

NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE FOR POLIO ERADICATION

PROGRAMMATIC UPDATE FOR 14-28 FEBRUARY, 2023



- More than 6.37 million children under the age of five were immunized against polio in a vaccination drive conducted in 39 districts of the country from 13 to 17 February, after the detection of wild poliovirus in sewage samples from Lahore in January. In Lahore, Faisalabad and the seven districts of southern KP: Bannu, DI Khan, Tank, North Waziristan, Upper South Waziristan, Lower South Waziristan and Lakki Marwat, the vaccination campaign target included all children. Children in 30 other districts with union councils bordering Afghanistan, Afghan refugee camps and in areas that see frequent population movement were also reached with the life-saving vaccine.

- Federal Health Minister Abdul Qadir Patel inaugurated a campaign to raise awareness



about the polio vaccine through truck art in Karachi on 24 February. The minister unveiled 10 trucks decorated with images and messages promoting the life-saving polio vaccine. These goods-carrying trucks will travel across the country, taking with them the message of polio eradication and hope for a healthier future for children. Plans for further expansion are being explored.

- A Training of Trainers (ToT) for Lots Quality Assurance Sampling activities for the upcoming March vaccination campaign was held in Islamabad from 27-28 February for trainers from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab. LQAS is a means of measuring campaign quality using random sampling methodology to verify vaccinated children after a campaign.

Ring-fencing around Mehsud Belt during the February campaign



S.no	District	Transit Points	Number of people vaccinated
1	TANK	GARDAWI CP	1,601
2	TANK	KHIRGI CP	2,172
3	NORTH WAZIRISTAN	GARYOUM CP	137
4	NORTH WAZIRISTAN	RAZMAK/SHINDORI CP	185
5	SOUTH WAZIRISTAN	NARAIBA / ENZAR CHEENA CP	278
6	SOUTH WAZIRISTAN	TANAI-CP	973
7	SOUTH WAZIRISTAN	TIARZA GATE CP	279
TOTAL			5,625

PROVINCE	WPV1 CASES		LAST WPV1 CASE	LAST ES Positive
	No. of Cases	No. of Districts		
PUNJAB	0	0	21-Oct-20	16-Jan-23
SINDH	0	0	14-Jul-20	23-Aug-22
KP	20	3	15-Sep-22	23-Nov-22
BALUCHISTAN	0	0	27-Jan-21	12-Apr-21
AJK / GB	0	0	13-Feb-17	12-May-20
ISLAMABAD	0	0	27-Sep-08	19-July-22
PAKISTAN	20	3	15-Sep-22	16-Jan-23

Highlights

A subnational polio vaccination campaign scheduled for March will be held in phases across 67 districts of the country to vaccinate 19.7 million children under five against the disability-causing poliovirus. The Polio Program has decided to divide the vaccination campaign into two phases due to the concurring activities of the national census, which will begin on 1st March and conclude in April.

In the first phase of the immunization drive, more than 15.7 million children will be vaccinated in 30 districts of Punjab and Sindh from 13 to 17 March. The second phase will be held from 3 to 7 April – during the second week of Ramadan – in Balochistan and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, including the seven endemic districts of south KP. More than 4 million children in 37 districts will be vaccinated in both provinces.

This will be the third round of case response after two environmental samples from Lahore tested positive for wild poliovirus in January. More than 6.3 million children were vaccinated in the February round, while more than 44 million children were vaccinated in the nationwide campaign in January.

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Environmental samples have been tested so far in 2023, of which only two samples were positive for wild poliovirus.

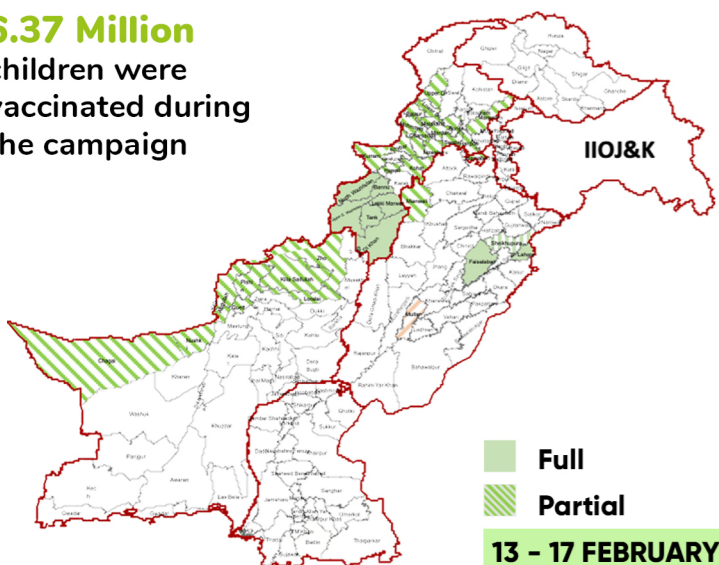
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Children were missed in the February campaign, including refusals, unavailable children and nearly 19,500 inaccessible children in the Mehsud belt.

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Sub-National Immunization Days

6.37 Million children were vaccinated during the campaign



CAMPAIGN DETAILS

4,821,812 children were vaccinated in Punjab

1,433,703 children in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa

109,663 children in Balochistan

1,933 children in Islamabad

■ Full
■ Partial

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