



NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE FOR POLIO ERADICATION

Newsletter (11 - 31 March 2024)



Key Events / Activities

The 10th Meeting of the **Regional Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks** was held virtually on March 26, 2024. Pakistan was represented by the Secretary NHSR&C, who provided an update on the ongoing eradication efforts in the country during the meeting.

The **38th Meeting of the International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee** was held virtually on 20th March 2024. The National EOC Coordinator and Director Programs, Ministry of NHSR&C represented Pakistan at the meeting.

Polio workers vaccinating children during **March SNID (OBR)** campaign.

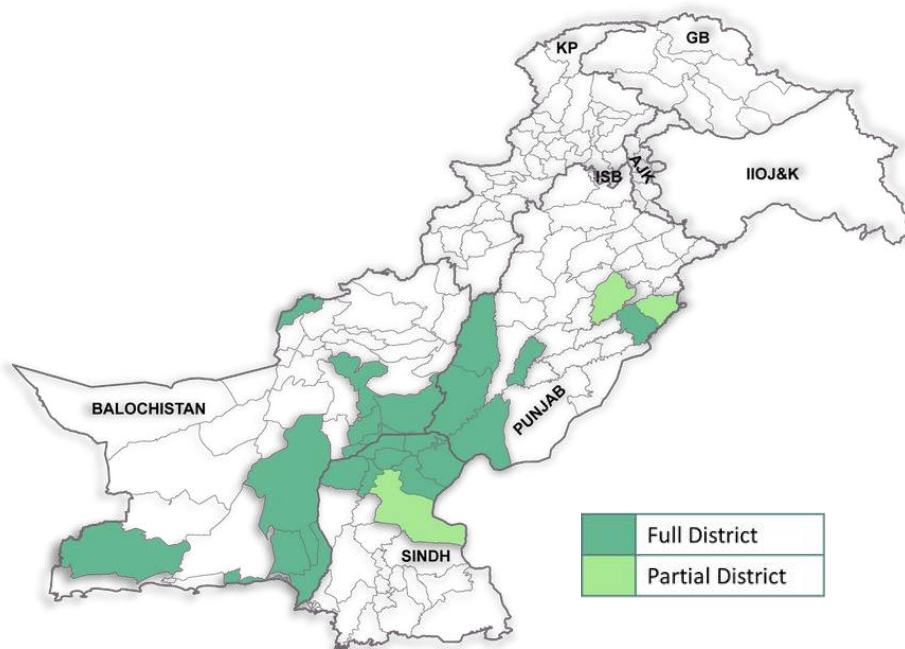


Supplementary Immunization Activities

March SNID (OBR) Campaign

The March SNID (OBR) Polio Vaccination Campaign was conducted from March 25 – 29. A total of 26 districts of the country were targeted for vaccination during campaign including

eleven districts of Balochistan, eight districts of Sindh, and seven districts of Punjab. Of the 26 districts, 23 were fully included, while three districts were partially included in the campaign.



A total of **8.80** million children have been vaccinated in the campaign.

- **5.08** million children vaccinated in Punjab
- **2.70** million children vaccinated in Sindh
- **1.01** million children vaccinated in Balochistan

The next polio campaign will be conducted in April, 2024. The plan and scope of the campaign will be finalized in the next few days.

Surveillance

Two polio cases were reported during the period, with one each from district Dera Bugti and Chaman in Balochistan province.

WPV1 Cases
2024: **02**

Details of the cases are mentioned below:

Dera Bugti

- Age: 30 months; Gender: Male
- Date of Onset: 22 February 2024
- The isolated virus belongs to genetic cluster YB3A and is 99.44% linked to an environmental sample collected from Quetta on 20 November 2023.

Chaman

- Age: 52 months; Gender: Male
- Date of Onset: 29 Feb 2024
- The genetic cluster is YB3A and the case is 99.55% linked to an environmental sample collected from Hadi Packet ES site in Chaman on 2 Oct 2023.

