Pakistan & Afghanistan: Will we soon see the end of polio?

The view from the perspective of the Country Programs

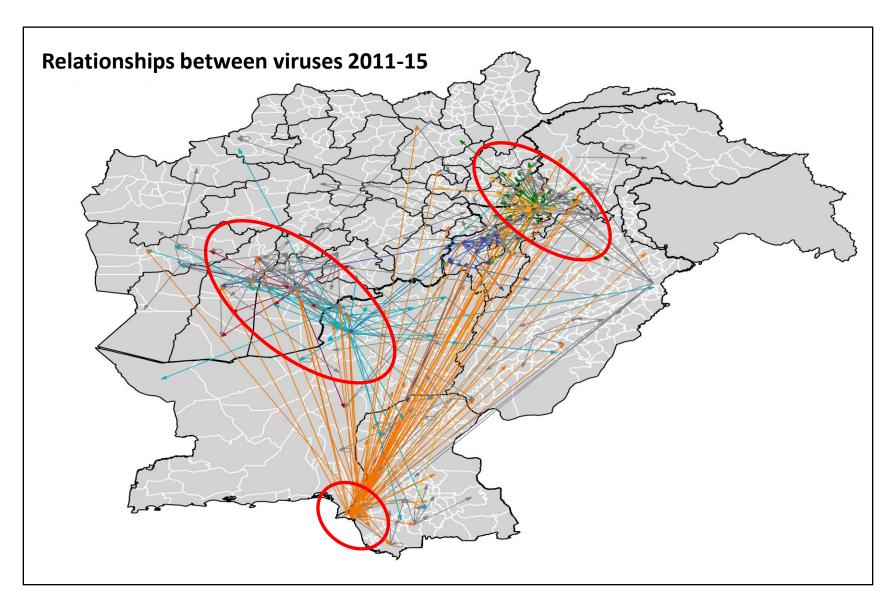
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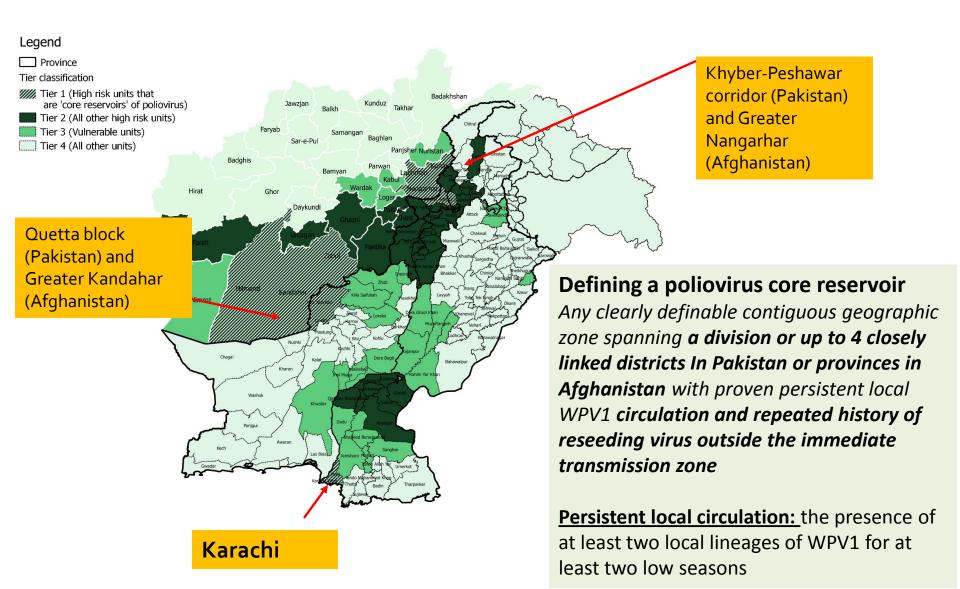
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Current situation in the joint epidemiological block

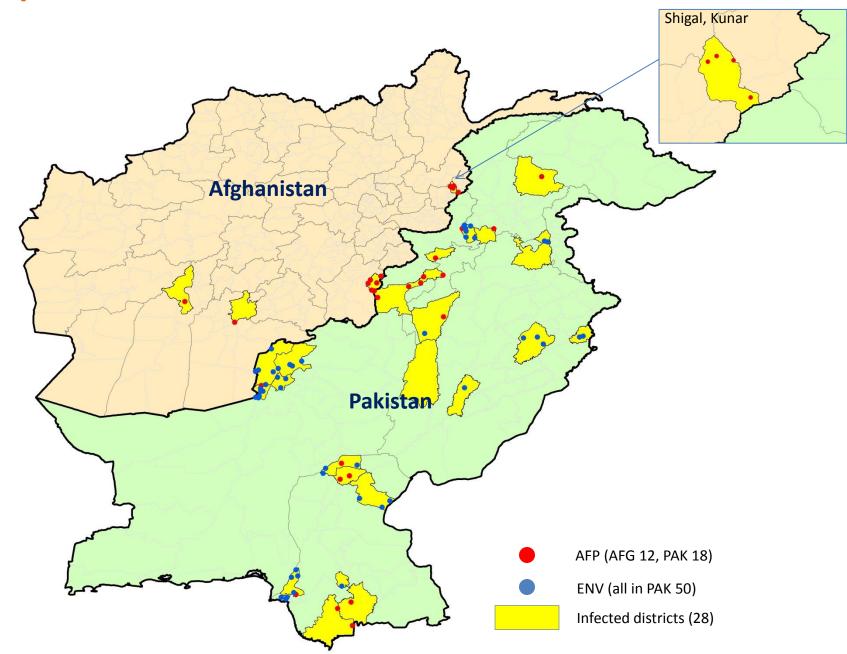
Core Reservoirs: primary drivers of transmission

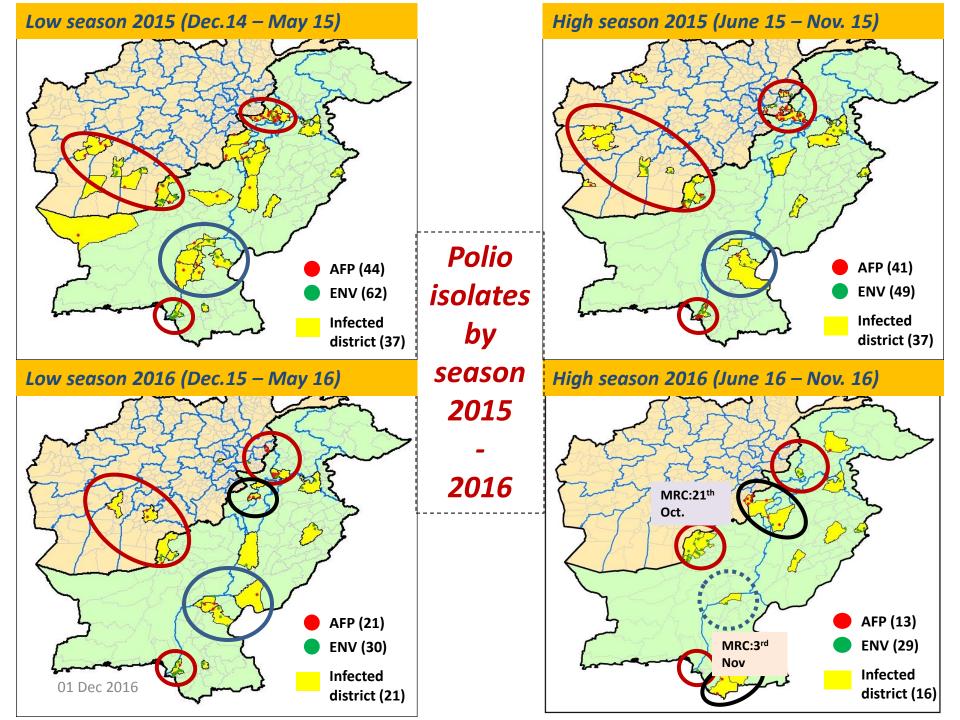


Common core reservoirs and their close "indicator" communities



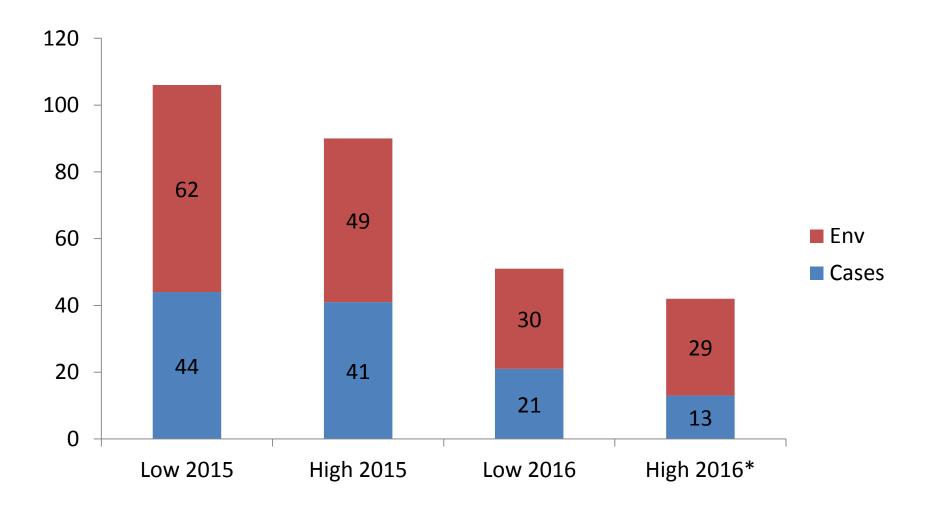
Wild polio isolates, human & environment, EMR - 2016





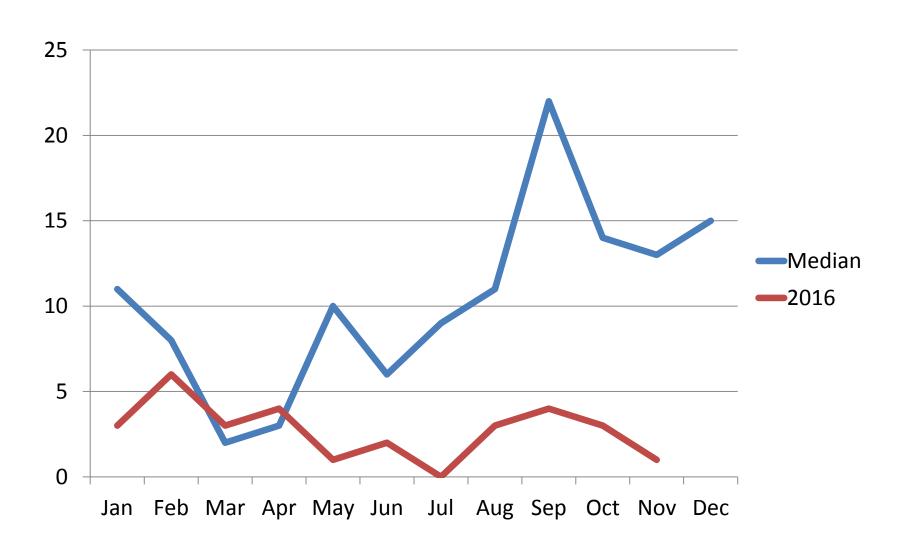
WPV isolates, PAK & AFG, AFP & ENV

Comparison of low and high transmission seasons 2015 - 2016



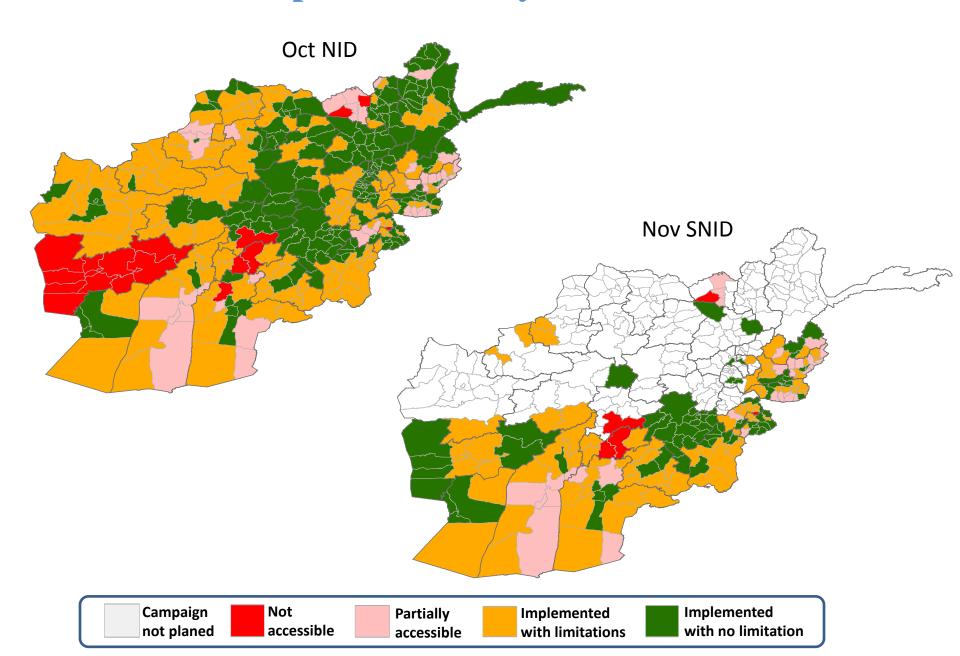
^{*2016} data as at 1 December 2016

Median cases of WPV by month 2011-2015 compared with cases of WPV in 2016

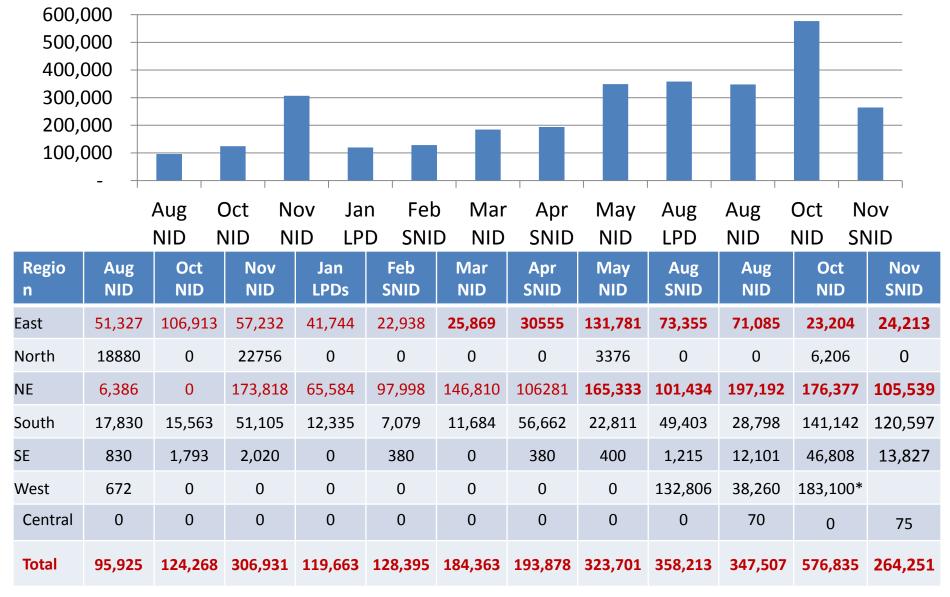


Afghanistan

Impact of security and access



Inaccessible children: Aug 2015- Nov 16

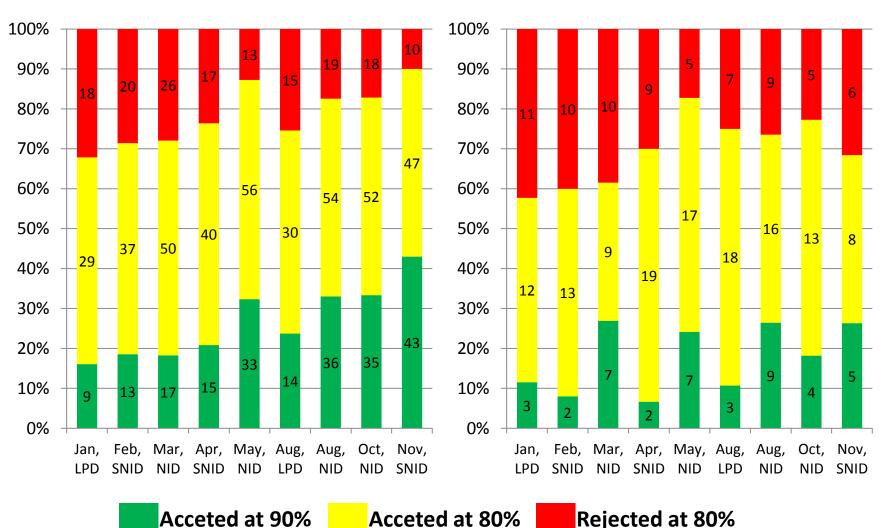


^{*} Catch up campaign conducted in Farah from 21 November

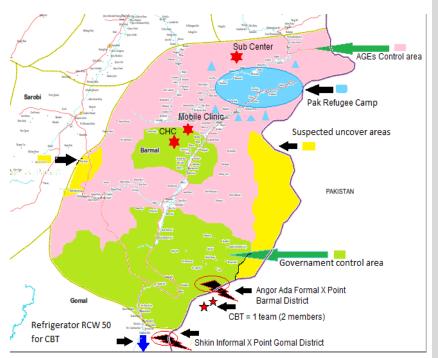
SIAs Quality (Jan-Nov 2016)



LQAS- VHRDs

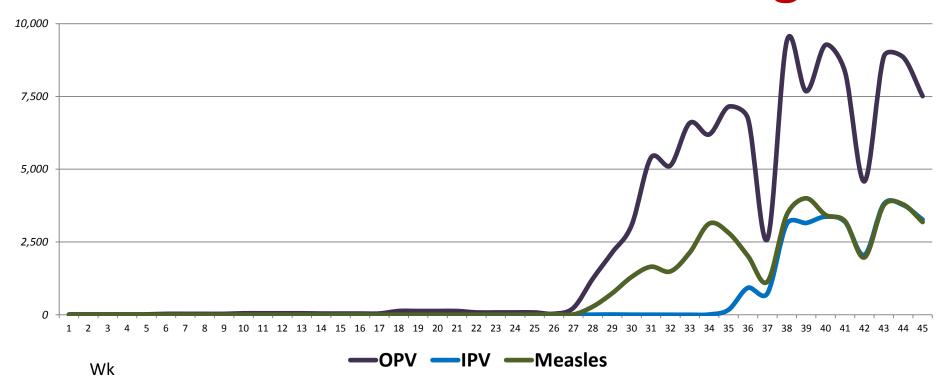


Transmission in Paktika



- 6 cases with (first case onset on 2 August and last case on 12 October)
- Bermel district: One of 47 VHRD; target population of 30,000.
- At border with Pakistan; Pakistan refugee population. Significant population under AGE control.
- All 6 cases from same sub district area
- Movement of population from infected area to other areas in winter
- Response: 3 OPV SIAs and 1 OPV-IPV (20 October) since onset of first case.
- Continuous intensified dialogue with AGE has ensured better coverage in these three campaigns.
- Supervision from National has been intensified with permanent presence of one National level staff from WHO and from National EOC.
- PTT and CBT in the district has been re-enforced.

Vaccination of Returnee refugees



- Sudden surge in returnee population from Pakistan
- Vaccination teams at UNHCR and IOM centers strengthened (5 sites)
- Surge estimated to reach 1 million cumulative in 2016
- Risk of importation of poliovirus with returnee population

IPV-OPV SIAs Implementation, 2016

- Implemented in 31 districts (of 5 HR provinces)
 - Reaching >780,000 children
 - PCA coverage:
 - <80%: 2 districts
 - 80-89%: 13 districts
 - >90%: 16 districts

Plans:

- Pakistan refugee camp in Gurbuz district of Khost (from 30 Nov)
- Maiwand, Panjwayi and Shahwalikot of Kandahar
- Baghran district of Helmand





Pakistan

EOCs - 'One Team under One Roof'

Strengthened platform for delivery through closer integration

Political commitment
Oversight and
Accountability

Risk Assessment and Decision Support

Programme Operations

EOC Management Support



Programme Operations

 Ensure high-quality activities to vaccinate all target children through core and complimentary immunization activities

Risk Assessment & Decision Support

 Drives programme priorities, performance and accountability using best available data and operational research

Management & Oversight

 Real time performance management and clear accountability

Additional Strategies

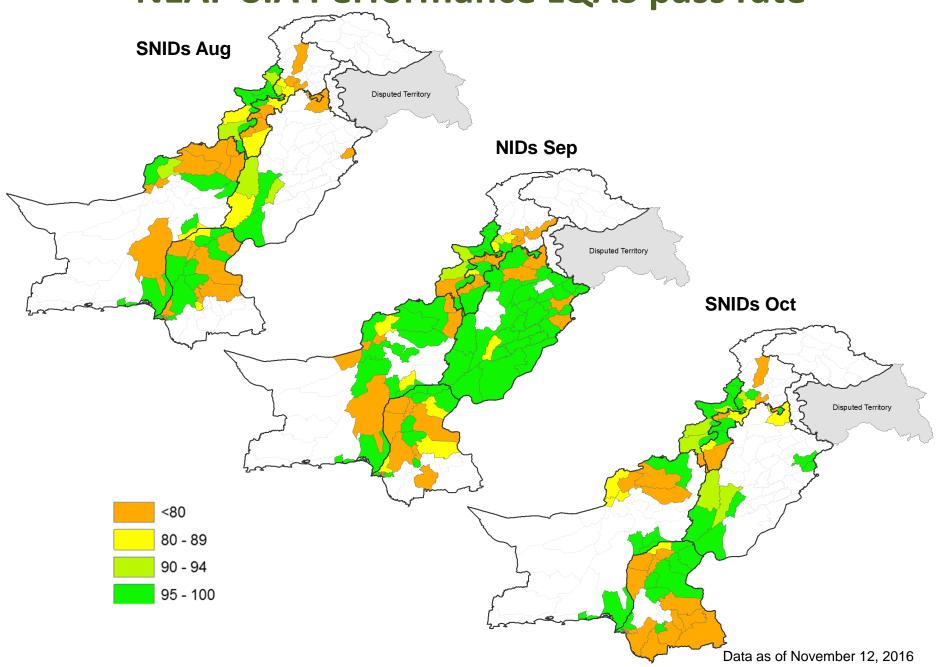
Closing immunity gaps and reaching more children

- Community Health Workers;
 - 16,000 in Core reservoirs
- Health camps;
 - Over 1 million beneficiaries
 - 402,502 (38%) <5 yrs children</p>
 - 148,655 administered RI antigens
- High Risk Mobile Population;
 - 16 million children vaccinated in 2016 at Transit Points
- Combined bOPV/IPV SIAs;
 - 1.2M <2yrs vaccinated in core reservoirs and highest risk areas
- Strengthening Immunization services in core reservoirs





NEAP SIA Performance LQAS pass rate



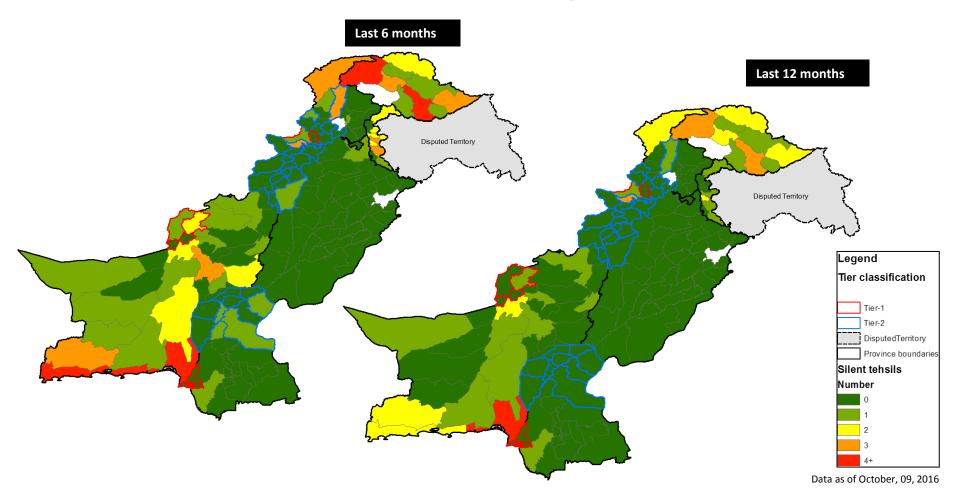
NEAP SIA Performance Index

Distribution of UCs flagged for possible low performance

Province	Total UCs in October SNID	LPUCs in October SNID	% of total UCs in SNID		% of total UCs in NID
Balochistan	349	109	32.1	192	31.0
FATA	836	213	26.0	167	20.0
Islamabad	39	4	10.3	5	13.5
KP	612	64	10.5	154	15.4
PUNJAB	826	26	3.1	203	5.7
SINDH	1,001	116	11.6	351	31.0

- Comprehensive look on multiple data tools gives realistic performance assessment of a given area
- The index triangulates:
 - Administrative data (still missed children, lesser same day coverage),
 - ICM and market survey data (lesser coverage, missed houses),
 - LQAS (failure, missed houses)

Improving Surveillance Quality: Number of silent tehsils by district



Summary 1

- We have never been in a better position entering the low transmission season
 - very low transmission in the core reservoirs
 - declining genetic diversity
- NEAPs provide a solid base for improving quality and reaching more children, overseen by EOCs
- Significant risks remain:
 - Insecurity compromising access and quality
 - Identifying and reaching high risk populations in security compromised pockets, and in mobile population groups
- Sustaining efforts to improve quality and reach all children is vital in the coming months

Summary 2

- The two national programs have made significant progress on improving coordination
 - National & sub-national teams regularly interacting through EOCs
 - SE Afghanistan N/S Waziristan at a slower pace but catching up (security challenges)
- Joint planning to respond to evolving epidemiology has substantially improved
- Further alignment required on joint activities and coordination of work to reach high risk populations