

NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE FOR POLIO ERADICATION

PROGRAMMATIC UPDATE FOR 31 JAN TO 13 FEB, 2023



- The federal surveillance team conducted an internal review from 30 January to 4 February covering all districts in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP), apart from South Waziristan. The review assessed the performance of the AFP and environmental surveillance system and its capability to detect poliovirus transmission and identified potential gaps and areas for improvement. Recommendations and suggestions were provided to the provincial and district surveillance teams and presented to the PEOC on 7 February.
- The National Polio Management team meeting was held in Muzaffarabad on 6 February, bringing together both national and provincial leadership. The vaccination plan for the Mehsud belt, reducing

the impact of political transition on polio eradication efforts in Punjab and KP was discussed. The last meeting was reviewed.

- A workshop for female frontline workers in Islamabad was held from 6 to 7 February, as part of the co-designing solutions initiative that aims to systematically listen to women health workers, who constitute majority of the vaccination staff, and understand and implement solutions to their challenges on the field. The program has completed workshops in Punjab, Sindh and Islamabad and has conducted two workshops for Peshawar and Khyber district, while workshops for Balochistan and southern KP will be completed by the end of February.

Permanent Transit Points at the Pak – Afghan border



Pakistan has nine cross-border vaccination points, with all age vaccination.

SOUTHERN CORRIDOR	NORTHERN CORRIDOR	CENTRAL CORRIDOR
1 Friendship Gate	1 Arandu	1 Kharlachi
2 Mazal Picket	2 Torkham	2 Ghulam Khan
3 Posti		3 Angoor Ada
4 Lashkarshap		

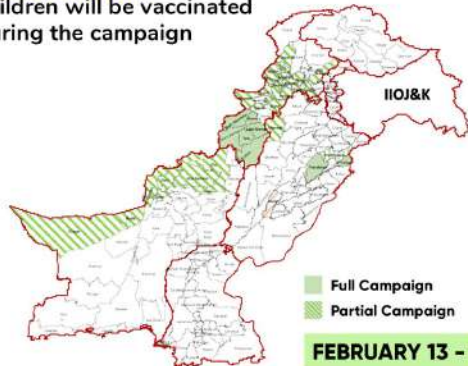
Province	District	Post Name
Balochistan	Chaghai	Lashkaraap
Balochistan	Chaghai	Posti
Balochistan	Chaman	Friendship Gate
Balochistan	Chaman	Mazal Picket
BALUCHISTAN TOTAL		94,030
Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa	Chitral lower	Arandu Border
KP	Khyber	Torkham
KP	Kurram	Kharlachi
KP	North Waziristan	Ghulam Khan Border
KP	South Waziristan	Angoor Ada
KP TOTAL		45,301
Total		139,331

Financial assistance for frontline workers:

- Pakistan Polio Program's Emergency Relief Fund for Frontline Workers (ERF) has disbursed monetary aid of up to Rs11 million to the families of deceased workers and to workers injured on duty, completing payment for over 60% of all cases reported to the program, since August 2021. The ERF was launched in the absence of a central mechanism to provide relief funds for polio workers and their families. It makes monetary aid available through the National Emergency Operations Center for the families of frontline workers who die or sustain severe injuries while working for the polio program.
- Cheques were distributed among polio workers affected by the catastrophic floods of 2022 in several districts of Balochistan, including Killa Saifullah, Dera Bugti, Loralai, Sohbatpur, Chaman and Jhal Magsi. According to a comprehensive review by the Polio Program, more than 12,000 polio workers' homes were either fully or partially destroyed in the floods. The federal health minister had handed over relief cheques to provincial EOC coordinators in January to be further disbursed by district administrations.

Sub - National Immunization Days

6.129 Million children will be vaccinated during the campaign



CAMPAIGN DETAILS

The campaign will reach all children in nine districts, including Lahore, Faisalabad and seven districts in southern Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

30 districts will be partially covered:

- District Sheikhupura and Multan
- Bordering UCs with Afghanistan and Afghan Refugee Camps
- Mobile populations

PROVINCE	WPV1 CASES		LAST WPV1 CASE	LAST ES POSITIVE
	No. of Cases	No. of Districts		
	2022	2022		
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

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polio cases have been reported in Pakistan so far in 2023. The last human case of polio was reported in September 2022.

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environmental samples have tested positive for wild poliovirus in 2023. Both samples were collected from Lahore in January.