

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

October 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 October, no new cases of WPV1 and cVDPV2 were reported in Pakistan. As of 30 October, 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:

An SIA was held from October 21 - 25 as part of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Outbreak Response. A total of 3,538,479 children were vaccinated in 13 districts, with 65, 414 still missed children.

Additional activities:

World Polio Day was held on 24 October and celebrated at EOCs across the country. It was marked at the federal level by a photo exhibition held at the Serena Hotel. The exhibition was attended by polio staff across partner organizations. Dr Hamid Jafari, Director of Polio Eradication for the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region, Dr Shahzad Baig, Coordinator at the NEOC, UNICEF Polio

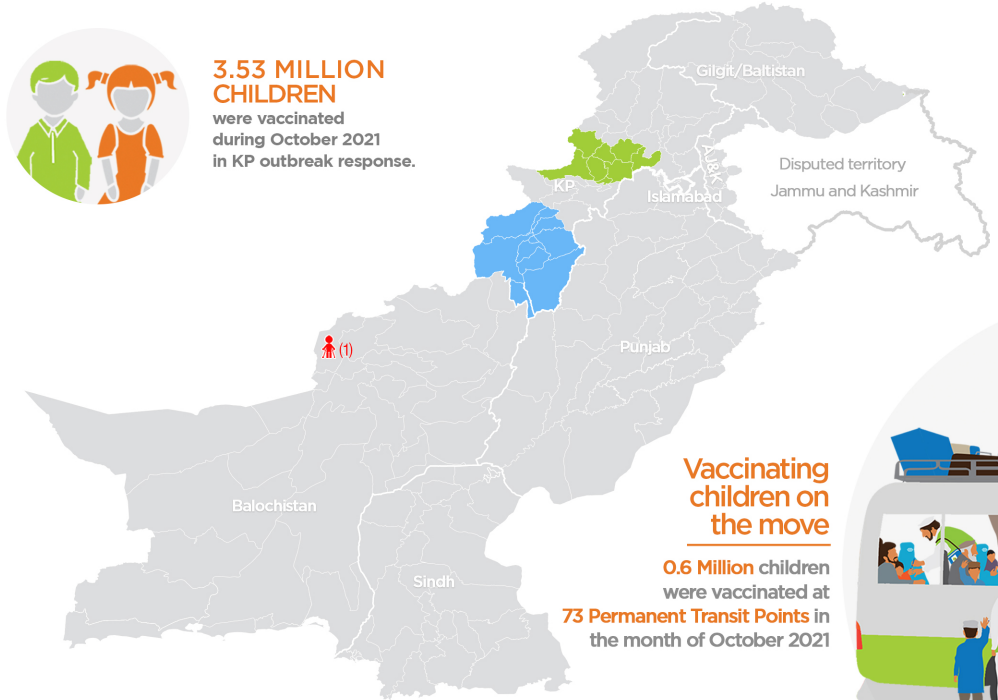
Team Lead Mr Hamish Young and Dr Palitha Mahipala, WHO Representative in Pakistan, among others, spoke at the event.

On 25 October, the External Surveillance Review gave a briefing to the NEOC. The meeting was chaired by Dr Shahzad Baig with Mr Chris Wolff, Deputy Director of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, presenting the team's findings. The surveillance review gave an overall positive report in line with surveillance team findings in Pakistan. This debrief was also given to Dr Faisal Sultan, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Health.

A meeting was held between the National Polio Team and Deputy Commissioners of 24 high-risk districts on 14 October in Bhurban. The participants discussed how crucial these districts are for polio eradication, and that the key to a polio-free Pakistan lies with the DCs of these areas. The meeting was very fruitful with DCs committing to an increased level of ownership of the fault lines in their areas and more successful, sustained campaigns in their areas.



3.53 MILLION CHILDREN were vaccinated during October 2021 in KP outbreak response.



Vaccinating children on the move

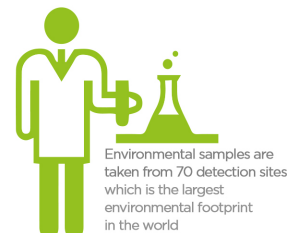
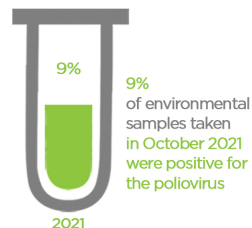
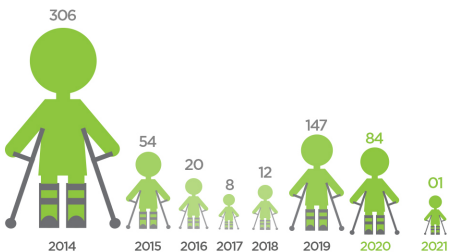
0.6 Million children were vaccinated at **73 Permanent Transit Points** in the month of October 2021



Blue bOPV districts
Green mOPV districts
Red icon Wild Poliovirus Case (2021)

No. of wild polio cases		Proportion of positive environmental samples		No. of infected districts (WPV1 cases, environmental samples)	
October 2020	October 2021	October 2020	October 2021	October 2020	October 2021
4	0	44%	0%	23	0
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	0%	0%	1	0
2	0	56%	0%	9	0
0	0	53%	0%	7	0
0	0	7%	0%	1	0
2	1	58%	0%	5	0

*Point in time comparison; data as of 31 October 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)

