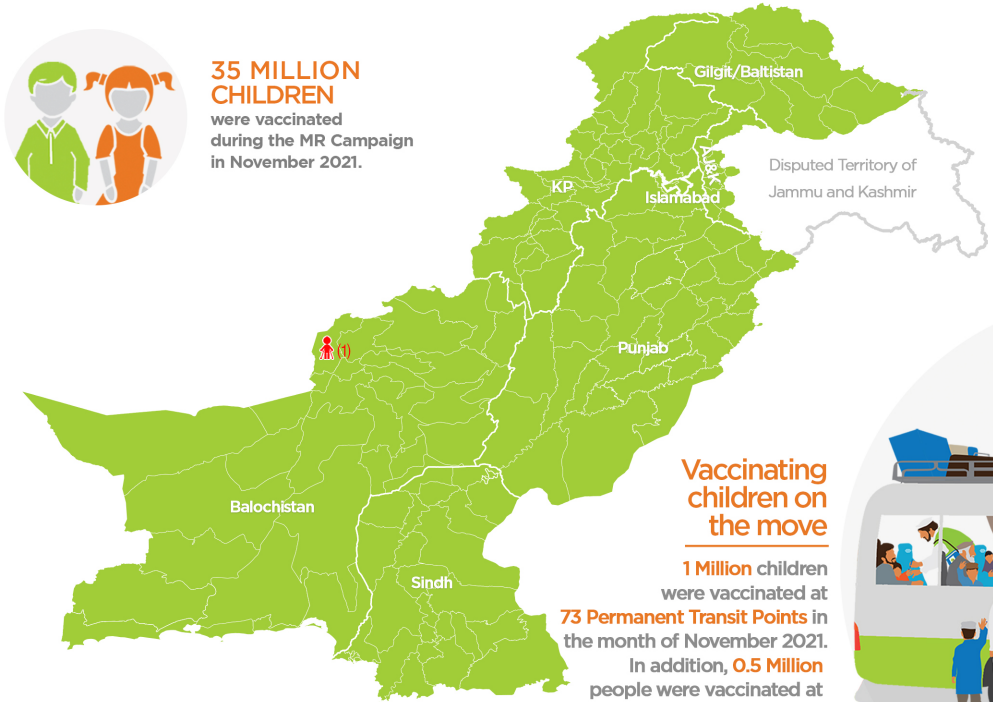
and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, and expressed deep satisfaction over the progress made against polio in Pakistan.

- On 24 November, a National Task Force Meeting was held that was chaired by Prime Minister Imran Khan. At the meeting, the NEOC Coordinator, POB members, the Engineer-in-Chief and representatives of all provinces shared both the successes and challenges that remain for polio eradication. The PM expressed his complete commitment to polio eradication and said Pakistan cannot afford to take its eyes off the ball as the country makes progress with a sharp reduction in cases this year. He expressed complete support for working with the Afghan government, particularly with respect to synchronizing campaigns, and meeting deputy commissioners of high-risk areas in Pakistan himself to battle out the virus in areas most challenging for eradication.
- On 26 November, a donors meeting was held that was attended by the NEOC Coordinator, UNICEF and WHO Country Heads, Polio team leads, all members of the POB mission as well as representatives of donor countries. This meeting looked at funding needs and commitments for the next five years.

Additionally, preparations were made for the December NID that will target over 40 million children around the country with the life-saving

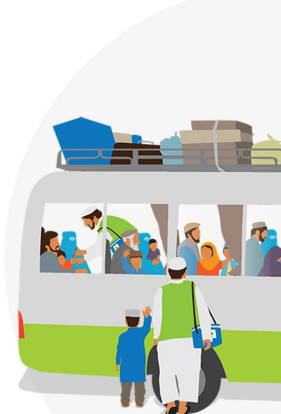


35 MILLION CHILDREN were vaccinated during the MR Campaign in November 2021.



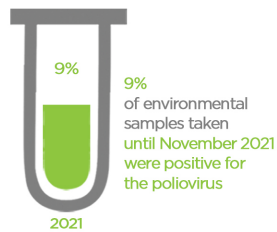
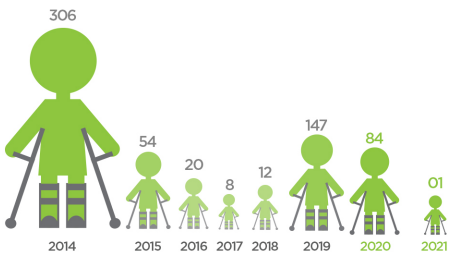
Vaccinating children on the move

1 Million children were vaccinated at **73 Permanent Transit Points** in the month of November 2021. In addition, **0.5 Million** people were vaccinated at **08 international cross-border PTP** established at the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.



No. of wild polio cases		Proportion of positive environmental samples		No. of infected districts (WPV1 cases, environmental samples)	
November 2020	November 2021	November 2020	November 2021	November 2020	November 2021
2	0	29%	1%	15	1
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	100%	0%	1	0
0	0	24%	0%	3	0
0	0	40%	0%	7	0
0	0	15%	6%	2	1
2	0	23%	0%	2	0

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



Coverage of Children Not Reached During Campaigns

Percentage of Still Missed Children (Out of Target) in Tier 1 Districts during NIDs (2016-2021)

