



NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE FOR POLIO ERADICATION

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Key Events/Activities

The new Federal Minister for NHR&C Dr. Nadeem Jan visited National EOC on 18th August



A farewell dinner in honor of the former Federal Minister for NHR&C Abdul Qadir Patel was organized by the National EOC on 9th August.

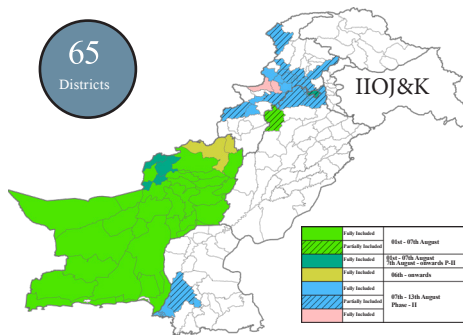


The Provincial Task Force meetings were held in Balochistan, Sindh and KP on 28th July, 3rd August, and 10th August respectively.



Supplementary Immunization Activities

August SNID (OBR)



The August SNID (OBR) campaign aiming to vaccinate 9.6 million children in 65 districts was planned and conducted in two phases. Phase-I from 1 – 5 August and Phase-II from 7 – 11 August.

As per data reported so far, 9.45 million children have been vaccinated in the campaign including 0.92 million children with fIPV+OPV in Peshawar and Khyber.

The Province wise number of children vaccinated in the campaign is tabulated below.

Children Vaccinated	
Balochistan	2,567,687
KP	2,518,542
Sindh	3,162,765
Punjab	1,082,539
Islamabad	120,329
Total	9,451,862

Surveillance

The second Polio case of 2023 from Pakistan was reported from Bannu. The infected child is a 40-months-old boy from UC Ghora Bakakhel and had onset of paralysis on 11th July 2023.

Three new positive environmental samples (two from Peshawar and one from Rawalpindi) were reported taking the total number of positive samples in 2023 to 15.

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WPV1 Cases in 2023

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Positive environmental samples in 2023

In response to the new case from Bannu and positive environmental samples from Peshawar and Rawalpindi.

- Three level calls were conducted
- Detailed field investigations were initiated
- Affected and at risk districts / areas / UCs including Bannu, North Waziristan, Haripur, Rawalpindi, Attock and Islamabad were added in the scope of already planned August SNID (OBR) campaign.
- In Peshawar and Khyber, fIPV was also included to be administered along with OPV.

Others

The NEOC Coordinator and the core team members monitored the campaign activities in the field in Quetta Block, Karachi and Peshawar.



A Polio Orientation & Planning Workshop was organized by Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee in Lahore on 16th August.



The 36th meeting of the International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee was held on 16th August.

Upcoming Activities

The Round-II of the 'Reach the Unreached (RUR)' activity will be held from 28th August 2023 in the 69 Union Councils of South KP.

The next Polio vaccination campaign will be conducted in the 1st week of October. The further details will be notified this week.