

PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2018



After the Pakistan Polio Eradication Programme successfully assisted Pakistan's Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) in its October measles campaign, the programme rapidly switched towards preparations for a subnational immunization campaign for the month of November. As a result, Provincial Task Force (PTF) meetings were convened between the 3rd and 9th of November to review preparations accordingly.

The National Task Force Meeting was also held and chaired by His Excellency Prime Minister Imran Khan on the 9th of November. Prime Minister Imran Khan affirmed continued government leadership and support towards Polio Eradication, and tasked national and provincial leadership to take all necessary action to ensure that the programme reaches the peak performance necessary for eradication within the current low season. The NTF reviewed and approved the National Emergency Action Plan for 2018/2019, and certified that the proposed strategies were suitable to 'cover the last mile' of polio eradication in Pakistan.

The scheduled subnational campaign was conducted from 12-15 November, in 94 highest-risk districts of the country. 21.9 million children were

targeted in this campaign, of which 95% were reached according to post campaign monitoring assessments. Like all previous campaigns in 2018, this campaign was also held in synchronization with the Afghanistan Polio Eradication Programme. An additional 1.6 million children who are travelling or on the move were also reached this month through 390 Permanent Transit Points (PTPs) set up across country. A total of 18.1 million have been vaccinated at these PTPs throughout 2018.

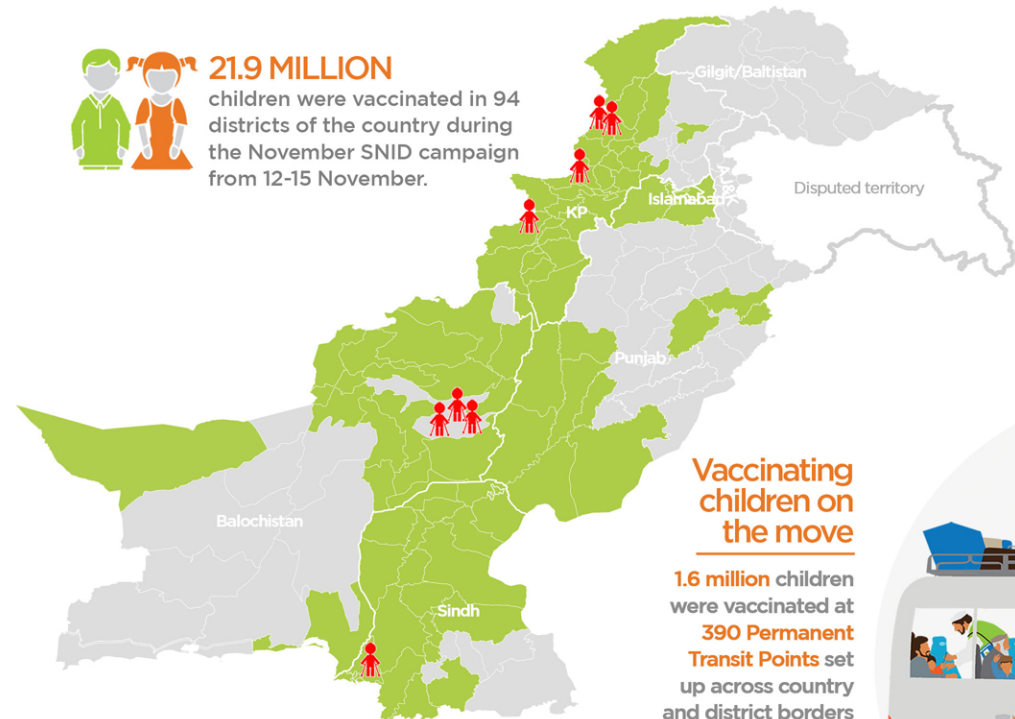
With no new cases reported for the month of November, the case count remains at 8 polio cases in Pakistan thus far in 2018. Environmental sites continue to detect the virus in 19% of collected samples across multiple locations of the country. The programme therefore continues to seek, track and vaccinate missed children in core reservoirs areas, while each detection of the virus is further investigated and responded to with immediate priority. The programme has placed further focus on strategic communication activities, which has, in turn, led the programme to develop area specific communication challenge maps with concrete strategies identified to address such challenges.

NOVEMBER 2018 POLIO VACCINATION CAMPAIGNS



21.9 MILLION

children were vaccinated in 94 districts of the country during the November SNID campaign from 12-15 November.



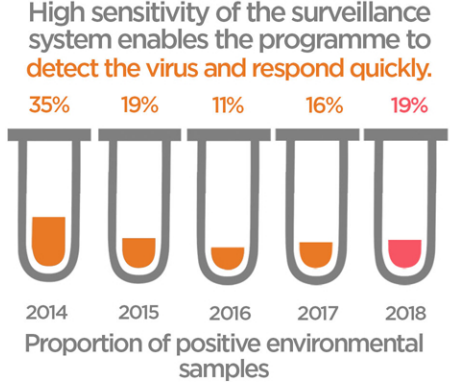
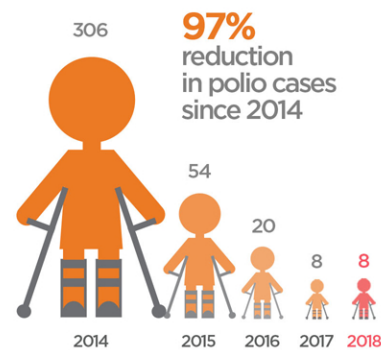
Vaccinating children on the move

1.6 million children were vaccinated at 390 Permanent Transit Points set up across country and district borders and other important transit points such as bus stops, railway stations and highways.



No. of wild polio cases		Proportion of positive environmental samples		No. of infected districts (WPV cases, environmental samples)	
November 2017	November 2018	November 2017	November 2018	November 2017	November 2018
8	8	16%	19%	21	27
0	0	45%	64%	1	1
1	0	5%	12%	3	3
2	1	24%	17%	9	11
0	3	n/a	33%	0	2
1	1	7%	29%	2	6
3	3	29%	16%	5	4
1	0	n/a	n/a	1	0

*Point in time comparison; data as of 30th November 2017/2018.



57 environmental detection sites = largest polio environmental footprint in the world

PAKISTAN POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE AT A GLANCE

- 38.7M average no. of children < 5 targeted during NIDs
- 260,000 frontline workers
- 2,100 social mobilizers
- 95% vaccine acceptance